

## DNRC Win For Rilmac Asbestos Services

Rilmac Asbestos Services are proud and excited to have won the contract for asbestos removal at the prestigious, and vital DNRC (Defence & National Rehabilitation Centre) development near Loughborough.

The project which will provide state of the art rehabilitation for wounded service men and women is based around Stanford Hall, a Grade II, 18th Century Country House. It is in this main building where Rilmac Asbestos Services will be focused, removing the hazardous material and making the property safe.

Michael Woods, Rilmac Asbestos Services Director said "We are very proud to be working on such an important project. Our decades of experience dealing with asbestos, along with our knowledgeable and highly trained staff will help see Stanford Hall returned to its former glory and become a haven for injured service men and women."

The team from Rilmac have been making their usual careful plans, which will allow them to start work effectively, efficiently and safely from the off.

This is not the first DNRC contract to be won by the Rilmac Group of Companies. Rilmac Scaffolding have been on site for well over six months, winning a number of safety and contractor awards over that period. Rilmac Asbestos Services are pleased to be joining them on site.

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# Rilmac Scaffolding Achieve Carillion Cat A Supplier Status

**As part of a structured ongoing development and growth plan Rilmac Scaffolding Ltd. are proud to announce that they have been awarded Category A status with leading contractor Carillion.**

Achieving Category A status with the major UK contractor, who have recently been awarded sections of the new HS2 development, has raised Rilmac to the top tier of suppliers and will enable them to tender for a wider selection of larger projects across the UK. There are only a few businesses that have achieved Category A, and Rilmac are excited to be among them. It has been a long term aim of the Scaffolding Division to achieve this status, and the many years' hard work and planning have now paid off.

"The real work starts now," said Rilmac Scaffolding Director Des Booth, "achieving this is only the beginning. We know that we can compete and succeed at this level. Now comes the opportunity to prove it."

"We are growing all across the country," added Director Sam McSpadden, "especially in to London and the South East. Gaining Category A will open doors to the kind of projects we aspire to, and have been growing the business to be successful in."

This success for Lincoln Based Rilmac Scaffolding comes shortly after the recent achievement of RISQs accreditation, a certification which allows for working on the rail network, opening up wider infrastructure opportunities in rail and road. It is hoped that this will have a knock on effect for the economy and employment in Lincolnshire.

Rilmac Group Managing Director, Steve Baxter, said, "This is a fantastic opportunity. We have worked to build the Scaffolding Division, investing in new kit and



plant, employing new staff, and working on key projects. This step up opens a lot of doors for us."

Although Rilmac are looking forward to an increase in opportunities from Carillion, they are committed to maintaining the high standards and quality service provided for all clients. The growth of recent years has come from a client focussed attitude, which will be maintained as the division moves on.

"Everyone has put in a lot of effort to achieve this," said Group Chairman Paul Walker, "and I would like to add my own congratulations to everyone who has been involved. I am looking forward to seeing how the Scaffolding team grow with their new status."

## Janice Braves The Shave For Charity

It was not the best weather for having your head shaved outside, however Janice Batchelor, scheduler at Rilmac Fabrication, was doubly brave as she faced the Macmillan Cancer Support Charity "Brave The Shave" Challenge.

Cancer care is an issue close to Janice's heart, and with the support of family, friends, and her colleagues at the Rilmac Group, she was able to raise over £700. The staff at Rilmac Fabrication have been particularly supportive in fundraising and providing the location for the big shave, something which has driven Janice on.

Dave Gilchrist, Rilmac Fabrication Production Engineer, was doing the 'honours' and members from the Fabrication team gathered around as the moment arrived. "Blimey, it's cold," exclaimed Janice, as Dave and his clippers met the task, "How do you lads put up with !?"

Returning to work after lunch Janice felt the benefit of one of the head scarfs her mother had made her in advance. "It will take some getting used to," said Janice, "but what's a little discomfort compared to the important support the MacMillan Nurses provide?"



## Steve Atkin Celebrates 25 Years

Twenty five years' service at one company is a major milestone, and one Rilmac loves to celebrate. To reward such an impressive achievement Rilmac Group presents all those reaching their silver anniversary with a gold watch. The latest recipient was Steve Atkin, who was celebrating 25 years at Rilmac Fabrication.

Throughout his employment to date Steve has worked under five different managers, and at two different workshops. He is seen as a loyal, hardworking, multi-skilled and respected employee who gets on with the job. Whether this is in the workshop, or out on site, Steve receives positive feedback from both management and clients alike.

Steve has a good, longstanding relationship with Group Chairman Paul Walker, and has often been called in to repair Paul's golf trolley. Unfortunately, since relocating from the Rilmac site on Crofton Drive to the Beevor Street workshop he has been unavailable for such important work and, as Paul jokingly quipped during Steve's presentation "...I've had no one to fix it and had to fork out for a new trolley!"

Paul was delighted to present Steve with his 25th anniversary gold



watch, congratulating him on his great achievement and wishing him every success for the future.

Steve has always been talented and practical, with a passion for metalwork. When he is not fabricating to a high standard at work he has been known to renovate old cars and build model railways. Everyone at the Rilmac Group would like to echo Paul's congratulations and look forward to continuing to work with him for many years to come.

## Who's New At Rilmac - Steve Scawthon

When the directors at Rilmac were developing the new position of Group Fleet Manager among those they had in mind for this key role was former Rilmac Scaffolding Contracts Manager Steve Scawthon. The post has been designed to bring the management of all vehicles across the Rilmac divisions under one roof to achieve great economy, safety awareness, and forward planning.



Steve, who had spent four and a half years at Scaffolding after a nine year stint working for Lincolnshire Highways, was identified as a leading candidate for the job, and after a detailed recruitment process was offered the role.

Steve returns to Rilmac after a period working on other ventures and brings with him a positive attitude and enthusiasm to make a difference to Rilmac's transport planning. He believes that there is great potential for the Group's fleet and is looking forward to improving standards and succeeding in his new role.

As a married man, father of four aged 5 to 10, and a dog owner Steve has little free time. Although he has been known to escape the family while taking the dog for a walk and visiting a local pub where he can enjoy a reflective drink and cheer Liverpool on the TV.



## Scott Wins Operative Award At DNRC

Rilmac Scaffolding are proud to have won another award at the prestigious DNRC Project near Loughborough. Scaffolding supervisor, Scott Love, who is enjoying a long and successful career with Rilmac, was awarded the Quality Operative Award for April by lead contractors Interserve. Rilmac have already been awarded top contractor twice, and picked up a supervisor of the month award, as well as a safety award.

The DNRC (Defence and National Rehabilitation Centre) will provide world leading care and support to injured service personnel, and Rilmac have been on site for around a year providing access scaffolding solutions. Rilmac Asbestos Services have also recently started working on the site at Stanford Hall.



“It is a great feeling to receive another award,” said Sam McSpadden, director of Rilmac Scaffolding, “we always aim to provide the best service, and this underlines our efforts. Congratulations to Scott.”

“Providing quality solutions in scaffolding is the heart of what we do at Rilmac.” added Rilmac Scaffolding director, Des Booth, “Scott has been with us for a while now, and he is a great example of what we always look to achieve. Of course this is a team effort and Scott is just one of many employees of whom we are very proud on the site at the DNRC.”

## Rilmac Scaffolding On Track With RISQS Accreditation

As part of an on-going strategy for growth and diversification Rilmac Scaffolding are proud to announce their new Achilles RISQS Accreditation. After six months focused and dedicated hard work, Rilmac are now accredited to work in the exciting and growing rail industry, that offers a wider scope of works and increased diversity of customers.

RISQS, the Railway Industry Supplier Qualification Scheme is the pre-qualification service through which all procurement of services and goods for the UK rail industry is made. The accreditation underlines our capabilities, qualification, suitability and readiness to work for such companies as Transport for London, Network Rail, and infrastructure contractors. With an industry the size of rail across the UK every element of the supply chain must be up to standard. Rilmac Scaffolding had to meet a predetermined set of strict criteria before achieving the new RISQS Accreditation, ensuring that they can be relied on to meet the needs of the industry on any project we aim for.



“Rail is going to be an increasingly important part of the UK economy as we move forward,” said Des Booth, director at Rilmac Scaffolding, “with the Northern Powerhouse, HS2, Crossrail, and many other projects this is a fantastic opportunity for us. We will be grasping it with both hands.”

## Richard Yorke reaches ARCA Level 4

After three months hard work, Richard Yorke, Contracts Manager at Rilmac Asbestos Services has successfully qualified to ARCA level 4 standard. The qualification, which sees ARCA (Asbestos Removal Contractors Association) team up with the Royal Society of Public Health (RSPH), covers such areas as understanding health and safety issues, knowledge of legal requirements, ensuring employee safety, the management of asbestos removal sites and the erection and dismantling of safe enclosures.

Before applying to study for the ARCA level 4 qualification Richard had to show his knowledge of risk assessment, plans of work, and competency as a contracts manager, through previous ARCA certificates and training. Not only is there an examination for this qualification, Richard had to complete a 10,000 word dissertation as well. On presenting Richard with his certificate



Rilmac Director Michael Woods said, “This is a great achievement for Richard, completing the highest available ARCA / RSPH qualification.”

“It is fantastic to have a qualification to go with my on the job knowledge,” said Richard, “and it was a challenge to get this completed in such a short space of time combining work and the time to complete this qualification.”

## Charity Golf Day Goes With A Swing

At the end of May the Rilmac Group teamed up with the St Barnabas Charity to organise a fundraising golf day.

Since Rilmac was founded in 1957 they have always looked to give something back to the local community. This can take the form of charitable donations, fundraising, sponsoring grassroots sport, providing services, or running successful charity events. At the end of May the Rilmac Group teamed up with the St Barnabas Charity to organise a fundraising golf day. All the businesses in the group were represented, inviting along key clients and suppliers to what turned out to be an excellent day's golf.

Twenty four teams from local Lincolnshire businesses made a sizeable donation to enter, with other local businesses sponsoring holes across the Lincoln (Torksey) Golf Course, which was hosting the event. There was also a raffle and a 'sixth hole challenge' competition, each raising more funds for St Barnabas. Streets Accountants were the worthy winners on the day. Of course the biggest winners were the St Barnabas Hospice, who received a donation of £5,393 after an enjoyable day's entertainment.

"It was a fantastic day, and a great effort from everyone at Rilmac, especially Rob Harris who was an enthusiastic and energetic organiser," said Caroline Swindin, Corporate Fundraiser for St Barnabas, "a big thank you to all the teams who entered and for such a wonderful donation; this will make a huge difference to the care and support we are able to provide to our patients and their families



throughout Lincolnshire living with a terminal or life limiting illness. Partnership working with local companies like Rilmac is vital to St Barnabas both in helping to raise awareness and understanding of our diverse range of services and raising the money we need to enable us to continue to deliver our care and support."

Rob Harris added, "St Barnabas provide an important service to the local community and do a great deal of good work. Rilmac are proud to have been able to help such a worthwhile cause. I would also like to thank everyone who entered and supported the day."



*The winning team from Streets.*

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## Rilmac Success At IoD Golf Day

There was great success for Rilmac at the annual IoD Lincolnshire Branch golf day. The Rilmac team, made up of Group Chairman Paul Walker, Group MD Steve Baxter with guests Andy Procter and Mike Wells were team winners. Additionally Andy Procter was the guest individual winner, while Mike Wells won the longest drive competition. A fantastic result, congratulations to all.



## Richard Yorke Goes Castle To Coast (And Back Again!)

Rilmac Asbestos Services contracts manager, and keen cyclist, Richard Yorke faced down the wet weather, and 134 miles of hard riding, to take part in the annual Castle to Coast to Coast Charity Ride. The event, perhaps unsurprisingly, sees cyclists ride from Lincoln Castle, over the Lincolnshire Wolds to the coast, and back again.



Despite heavy rain Richard completed the course in 7 hours and 19 minutes burning 5,214 calories on the way. The whole event was full of good spirits and raised a lot of money for a number of local charities. Richard is now looking forward to his next event, when he'll be riding Wales in a day!