

# Rilmac Supports ARCA Charity Week With The Big Zip Line Challenge



Although there was rain in the air, no one from Rilmac who faced The Big Zip Line Challenge at Wild Pines Activity Park had their spirits dampened. Rilmac Insulation laid down the challenge to its staff as part of ARCA Charity Week, an event designed to raise awareness of asbestos related illnesses and to raise money for vital charities.

This year ARCA, the Asbestos Removal Contractors Association, have selected Mesothelioma UK and Wigan & Leigh Hospice, as their charities.

Wild Pines Activity Park offers a selection of rope walking and zip line courses through the trees at their site near Market Rasen. The second part of the course Rilmac used is renowned as potentially the most difficult in the UK. There were 18 members of Rilmac staff who tackled the course for ARCA Charity Week, in less than ideal conditions, competing in five teams of three or four.



After a detailed safety and course briefing the teams headed out up in to the trees trying to be the fastest team back. In their way stood wobbly walkways, criss-cross ropes, cargo nets, hanging logs, the 'Invertor', 'Cowboy Passes', a hero rope swing, and several zip lines, including the big one which starts 10m up, is 100m long and can hit speeds of 30mph!

The courses at Wild Pines are incredibly safe, and the excellent instructors, Sam and Jane, had very little to do once everyone was up amongst the branches, with very few needing any support at all. The winning team completed the course in just under 40 minutes, with the longest team time 1 hour 24 minutes. Of course, it is not about winners and losers, with everyone involved raising £850 for ARCA Charity Week.

One of the largest cheers of the day was reserved for Michael Woods, Managing Director at Rilmac Insulation, who confronted his very strong fear of heights and completed every element of the challenge. Afterwards many of those involved suggested this was something we could do again.

*"I would like to thank everyone who was involved in The Big Zip Challenge," said Michael, "including the excellent staff at Wild Pines, the brave Rilmac employees who faced the challenge, those who came along to support, and all our sponsors. Everyone volunteered their time for ARCA Charity Week, have worked hard and had fun, while raising some important funds for Mesothelioma UK and Wigan & Leigh Hospice."*



# All Change At 30th Annual Golf Day

It was all change for the 30th Annual Rilmac Golf Day. The popular and successful event was held at a new location, Belton Woods Golf Club, after a run of 29 years at Market Rasen.

The weather may have been beyond good and heading towards too hot but this didn't spoil the enjoyment or the competition. The overall individual winner was Andy Lane, with the winning team of Rilmac's Tom Walker with, Don Burley, Andy Lane and Michael Stainer. Unusually the 'longest drive' and 'nearest the pin' were won by the same person, Paul Evans, well done Paul. The Rilmac staff trophy was won by event organiser Rob Harris.

The Rilmac Golf Day allows the group to show their appreciation to their clients and share a quality event,

with variable quality golf, with them. Having seen the group grow recently the decision was taken to move to a larger venue, with wider facilities, which is easier to reach for more customers. All the changes proved to be a great success with some terrific feedback from those who attended.

*"We are privileged to work with many different businesses across the UK," said Steve Baxter, Group MD, "and it is important to us to be able to share an event such as our golf day with them. This year's 30th Anniversary Golf Day was a great success and we are already planning the 2019 event!"*



## Proud To Attend DNRC Opening

The Rilmac Group are proud to have been involved with the DNRC (Defence & National Rehabilitation Centre) project near Loughborough. Rilmac Scaffolding have provided access solutions on site for the duration of the build, a contract that saw an investment of £600,000 in new equipment, over 15 new staff and took around two years. Rilmac Asbestos Services were also on site removing asbestos from key locations in the main building.

The official handover of the DNRC was held on 21st June with Prince William (a patron of the charity raising money for the centre), the Duke of Westminster (whose father began the project), and the Prime Minister in attendance. Prince William read a special poem on the theme of remembrance written by A&E nurse Debbie Lawson as part of the ceremony.

Seven members of the Rilmac team were proud to attend the handover ceremony and share in the celebration of the opening of this key facility for

British service men and women. The DNRC is four times the size of its predecessor Headley Court and will continue the work of dealing with amputees and complex brain injuries. In addition to gymnasiums and hydrotherapy pools, it offers cutting edge technology such as 3D printing of prosthetic limbs.

*"It's one of the most challenging contracts that we have been involved with," said Des Booth MD of Rilmac Scaffolding, "and seeing it looking like it did at the handover made me stand back and just say wow to myself."*



Mark Green, who was project director on the DNRC project said of Rilmac Scaffolding, *"I think Wow is the right word, a tremendous effort by your team throughout the project. I look forward to the opportunity to work together again."*

*"It has been a privilege to work on the DNRC," said Rilmac Scaffolding director Sam McSpadden, "and I'd like to add a special thank you to all of our employees who have been involved on site."*