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Ground Improvement works completed at Crown's largest manufacturing facility for beverage cans in Europe



Construction work to install over 17,000 No. vibro stone columns to support Crown's largest manufacturing facility for beverage cans in Europe has been completed.

Van Elle's ground improvement team began installing the vibro stone columns for main contractor ISG at the end of July and completed the works in November.

The 625,000 square feet project located in Peterborough, involved over 17,000 No. top feed vibro stone columns being installed, using four of the Group's low emission Vibro stone column rigs, as well as two pre-boring rigs.

The stone columns have been spaced on varying grids to provide uniform bearing capacities ranging from 60kN/m² to 150kN/m², supporting the proposed foundations and ground bearing slabs.

The team also carried out validation works, which included 2No large scale zone load tests.

Well done - Aubrey Kennedy, Mustafa Elgalal, Dave Moore, Paul Rigby, Bryan McKeown, Jordan Jones, Callum Tong, Aaron Lee and Stephen Graham.

Van Elle's generosity helps share joy of Christmas

Every year, The Salvation Army's Christmas Present Appeal makes a huge difference to thousands of families across the region.

Two members of our team, Amanda Vickage and Helen Lees issued a plea for Christmas gifts to support the campaign.

They later delivered over 150 Christmas presents to a local branch, kindly donated by our employees.

The charity mentioned that they currently have 411 local families requesting help with Christmas gifts for their children, with demand for support expected to be at a record high this year, as a result of the cost-of-living crisis.

So, to be able to support this campaign and give back to those in our local community by delivering an overwhelming number of gifts is fantastic.



£17,000 donated to Cancer Research UK

In October a cheque for £17,000 was handed over to Cancer Research UK following money raised by Van Elle employees.

Every year we support our nominated 'Charity of the Year'. Our chosen charity for 2021/2022 was Cancer Research UK, which is the world's leading cancer charity dedicated to saving lives through research, influence, and information.

Donations are a crucial part of our commitment to serve and support the communities in which we operate.

As well as salary sacrifices throughout the year, we supported campaigns and encouraged our employees to take part in fundraising as individuals and within the business.

We also recently announced that Prostate Cancer UK will be our Charity of the Year for 2022-2023.



Rail team support major programme of maintenance work to prevent landslips and improve reliability

Ground engineering works have been completed to help reduce earth movement and the risk of further landslips on the rail line between Axminster and Pinhoe in Devon. Making the line reliable for customers and resilient to extreme weather and heavy rainfall.

The embankment on the exit of the tunnel, located near Honiton station has suffered several landslips over recent years and needed to be stabilised so trains can continue to run safely.

Two of Van Elle's key divisional teams have worked together to deliver the crucial ground engineering work for the client, Octavius Infrastructure.

The team installed two king post retaining walls, consisting of bored concrete universal column piles to depths of up to 5.5m.

The team utilised two number Colmar RRVs, which included a Klemm drill mast attachment to carry out the all-important works.



Van Elle host RIA rail decarbonisation event

Our Rail team hosted an Electrification and Decarbonisation event for the Railway Industry Association (RIA) at our head office.

The event brought together a diverse group of industry leading professionals, to discuss the future of electrification and decarbonisation in the rail industry, and how we can work together to reduce the cost of electrification in the UK.

Thanks to the RIA, we were able to demonstrate how as an industry, we can come together to reduce the cost of electrification from the ground up, such as standardised design, efficiencies in foundation delivery, and alternative solutions such as helical piling.

Attendees were given live demonstrations of CHS piling, helical piling grillage from ScrewFast, and OLE lightweight mast erection from Furrer and Frey.



Piling team recognised with two consecutive 'Subcontractor of the Month' awards

Our team carrying out CFA piling works as part of a major new industrial development in the North East has been awarded two consecutive "Subcontractor of the Month" awards, based on our safety and quality performance from our customer, Wates.

The award criteria includes an assessment of PPE, housekeeping, working at height, management of offloading deliveries, site safety audits, toolbox talks, attendance of health and safety meetings, method statements and risk assessments, plus attitudes of staff and observations raised.

Speaking about the award, Works Manager, Joe Page said: "We are delighted to have been awarded subcontractor of the month for two consecutive months.

"I'm very proud of the team for their hard work and consistent commitment to health and safety."



Driving change in our industry!

Our Training Administrator Keeley Hutchinson recently completed her NPORS Plant Mover Training and was the first woman to drive our JCB Loading Shovel for the NPORS Plant Machinery Marshall testing.

This means she is now able to support the training centre in putting more people through their courses and testing.

Here at Van Elle, we are committed to attracting, inspiring, supporting and developing women in our industry.

We are proud to play our part in cutting through conceptions of gender bias, promoting diversity and empowering women to believe there are no barriers to achieving their ambitions and goals.



Employees help drive inclusion beyond National Inclusion Week

We supported National Inclusion Week (26th September – 2nd October). The national campaign is dedicated to celebrating inclusion and taking action to create inclusive workplaces.

Improving inclusion is an integral part of our core values and our Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Strategy. We want Van Elle to be an inclusive place to work, as such, we are committed to supporting and promoting EDI.

Throughout the week, we encouraged our employees to have conversations, to help drive change and inspire action at Van Elle.

Employees shared their personal pledges, and what they are committed to doing differently to help drive inclusion beyond National Inclusion Week.

