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 **Woodward SHE Ltd**

Welcome to our 8th Edition of Safety Net

Recession Official

We are now formally in a recession and it looks as though it is going to last well beyond the end of 2009. I got to thinking what we could do as the Woodward Alumni members to help each other.

The Newsletter is distributed every three months and perhaps can help.

Some of our members will become redundant – can we network and let Alumni members know if there is a

health and safety vacancy at our company?

Can we help Alumni members to structure a comprehensive CV to help secure that next job?

When we purchase work items can we search and buy from companies that Alumni members work for?

We need to have suggestions to help and support each other in these difficult times.

If you are able to get involved or you have some fantastic idea, let us know and we

will give as much support as possible to facilitate your ideas.

I hope the recession does not treat you to badly.

MAKING CONSTRUCTION SAFETY SAFER !

Woodward is pleased to announce that we are setting up a test construction site for use in the NEBOSH Construction Certificate practicals, in partnership with Harrison Homes.

This site will have the

advantage of demonstrating a comprehensive range of hazards which overcomes the problem that real sites are often limited depending on the phase of construction they are in.

It also safer than having to go to a real site to set up hazards for the students to spot !

We will keep you posted with the progress as work on the site continues.

Alumni Support Network

We at Woodward want the Alumni Network to be a tool through which we can all help each other to further our development as practioners over time.

Please use the Alumni Newsletter to share your thoughts and experiences of working in the Safety, Health and Environment field with your fellow Alumni members.

There are various ways you could do this:

You could tell us about your career development in a Past Student Case Study.

You could write us an

article on an interesting or usual project your involved in.

Or simply share your thoughts on a specific SHE related topic [all of which are good for your own CPD !]

Additionally, to support Alumni in their workplace Woodward is happy to provide you, free of charge, with;

- Short Seminars on specialist subjects to help you promote H&S in your workplace.

- A seminar on H&S training solutions to help you to explain your needs to your managers.

We want the Alumni Network to be of benefit to you, so any suggestions for its future development we would be very pleased to receive them.



FREE Safety, Health and Environment Seminar Series in Scotland

Due to the popularity of the sessions we have now launched a series of Safety, Health and Environment Seminars in Edinburgh, Scotland.

For more information please see the article on page 5.





Ray's Legal Update

Ray has once again highlighted a few important legal cases over the past few months that he feels may be of value to our alumni.

Whilst every care has been taken in compiling the articles and comments in this newsletter, Woodward cannot be held responsible for

any errors or omissions the notes are not intended to be a substitute for specific legal advice.

DAVID and GOLIATH or Network Rail get a grip!

Hello boys and girls welcome back! (Can I say back or is that discriminatory to other parts of the anatomy).

Good to see justice prevailing and a non legal talking on the barristers and solicitors and winning. What's to do.....THE STORY.

- Witness sees accident
- Witness realises

safety procedures not followed

- Witness brings this to the attention of management
- Management tells witness to lie in his statement with regard to the safety breach
- Witness refuses
- Management threaten witness with dismissal
- Witness will not change mind
- Witness discloses this information to a lawyer

- Lawyer informs company of this disclosure
- Management dismiss witness
- Witness takes case to Employment Tribunal
- Witness represents himself
- Witness wins case
- Network rail appeal
- Appeal finds for witness
- Witness awarded £200,000

Questions

1. When will the rail operator put safety first?
2. Where were the union?

Case reported in the Carlisle edition Evening News & Star 14/01/2009.

The case heard at Carlisle employment tribunal

Bouncy Castle Insurance?

Here is a sad case everyone. Although I like to keep things as light hearted as I can there is no easy way round this one.

It concerns the young fellow seriously injured whilst playing on a bouncy castle.

He was quite by accident struck on his head by another boy's foot. This resulted in serious and permanent

damage to the child.

A case was brought against the hirer of the bouncy castle a lady whose child was having a birthday party, the injured boy being a guest to the celebrations.

The common law tort of negligence being used to suggest the lady had been negligent towards the injured boy by virtue of poor supervision.

The court found in favour of the injured child however an appeal was made against this decision. The appeal was successful. The suggestion that adequate supervision had been afforded was accepted by the appeal court and that the accident was a dreadful tragic event without fault on behalf of the lady hirer.

I assume the financial burden of the care of injured child will now fall onto the NHS unless there is an insurance that covers these unfortunate events.

I can't get any real answer on this one boys and girls can anyone help me?

Do you take insurance out on this type of event?

Drink up yer cider

Political correctness everyone my favourite subject and the PC police are out and about causing great gnashing of teeth and mayhem.

Ups!

Can I say mayhem or does that discriminate against the other 11 months?

Past alumni readers may – oh careful there I go again: - remember my article all in a word? Where a PC champion brought me to task for calling women “girls”.

Well I’m in trouble again. No, not the manhole incident. I mean person entry point got over that one.

This new situation happened when I happened to say to executives that they may not remember a certain disaster as it occurred in the early

70’s. One executive took this remark as an inference that alluded to their lack of experience due to their age and subsequently challenged me. I replied that I would love to stay and discuss the issue but told them that I had to go and pay my council tax. They thought that was a good idea.

Whilst serving in the fire service in 1973 I showed a group of young children around the fire station and we had a great time. However the following morning I was summoned to the officer in charges office. These were the days where discipline as opposed to PC ruled the roost.

With dread I went to my doom. He went on to tell me how the children had drawn me pictures of their visit and how much

fun they had had.

However one little girl had a special thank you for me and said how much she had enjoyed seeing fireman Rays ‘BREEDING APPARATUS’ Argh!!

Never did get to see her painting. Where is she now I wonder?

And staying with ‘BREEDING APPARATUS’ my friend who is a safety consultant in Carlisle told me a great story.

He said he was called to assist one of his clients. A young construction worker, minus a dust-mask, had been cutting through blocks and kerbs using a disc-saw. When the HSE inspector approached him grim faced and stern. As quick as a flash the operative said don’t worry I’m dampening down as I cut. He then

proceeded to sprinkle the kerb from his bumper bottle of cider. God bless him. This will be the cider at work regulations (as sprinkled).

Take care boys and girls keep people safe

P.S. Nearly forgot!

I walked into the Harraby Green Business Park this morning and was just approaching Woodward offices when a lady came out of the Alzheimer’s charity offices next to ours.

Good morning says I, Good morning says the lady in return. Then she suddenly stopped in her tracks and gasped ‘left the office door open again’.

I’m saying nothing everyone.....

For Further Information.....

Ray has suggested that for further information, the following websites might be of use:

www.lawreports.co.uk
(links to
www.icronline.co.uk)

or
www.lawteacher.net –

click on the “case law” link for access to a few case law database

WOODWARD SCOTLAND Free Safety, Health and Environmental SEMINAR SERIES

Woodward is running a series of free seminars in Scotland, following up on the success with recent seminars in England.

Session Topics and Dates

Location: Jury's Inn, 43 Jeffrey Street, Edinburgh

Seminar 1

Date: Tuesday 21 April 2009

Time: 6.30pm-9.00pm

Topic: The Relevance of Health and Safety Law.

Speaker: Ray Pearson, RSP, CMIOSH, GIFire E, Dip2.OSH, Sp.Dip.EM

Seminar 2

Date: Tuesday 19 May 2009

Time: 6.30pm-9.00pm

Topic: Fire Risk Assessment and Management

Speaker: Alec Bryson, GIFire E

Seminar 3

Date: Tuesday 16 June 2009

Time: 6.30pm-9.00pm

Topic: Saving Money with Waste Management

Speaker: Chris Longrigg, CMIOSH, Dip2.OSH, MCMI, MILog

Please contact Aileen at the Woodward Scotland Office directly [using the contact details below] to book a place!



Woodward Scotland Update

Run first batch of certificate courses, and they have been a great success.

Please check out the Woodward Scotland website for course

details, or contact Aileen directly by telephone or e-mail.

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IOSH Courses Update

One of the newest development strands for Woodward SHE Ltd. has been the writing of short industry related bespoke training courses [the Powerpoint presentation, the course book and the course assessment] and then having the course accredited by IOSH.

The most recent is the one day IOSH Environmental Issues for Facilities Management course.

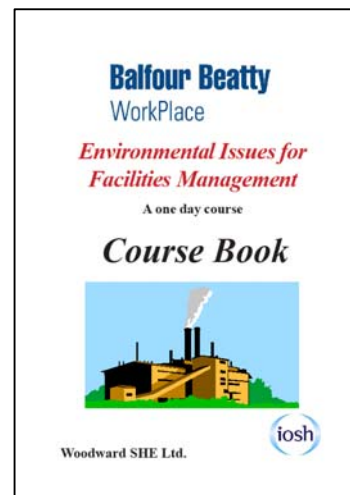
This course was created and written for Balfour Beatty Workplace and delivered just to their staff but Balfour

Beatty Workplace have agreed that we can deliver the course to other Facilities Management companies. If you work for one ask us to send you the information about the course.

We presently have two further courses in development and we will let you know about them later when they have been accredited by IOSH.

In the meantime, if you feel that you would like to have your own bespoke course written for you, with all the learning materials and course assessments designed by

Woodward please ask us for a quote. It will probably be more cost effective than you think.



IOSH Recertification Course - Open Course Dates Announced!

Woodward is accredited to run the 1 day IOSH Managing Safely Recertification course. We are one of only a handful of centers currently offering this course.

This is a one day course which renews your Managing Safely Certification for another three years worth if done before your existing

certificate expires !

The course is designed to last for one day, including the examination.

Exam Format

There is a multi-choice examination at the end. No project work is required for the re-certification course.

The open course dates for 2009 in

Carlisle are:

-Friday 17 April 2009

-Monday 29 June 2009

-Wednesday 22 July 2009

-Thursday 8 October 2009

-Monday 7 December 2009

And in Kendal on:

-Monday 7 September 2009



Woodward makes the News



Woodward has had some PR successes of late; we have been featured in a newspaper not once, not twice, but THREE times.

We were on Page 10 of the Times and Star January 2009 Business Supplement, in a short company profile

article.

We were on page 8 of the News and Star on the 10th of February in an article about employers improving skills in preparation for the economic boom.

Finally we were on Page 18 of the Cumberland news on

the 13th of February 2009 in a brief article about how we are bringing students and money into Carlisle in this difficult economic time.

If you see us in the News please get in touch and let us know about it !

IOSH Seminar was a success



Woodward held another free Alumni Seminar, in association with the North and West Cumbria IOSH Group.

It was held on Wednesday 4th March at Esk Suite, Gallery House, Harraby Green Business Park, Carlisle, CA1 2SS

Ray was on good form and made the subjects very enjoyable. Even the food received much positive feedback from the attendees.

Ray gave two presentations; the first was about the Corporate Manslaughter and the second about practical issues around Fire Risk Assessment.

Watch this space for future free alumni seminar announcements!



The food going down well !



Ray in full swing



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Do you want to be an Alumni Case study?

We want this newsletter to be about you, our Alumni. We'd like to feature a different past student each month and talk about what

you've done since leaving us.

If you'd like to be featured in our newsletter please send

a short article about yourself and your career to the newsletter at safetynet@woodwardgroup.co.uk.

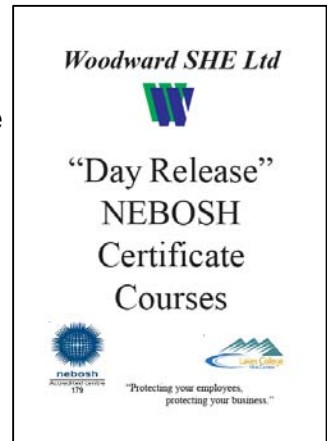
Day Release Courses Launched

Due to popular demand we have now launched a new "day release" model for our NEBOSH certificate and diploma courses.

We will be running our full range of NEBOSH Diploma and Certificate qualifications in a day release format. Our goal is to make these qualifications more accessible to those who cannot be

released from work to attend our full time block release courses.

For more information please see our website or contact Sharon at the Carlisle Office to request a brochure.



About Our Company...

Woodward delivers health and safety training and also environmental management training. The majority of the training courses offered

are IOSH, NEBOSH or CIEH accredited. However bespoke training, consultancy and auditing work are also undertaken.

Woodward wants to continue to develop professional safety, health and environmental, fire and construction managers.

Do you have any feedback for us?

We want to make sure that our alumni newsletter is something worth reading.

If you have any feedback or comments on how we can improve

the newsletter we'd love to hear them. Equally if you have an article you'd like to see in our newsletter or a letter for us to publish we'd be happy to consider them.

Please contact us on the usual address:
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