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## Quick Bites!

### NEW PLANT:

This month we have ordered:  
3No 6T dumpers, 1No 3T  
Swivel dumper & 1 IT dumper.  
Also:  
2No Benford 1200 rollers and  
2No benford 800 rollers.  
And:  
3No New Kobelco 135SR  
excavators and a Kobelco 70

### KERB LIFTERS:

The small mechanical kerb lifting devices after this initial test period (Mini Block Grabs) have proven to be a great success! We will now make these standard issue, although all the other devices are still readily available. Following input from our ops we have altered the AL-VAC 1600LUX (trailer/FTL mounted lifting aid) so that the boom supporting post can now be adjusted to set the post vertical no matter what the camber or incline. This is to combat the problem of the load wanting to travel in the direction of the incline/camber, a common problem with these devices which has made them awkward to use in some circumstances. We now own one of the few vacuum lifting aids that now does not suffer from the problem, thus making it even safer to

### DELIVERY TICKETS:

We are currently undertaking a review of how we collate and process delivery tickets. Please pass all tickets to the M.Lambe site office in the interim. Please keep them flat and tidy too!!

### FLASHING BEACONS:

All mechanical plant should have a flashing beacon which has been attached and switched on. As the operator it is your responsibility to report faulty plant. Failure to attach, switch on or report faulty beacons will be viewed as a disciplinary offence.

## This Month..

### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

On the whole we now have a fantastic reputation for making sure we have our head protection on at all times on site, that goggles and ear protection and masks are worn when needed.

In some cases our clients are admitting we out perform their own workforce! This is a good position to be in an a big pat on the back for you guys. What it also does is make those that are letting the side down stand out even more.

Every reported case of someone not wearing the correct PPE is reported directly to Mick & John Lambe. It is a serious issue as it seriously effects future contracts our clients demand professionals, you don't look very professional sculking across site with just a baseball cap on. It looks bad on us and it's not something we want to see on our sites, no matter what the other trades are doing, we'll set the standard.

The issue of leaving your hat next to where you're working and crossing site to the canteen etc without it has been noted of late. Please remember hat on at ALL times whilst out on site, take it off when in canteen/office etc, but you MUST have it to hand at all times, "it's in the cab or just over there isn't an excuse for not wearing it."

And another quick point is if you need to use a Stihl saw etc, make sure you pick up the goggles at the same time, we have recently been pulled on an operative being in possession of a saw but not goggles, even though he wasn't using it. Have them to hand at all times where required.



**Not a set up! I snapped these guys at Cape Hill. Hard Hats on in MacDonald's!!! We're not sure the foods that dangerous lads, but better safe than sorry...**

### Touchscreen Tests

All of our clients have been conducting CSCS audits this year to see how their contractors are doing as far as CSCS compliance.. Basically we all need to hold a CSCS card by the end of the year to work on these sites, plus achieve our NVQ's by 2010 . The CITB touchscreen tests are the logical first step for those of you not yet enrolled on the scheme.

Those of you who have completed your NVQ or plant training we can't apply for your cards until your touchscreen test is completed.

In response to this we are arranging for the mobile touchscreen test centre to visit a number of sites early this summer. This will enable everyone who has not completed their test **within the last two years** to take their test with minimal fuss.

We will advise you of dates and locations once Prometric confirm the bookings with us.

### SubContractors PPE

It has previously been the case that Dave and Adrian collected boots & Wellingtons on the behalf of SubContractors and charged you the purchase cost.

Unfortunately due to the excessive amount of time spent collecting and delivering these items they will no longer be available for SubContractors through the company.

Supply of hard hats will be maintained as previously specified and jackets/vests on an annual basis.

M.Lambe bomber jackets have been a huge success this year with SubContractors contributing the extra cost over a standard jacket. We will be looking at these jackets again towards the end of summer. Waterproofs will still be available at cost price to SubContractors.

Supply of PPE to PAYE employees will continue unchanged.