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# Reaching out to Community

**Donating time and resources WM Plant Hire are helping restore Cannock Chase pool for Schools, Beavers, Scouts, Watch Groups and disabled children to enjoy!**

Faye Burton of the Staffordshire Rural Policing Liaison Group approached WM Plant Hire after the pool at Cannock Chase after years of neglect had become overgrown and lost all its water. Local children were no longer able to go pond dipping - a key to wildlife days which the group regularly run to help children learn about nature. With no spare funding to carry out repairs, they were in desperate need of charitable donations to make the project happen.

WM Plant Hire agreed to donate the time and resources, their operators, long reach machinery and dump trucks to clear debris from the pool before relining it with clay.



*Charity excavation of pool in Cannock chase by CASE CX75 9m reach machine*

## Reaching out in Education

### **Promoting engineering in education through public engagement and sponsorship of Engineering Mastermind**

WM Plant Hire have been promoting engineering through public engagement for a number of years, 2017 being no exception. A storyboard was created for the 'Cockington Lakes Restoration' project in Devon to encourage and help the public to understand the engineering involved in the project. The company has been taking part in the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) "This is civil engineering campaign", to promote civil engineering for a number of years.

The company also sponsors the [Engineering Mastermind](#) online quiz developed with support of 'Think Up' and aimed at encouraging engineering undergraduates to test their engineering knowledge.

## Reaching out for Success

### **With involvement in projects shortlisted for ICE Awards this year and our Director receives special award acknowledging work for the ICE in the West Midlands.**

It was great to see an number of projects that we have played a key part gain recognition by the ICE recently. In the North East - the Leeds Flood Alleviation Scheme and Dutch River Flood Protection in Goole, together with specialist dredging works in Devon on the Cockington Lakes Restoration Project shortlisted in the ICE South West Awards. Winners to be announced later this month.

But not only are the projects being recognised for their success, but our Director Damian McGettrick also received a 'Special Chair's Award' at the recent ICE West Midlands Dinner for his long standing support on the regional committee and promotion of civil engineering including mentoring and support with schools events.



*Director Damian McGettrick receives a Special Chair's Award at the ICE West Midlands 2017 Awards dinner in May.*

## Reaching out to Customers

### **Showcasing involvement in some critical flood infrastructure and coastal projects at Flood & Coast as well as Floodex 2017!**

In recent months WM Plant Hire have enjoyed making contact with new and old customers at two widely acclaimed industry events relating to flood mitigation both inland and coastal.

The first in March was at the **Flood & Coast** a conference and exhibition convened by the Environment Agency, in Telford. The company showcased their continued work with BAM Nuttall on the Flood Alleviation Scheme in Leeds as well as other more marine based construction for EA framework contractors JN Bentley in Goole, Yorkshire and Raymond Brown in Exmouth, Devon.

At **Floodex** later in May 2017, as ADA members, they looked to re-connect with drainage boards and councils showcasing their emergency response work for Highway Services



contractors clearing debris from bridges and more recently works for the Black Sluice IDB with vegetation clearance (see video below).



Working with Black Sluice IDB on weed clearance in the South Forty Foot Drain mitigating future flood risk.

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Congratulations to Jay Wilkinson who has done exceptionally well in his training the past few months obtaining a series of specialist Thames Water qualifications as well as his full CPCA blue ticket.

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