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## NEW SOUTH EAST PLANT OPEN FOR BUSINESS



South East Galvanizers' new state-of-the-art £5.5 million galvanizing facility in Witham has been given the seal of approval by local MP Priti Patel.

As well as unveiling the official commemorative plaque, Mrs Patel joined a number of guests on a guided tour of the facility led by Jeremy Woolridge, Chairman and CEO

of Wedge Group Galvanizing, Eastern Regional Director Steve Milnes, and South East Galvanizers' General Manager David Knight.

Jeremy Woolridge, Chairman and CEO of Wedge Group Galvanizing, commented: "This is a significant day for our company and the culmination of not just 12 months'

hard work in terms of the actual building works, but also many years of planning. Ongoing investment across our 14 UK plants is a key priority in Wedge's overall growth strategy, and this new plant will enable the team at South East Galvanizers to deliver a high-quality service to their customers throughout the region for years to come."



## £20 MILLION OF WASTE FOR SOUTH WEST

Over 500 tonnes of structural steelwork used to create a new £20 million waste treatment plant that will convert household waste into Solid Recovered Fuel.

The steel was fabricated by Dorset-based Structural Steel Company, Snashall Steel Fabrications Ltd, to develop the new Mechanical Biological Treatment facility on the Northacre Trading Estate in Westbury which will process 60,000 tons of household waste a year, and turn it into 20,000 tons of Solid Recovered Fuel for use initially in Europe.

Tony Wonnacott, General Manager at South West

Galvanizers said: "As a company we have worked with Snashall Steel Fabrications for many years, and we are delighted to partner with them again on such an environmentally sound project."

Paul Snashall, Chairman of Snashall Steel Fabrications Ltd, added: "This is a significant construction project for Snashall Steel and was helped greatly with the timely coordination of deliveries and consistent high levels of quality from South West Galvanizers, and the Wedge Group, this ensured the project ran smoothly from concept to completion. Snashall Steel has worked with South West Galvanizers for over 20 years."

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## EAST ANGLIA SCORES WITH FOOTBALL STAND

Sawtry-based East Anglian Galvanizing has played its part in the construction of a brand new spectator stand for a fan-owned football club that has risen from the ashes.

The plant teamed up with Northamptonshire-based Beamhouse Engineering Ltd to help create the Peter de Banke Terrace for phoenix club AFC Rushden and Diamonds, which supporters launched in 2011 after Rushden and Diamonds was liquidated.

Selwyn Parish, Commercial Manager of East Anglian Galvanizing, commented: "This was a fantastic project to work

on, especially as it helps with the total re-birth of AFC Rushden and Diamonds. We're thrilled that such a great team has come back to life, and are sure that the community club will have great success in the years to come.

David Harris, Director of Beamhouse Engineering Ltd, explained: "Much work went into the new terrace, which included many different aspects, two of them being the aluminium tread as the flooring and the main galvanized stand support. We chose to galvanize our steel components because of its longevity and ease of maintenance, which means that there is no need to keep re-painting the structure."



## METALTREAT'S BANDSTAND PERFORMANCE

Bradford-based Metaltrat Limited was called upon by long-standing client of over 15 years Rotherham-based Lightmain to galvanize eight tonnes of steel components used to build the Princes Gardens Bandstand in Aldershot, Hampshire.

The new outdoor arena was commissioned on behalf of Rushmoor Borough Council to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and was officially

opened last June by Councillor Peter Crerar, Mayor of Rushmoor. The project cost £38,000 in total, £19,000 of which came from a grant from the environmental charity SITA Trust.

Iain McBeath, Commercial Manager of Metaltrat Limited, said: "Lightmain created a really wonderful structure, which has already proved very popular with not only the local residents in the area, where they can sit on the surrounding grass to

watch the act perform, but also the bands too."

Trevor Lafferty, Managing Director of Lightmain, explained: "Having worked with Metaltrat for many years, we know that the service they provide will more than exceed our expectations. As well as giving our steel a superb finish, galvanizing the bandstand will ensure it is protected against rust and corrosion, and is enjoyed by generations to come."

## MERSEYSIDE SPREAD FESTIVE CHEER

Garston-based Merseyside Galvanizing has provided its hot dip galvanizing service to components used for a festive stall that showcased gifts at Edinburgh's Christmas Market. The team worked alongside regular customer,

Bolton-based Reed Holland, to ensure the steel was protected against the harsh winter elements. After galvanizing it was powder coated in festive colours.

Richard Smetham, Sales representative

at Merseyside Galvanizing, commented: "Although the stall was only situated in the market for six weeks, it was vital it was galvanizing to ensure it remained protected so that it can be used for years to come."

## EDWARD HOWELL SHARES EXPERTISE

Wednesfield-based Edward Howell Galvanizers has hosted a number of prominent Indian business professionals as part of a programme aimed at strengthening international collaboration and knowledge sharing.

The plant welcomed five members of the Rotary Club of Bangalore, who got to experience a full tour of the facilities as part of an international exchange programme between the West Midlands and Bangalore which aims to build relationships with existing and new contacts, as well as sharing and celebrating the different cultures, education systems, and business facilities across the two regions.

The visit was arranged by Jeremy Woolridge, CEO and Chairman of Wedge Group Galvanizing, while former Wolverhampton Wanderers footballer Mel Eves also attended in his current role as President of the Wolverhampton Rotary Club.



## WORKSOP TURNS POTATOES INTO POWER

Worksop Galvanizing has galvanized more than 120 tonnes of structural steel used to build an Anaerobic Digestion (AD) plant at St Nicholas Court Farm in Kent. Robinson Structures Limited and the main contractor Torran Construction Limited have used the steel to build the AD unit, which will convert maize, and potentially grass and damaged potatoes, into electricity.

The new AD plant has been constructed alongside an existing array of solar panels at the farm, and will produce around 4.4 megawatt-hours of electricity per year, enough to power the farm and around 1,200 homes.

Paul Robinson, Commercial Manager of Worksop Galvanizing, said: "There

is currently a massive growth in the construction of AD plants across the UK, as they are considered an environmentally and financially-viable method of creating renewable energy. Galvanizing the steelwork used to build the plant will provide long-lasting protection against rust and corrosion, helping to ensure the longevity of the structure."

Edward Gregory, Sales Director at Robinson Structures Limited, Derby-based steel frame building specialist, commented: "We have a great working relationship with Worksop Galvanizing who we have partnered with for many projects. They always provide a quick turnaround time when we require our steel to be protected against corrosion."



## ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR ACROW

A member of staff from Acrow Galvanizing made a big splash after teaming up with a charity that aims to provide training and employment opportunities on the back of rebuilding a historic boat.

John Nicholson, Commercial Manager of Acrow Galvanizing helped raise awareness of the Harwich Mayflower Project by joining forces with the group's Training and Development Manager Jeff Webber to build a float that scooped second place at the Harwich Guy Carnival in Essex.

The Harwich Mayflower Project is a charitable initiative which is looking to re-establish Harwich as a major maritime centre. The project is centred on recreating a working replica of The Mayflower, a seventeenth century cargo ship that famously sailed the Pilgrims to Massachusetts in the United States of America back in 1620. It also provides training, educational, and even employment opportunities through apprenticeships to local young people.

John Nicholson commented: "The Mayflower Project really is having a huge impact on the local community in Harwich and I'm delighted to be involved with such a worthwhile cause. After our success last year, I can't wait to have another go in 2013!"

The team at Acrow Galvanizing has also supported the Harwich Mayflower Project by generously galvanizing a 750mm long by 400mm wide steel centre plate on a Dracombe Long Boat, which has been restored for the local Sea Scout unit.



## NEWPORT HELPS SCULPTOR ACHIEVE ROARING SUCCESS

Newport Galvanizers has helped a local sculptor complete a specially commissioned piece of art that will eventually be auctioned off to raise money for charity. The plant was called upon to provide its specialist hot dip galvanizing service to steel that Jack Basten used to create an imposing sculpture of a large red dragon.

The dragon, which took Jack three

months to create, has been installed outside Tesco's storage units at Llanwrn, while it is set to be auctioned off, with all the proceeds going to Cancer Research UK.

Mike Small, Sales Manager of Newport Galvanizers, explained: "We are delighted to have helped Jack on this project, especially with all the proceeds of its sale going to a very well-deserving charity. All of us at the company hope it raises as much money as possible for Cancer Research UK. Galvanizing the steel used to create the sculpture will ensure the dragon is protected against rust and corrosion, enabling it to be enjoyed for years to come."

Jack Basten, who had previously made another red dragon out of scrap metal in 2011, said: "Creating sculptures has been my hobby for a while now and it has been great to be able to work on a larger project like this, in particular one that will hopefully raise money for charity. It means a lot to me to be able to help out wherever I can and I'm immensely proud of what I have created."

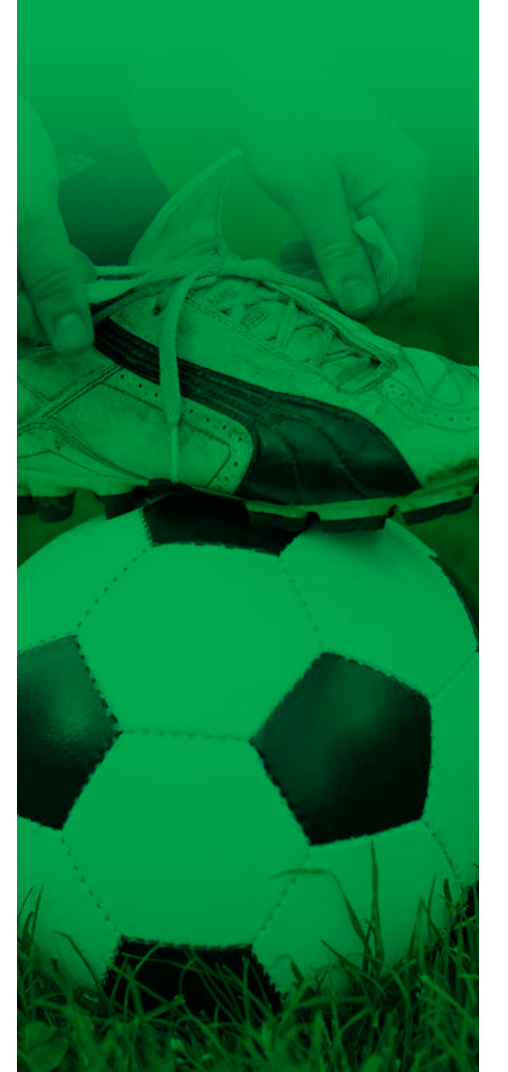
## SCOTLAND SCORES AT FOOTBALL CLUB

Scottish Galvanizers, based in Glasgow, scored a role in a project to upgrade facilities at the home of Cumnock Junior Football Club in East Ayrshire.

The club, nicknamed 'The Nock', is celebrating its hundredth year after being set up in 1912 by a group of football enthusiasts and has a long and proud history of local and national success. It currently plays in the Scottish Junior FA Stagecoach West of Scotland Super League Premier Division and has twice won the Scottish Junior Cup, most recently in 1989.

Former top-flight referee Jim Rowan, who is now a renowned local blacksmith, fabricated the new dugouts, which will provide shelter to the managers and substitutes on match day. He explained: "I have always been passionate about encouraging people to get involved with local football so wanted to create something that would last a long time and be useful to the club. The new dugouts seemed the perfect way to do this."

Paul Tait, Commercial Manager of Scottish Galvanizers, said: "We were delighted to help Jim Rowan complete the shelters and we wish the team the best of luck for the rest of the season. As the shelters have been galvanized, the steelwork that will be exposed to the elements will be protected from rust and corrosion for many years to come."





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## NO HORSING AROUND FOR HUMBER

Hull-based Humber Galvanizing has partnered with renowned sculptor Emma Stothard to put the finishing touches to an eye-catching piece of her art which is now on public display at one of the National Trust's properties.

The sculpture of a life-size horse, which is named 'Mare', is woven in mild steel wire and then galvanized, giving it a permanent finish. Having taken two months to create, it is now on permanent display at The National Trust's Rievaulx Terraces in Helmsley, North Yorkshire, an 18th century landscape garden overlooking the ruins of Rievaulx Abbey.

Tony Linsley, Sales Manager of Humber

Galvanizing, commented: "Emma is incredibly talented and is an absolutely outstanding artist. It's really impressive how she incorporates different materials such as steel, silver and willow into her work, and we are delighted to have lent a hand with this particular project."

Emma Stothard explained: "With the Mare being a permanent outdoor display, I needed to have it protected from weathering and other types of damage, and therefore required it to be hot-dip galvanized by Humber Galvanizing. Galvanizing also gives it a superb finish, making it totally suitable for an outdoor setting."

## SOUTH EAST PROVIDE FINISHING TOUCH TO ICONIC ARTWORK

Witham-based South East Galvanizers has worked with Suffolk-based metal artisan, Kev Colbear on a number of iconic pieces of artistic creations. The projects ranged from high end furniture to innovative architectural features, all produced for clients that sought an 'unusual' focal piece for around the home or workplace.

Kev Colbear said: "I would like to express my thanks for the exceptional service I received from the team at South East Galvanizers. I toured the plant and was shown the process the

items would undergo, and everyone I met was extremely helpful, friendly, and cooperative. The items were treated with the utmost care, and my clients are very impressed with the final result- which is what it is all about."

Neil Pearson, Commercial Manager at South East Galvanizers, said: "We are delighted to have partnered with Kev on the series of eye-catching projects. It has been an absolute pleasure to work alongside him and we are thrilled his clients are so impressed with the finish."

## PLAIN SAILING FOR B.E. WEDGE

Willenhall-based B.E. Wedge has played a part in a project for the United States Navy by galvanizing 12.5 tonnes of steel scaffold fittings that have been transported to America as part of refurbishment work at one of the US Navy's naval docklands.

The scaffold fittings were created by B.E. Wedge's long-standing client, George Dyke Limited, a Darlaston-based forge-master that works with clients in sectors such as construction, manufacturing and transport, both in the UK and across Europe, the United States and Canada.

Lee Dickens, Sales Manager of B.E. Wedge, explained: "This project was fantastic to work on and we really enjoyed partnering with George Dyke Limited. For the US Navy to have sourced the work all the way here to the West Midlands is a testimony to the quality of work companies in the UK can provide."

Gary Smith, Sales Manager of George Dyke Limited, said: "Having worked with B.E. Wedge on numerous occasions, we know that the services they provide will more than exceed our expectations every time."

## SOUTH WEST KICKS OFF NEW YEAR IN STYLE

South West Galvanizers as kicked off 2013 in style by completing a major facilities upgrade that will enable it to undertake larger projects as well as improving overall operational efficiency.

The plant has invested over half a million pounds to install a longer galvanizing bath at its Lords Meadow Industrial Estate site. The bath measures 10.25m long by 1.2m wide by 2.7m deep, offering a significant increase in capacity compared to the previous galvanizing bath.

Tony Wonnacott, General Manager at South West Galvanizers, explained: "This upgrade forms part of our ongoing investment to improve our facilities, ensuring the galvanizing service we provide to our customers is of the highest possible quality. As well as giving us the capacity to handle larger loads, the installation of the new galvanizing bath also incorporated a number of enhancements to the layout of our plant and production line, which is already making a big difference to operational efficiency."

"I'd like to thank the efforts of the equipment manufacturers and our team here, who worked tirelessly to install the new tank over an extremely tight schedule during our Christmas shutdown period, to minimise any impact on our customers."



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