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SOUTH-EAST HELPS TESCO PAINT THE TOWN WHITE

Witham-based South East Galvanizers supplied specially produced paint, Galvacoat, to signage manufacturer ASG for use on steel gantries installed at the forecourts of every Tesco fuel station in the country.

Mark Endsleigh, Commercial Support Manager at the Wedge Group, explained: "As the sole distributor of Galvacoat in the UK, we were delighted to be able to help out on this project. "Standard paint can peel or flake when used on treated steel requiring continual reapplication."

"The particular product that we supplied to ASG for use on Tesco's forecourt gantries is unique in that it completely adheres to steel that has been galvanized, and will retain its original colour over many, many years."

Eden Heath, Technical Director at ASG, commented: "As well as being asked specifically by Tesco to galvanize the steel for the gantries, the client also required them to be painted white to fit in with their brand. We would like to say a huge thank you to South East Galvanizing for providing a fantastic service, and product, and knowing that the gantries will be protected from the natural elements for years to come is a great comfort."



PRESTIGIOUS MILITARY PROJECT FOR WESSEX

Eastleigh-based Wessex Galvanizers has been appointed by BAE Systems to galvanize steel pipework which will be used in the construction of HMS Queen Elizabeth and HMS Prince of Wales, two of the largest and most powerful warships ever constructed for the Royal Navy.

The 65,000 tonne aircraft carriers, that will each be almost three times the length of a football pitch, are due to be handed over to the Ministry of Defence in 2016 and 2018 respectively, and will be deployed worldwide for armed forces' operations, including the support of war efforts and the provision of disaster relief.

Richard Whiddett, Sales Manager at Wessex Galvanizers, commented: "The team here is absolutely delighted to be involved in such a prestigious project and in being given the opportunity to play a part in the history of the UK Armed Forces. The galvanizing of the steel used to produce these two fantastic aircraft carriers is vital because seawater is an extremely corrosive environment and this will help protect the ships for many, many years to come. We are really excited about the prospect of working alongside BAE Systems on this project, and can't wait to see the finished result."

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MERSEYSIDE HELPS GIVE WIDNES A FACE-LIFT

Merseyside Galvanizing has helped Halton Borough Council give Widnes a dramatic face lift by galvanizing all the steel used to create a decorative exterior for the town's Municipal Building.

The team worked alongside St Helen's-based Sure Steel Services who manufactured a large number of steel Louvre panels which were then mounted onto the building to enhance its overall look.

Richard Smetham, Sales Manager at Merseyside Galvanizing, said: "We were delighted to work alongside Sure Steel Services on this project, which involved the production of large steel panels which were used by the Council to provide both screening from inside the building as well as for aesthetic impact."



EDWARD HOWELL LENDS HEALING HANDS

Edward Howell Galvanizers based in Wednesfield galvanized 24 tonnes of structural steelwork used to build a new £8 million Sports Therapy and Injury Rehabilitation Centre at Moulton College, Northamptonshire.

The steel was used by Brierley Hill-based fabrication firm Midland Erection Ltd to carry out initial construction work on the new hub, which forms part of the college's ambitious plans to become a national centre for excellence in sport and sports injury rehabilitation.

"This centre really will put the college at the forefront of treating sports injuries," Jim Lindsay, Commercial Manager of Edward Howell Galvanizers, said. "I'm sure it will be a huge benefit not just for the students, but the wider community too, as local residents will be able to use a number of the facilities on offer."

Chris Poole, Managing Director of Midland Erection Ltd, revealed: "The team at Edward Howell carried out a reliable and extremely professional job for us on this important project. Having the steelwork galvanized will ensure it remains free from rust and corrosion for years to come."

FLYING HIGH WITH HEATHROW PROJECT

Willenhall-based BE Wedge has galvanized over 4,000 brackets which are being used in the construction of the new £1 billion Terminal 2 at Heathrow Airport in London. Fabrication Facilities, Birmingham-based architectural metalwork specialist, has used the steel to produce a series of different brackets each ranging from 3.6kg to 9kg in weight.

"As a company we specialise in external metalwork, such as copings, fascias, and soffits with supporting bracketry, all requiring high-quality metal finishing. It is crucial therefore that our suppliers can provide the service and necessary guarantees demanded by our customers, and our partnership with B.E. Wedge on this project has proved very successful," John Peakman, Managing Director of Fabrication Facilities, commented.

Lee Dickens, Commercial Manager of B.E. Wedge, said: "We've worked with Fabrication Facilities on various initiatives over the past few years, and it's been great to team up with them again on a project as prestigious as this one."





RUGBY LEAGUE TACKLE FOR GLASGOW

Scottish Galvanizers based in Glasgow has galvanized metalwork used by both long-standing client Barr Limited and blacksmiths John Gibson and Sons Limited to build Rugby League giant St Helens' new £25 million home.

The team was responsible for galvanizing 34 tonnes of steel barriers produced by Barr Limited's steel division Solway Structural Steel for the East and West terracing, which will each accommodate approximately 3,800 fans. It was also called upon by John Gibson and Sons Limited to process additional metalwork which was used to construct six steel staircases, framework for both the

Directors' box and dugout areas, railings running along the North and South stands, and also frames for the advertising hoardings surrounding the pitch.

Paul Tait, Commercial Manager of Scottish Galvanizers, commented: "Because some of the additional metalwork for John Gibson and Sons Limited was particularly intricate, we required the support of our colleagues at the Metaltrat galvanizing plant in Bradford, who specialise in protecting the types of steel mesh that were needed for the staircases and other parts of the stadium."

"This has been one of our biggest ever projects, involving a significant amount

of steel and a particularly tight schedule," Lee Hastings, of Dumfries-based John Gibson and Sons Limited, revealed.

"Thanks to the rapid turnaround of both Scottish Galvanizers and Metaltrat, and the considerable efforts of our own team at the workshop and on site, we've now completed our work and the new stadium is all set for its official opening."

Colin Wallace, of Barr Limited, said: "We've worked with Paul and the team at Scottish Galvanizers on numerous projects over the years, and because of their prompt, professional and reliable service, they were a natural choice to support us on such a prestigious contract."

TV DEBUT FOR ACROW

Work undertaken by Essex-based Acrow Galvanizing in partnership with its customer Screwfast Foundations, has been showcased on Channel 4's Grand Designs.

Screwfast, based in St Albans, manufactured a number of steel screw piles which were used to support two

timber eco-houses built in Dulwich, South London. Acrow Galvanizing's specialist galvanizing service was called upon to help protect the steel screw piles used in the construction of the homes, which have been nicknamed 'Furniture Houses' and 'Jewellery box Houses' by Grand Designs presenter Kevin McCloud because of their resemblance to hand-crafted cabinets.

John Nicholson, Commercial Manager at Acrow Galvanizing, said: "We were delighted to work alongside Screwfast on this prestigious project and it was fantastic to see the end results showcased on national TV. We would also like to congratulate Screwfast on their recent expansion into the European solar energy market, and we hope to work with them on future projects."

WESSEX SCORES WITH SOCCER STADIUM

Wessex Galvanizers was called upon to galvanize all the steelwork used to build the new at Gosport Borough FC, built in memory of the club's former president, Harry Mizen.

Cummins and Pope Ltd, the main contractors on the project, worked in conjunction with Stadium Solutions, a division of PJ Steel Construction Ltd, who used the metal to produce all the structural steelwork, seating components, racking, and railings required to build the 300-seat facility at the semi-professional side's Privett Park home.

"Harry Mizen was involved with Gosport FC for more than 50 years, and for the four years before he passed away in 2004, he was actually the club's president, so to name this fantastic, modern facility after him is a permanent, fitting tribute to a man who dedicated his life to supporting his team," Richard Whiddett, Commercial Manager for Wessex Galvanizers, commented.

Phil Harris, Managing Director of West Sussex-based PJ Steel Construction Ltd, said: "We've worked with the team at Wessex Galvanizers on a number of stadium projects over the past few years, including upgrades at Havant and Waterlooville FC and Eastleigh FC, and know we can always rely on them to provide a professional, reliable and prompt service. Having the steelwork used to build the Harry Mizen Stand galvanized will ensure it is protected long-term against rust and corrosion."



HUMBER HOOKS ROLE AT NEW FISHING VILLAGE

Hull-based Humber Galvanizing has played a part in the construction of the multi-million pound Grimsby Seafood Village, which involved over 20 tonnes of steelwork being galvanized.

Fabrication firm Alliance Steel Services used the steel on initial structural work at the £3 million centre, the first phase of which will include 20 self-contained units, cold stores, waste collection facilities, and other fish processing equipment.

Tony Linsley, Commercial Manager of Humber Galvanizing, said: "The Seafood Village will be a real boost for the fish processing sector, not only in Grimsby, but also across the wider region, so it is fantastic that we've been able to play our part in the initial construction work."

Nigel Rushby, of Alliance Steel Services, commented: "The team at Humber Galvanizing provided us with a prompt and professional turnaround, enabling us to make excellent progress with our part of the project."

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PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS FOR HUMBER

Hull-based Humber Galvanizing is celebrating an ongoing partnership with two leading firms. The plant has been working alongside leading chassis engineering firm Bankside Patterson for 13 years and is currently working with the Driffield-based company to produce its new revolutionary chassis for the holiday home industry.

Humber has also been working alongside Darlington-based engineering firm Henry Williams Ltd for over three years on projects involving the production of a large number of matrix signals. These are installed across the UK motorways

displaying speed and lane restrictions, fog warnings and end messages, and are manufactured on behalf of the Highways Agency.

Tony Linsley, Sales Manager at Humber Galvanizing, said: "We are delighted to have developed strong working relationships with a number of our clients, and are proud to be involved in such fantastic projects such as these. Both clients have extremely high standards and demanding targets, and we continue to work closely together to ensure these are met each and every time."

PERFECT PARTNERSHIP FOR SOUTH EAST

Witham-based South East Galvanizers is celebrating completion of its latest project on behalf of steel stockholder firm, Parker Steel, which marks an ongoing partnership spanning almost two decades.

The plant worked with Canterbury-based Parker Steel on seating components for Molineux Stadium in Wolverhampton as well as for a prominent football stadium in Sweden. This followed completion of a major project which involved the galvanizing of 130 tonnes of steel used by

Parker Steel and its subsidiary company, Builders Beams, in the development of a large storage unit on the Isle of Grain in Kent.

Mark Endsleigh said: "We are proud to have been working with Parker Steel for 18 years now and on such a broad range of projects both here and across Europe. We always work closely together as a team to ensure that projects are completed within sometimes extremely tight deadlines, and the fact that we've been the client's galvanizer of choice for so many years, is testament to that."

PRISON DOGS GET PROTECTION

Eastleigh-based Wessex Galvanizers galvanized 25 day kennels installed at HMP Belmarsh in London.

West Sussex-based animal housing specialists Sherlocks of Chichester designed and manufactured the steel and Trespa® into nine new kennel blocks, each measuring 3.66 metres wide by 1.57 metres deep. The kennels will be used to house the prison's guard dogs during down time, enabling the animals to remain cool during the summer months, whilst keeping them warm over the winter period.

Richard Whiddett, Commercial Manager for Wessex Galvanizers, commented: "Having the steel components used to build the kennels galvanized, will help to ensure the guard dogs are housed in a durable structure that is protected against the elements, rusting and corrosion."

Sarah Harvey, of Sherlocks of Chichester, commented: "We have worked with the team at Wessex Galvanizers on a series of projects over the past few years, building up a very valuable and professional relationship. As always, they provided us with a reliable and efficient service."



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