



Industry recognises high standard of street works at NJUG Awards 2009

December 2nd – The winners of the 2009 NJUG Awards were presented during a prestigious reception held in the House of Commons yesterday, 1st December 2009. The event offered an opportunity for utilities and their contractors to show case high standard case studies demonstrating innovative methods used to improve the efficiency and quality of street works. The winners themselves were congratulated by the Minister for Transport, Rt Hon Sadiq Khan MP, during his keynote speech.

The event was hosted by Louise Ellman MP, Chair of the Transport Select Committee, and sponsored by Virgin Media. Prizes were awarded to utility companies and contractors who provided a case study demonstrating their delivery of one or more of the objectives of the NJUG *Vision for Street Works*. The winners were:

NJUG Category	Winner	Case Study
Safety Award	EDF Energy Networks	Street Works Refresher Training – DVD “On Any Workday”
Avoiding Damage Award	Infotec	Virtual Trialholes
Partnership Award	Bristol Water pld, Daniels, and Bath & North East Somerset	A37 Road Reconstruction Nr Bristol
Quality Award	Laing O’Rourke	X-plo’re web portal
Sustainability Award	Thames Water Ltd	VMR Recycling and Strategic Waste Action Group
World Class Award	Balfour Beatty Utility Solutions	Our approach to ZERO HARM

An award was also presented to Fraser Pithie, Senior Operations Manager at Severn Trent Water, for his **individual contribution to the delivery of the NJUG Vision**, in recognition of his work at driving forward improvements in the way the utility industry deliver street works operations.

The 2009 event was also used as the forum to launch NJUG’s revised 2010/2011 *Vision for World Class Street Works*, available to download from the NJUG website. The revised Vision includes an objective focusing on improving utilities’ communication methods, before and during street works. The need for this update was identified from findings of a public opinion survey NJUG commissioned earlier in the year and discussions with the Minister for Transport.

NJUG CEO, Les Guest, said: “This year’s event cemented the position of the NJUG Awards as the industry awards ceremony relating to street works. Over 60 high quality submissions were received which demonstrates the enthusiasm to excel and this made the judging panel’s job extremely difficult. However the six winners were well deserved, and all case studies will soon be available to download from the NJUG website for others to learn from.”



Les added, “This year, as Chief Executive, I have the pleasure of introducing an additional award for the person who I believe has made a significant personal contribution to the delivery of the NJUG *Vision for Street Works* and I was pleased to present this to Fraser Pithie of Severn Trent Water. Fraser has, and continues to, tirelessly pursue the objectives of the NJUG Vision on behalf of the utility industry. His transparent approach to recognising our weaknesses and working constructively with all stakeholders to improve standards deserves recognition and is something we can all learn from.”

For more information about the 2009 NJUG Awards, please go to <http://www.njug.org.uk/category/5/pageid/79/> or contact NJUG on 020 7340 8737.

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Below are the short listed entries for the 2009 NJUG Awards.

Damage is Avoided Category

- Farrans Construction Limited: *Belfast Streets Ahead Public Realm Project*
- Infotec: *Virtual Trialholes*
- National Grid & AMEC (M1 Corridor Gas Alliance): *3rd Party duct removal and replacement agreement*

Partnership Category

- Bristol Water PLC, and Bath & North East Somerset: *A37 Road Reconstruction Nr Bristol*
- National Grid and Staffordshire County Council: *Partnership and co-operation in Staffordshire*
- National Grid and AMEC: *3rd Party duct removal and replacement agreement*
- Severn Trent Water: *Stourport Investment*
- United Utilities, National Grid, Balfour Beatty Utility Solutions, Gallagher Construction, Cheshire West and Chester Council: *Ellesmere Port Water and Gas Replacement*

Quality Category

- Central Networks Infrastructure Services: *Excellence in Noticing*
- KLG Consulting: *Notice Wheel*
- Laing O'Rourke: *X-plo're web portal*
- Northern Gas Networks: *York City Gas Mains Project*

Sustainability Category

- Laing O'Rourke: *Maximise use of stabilised materials*
- National Grid and Murphy: *Use of sustainable materials / Ecosand*
- Thames Water Utilities Limited: *VMR Recycling and Strategic Waste Action Group*



- Veolia Water Three Valleys in collaboration with SQS Ltd: *Reinstating Sustainably through Partnership*

Safety Category

- Balfour Beatty Utility Solutions: *Our approach to ZERO HARM*
- Carillion Utility Services: *Aim For Target Zero*
- EDF Energy Networks: *Street Works Refresher Training – DVD “On Any Workday”*

World Class Category

- Winner to be announced on the day

About The National Joint Utility Group (NJUG)

NJUG is the only UK industry association representing utilities on street works issues. Our full members include the Energy Networks Association (representing electricity and gas companies), Water UK (representing water and waste water companies), National Grid, Openreach, and Virgin Media. Our Associate Members are Clancy Docwra, Skanska Utilities, Balfour Beatty, Morrison Utility Services, Morgan Est, NACAP, PJ Keary, First Intervention, Carillion, Enterprise, Laing O’Rourke and Amec. Including members through trade associations, NJUG represents thirty-nine utility companies.

NJUG is the utility arm of the Highway Authorities and Utilities Committee representing street works in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales known as HAUC(UK). Please see <http://www.hauc-uk.org.uk/> for further information.

NJUG’s focus is on promoting best practice, safety, quality and co-ordination of works as well as representing utilities in discussions with Government and other stakeholders on street work issues.

Street works are essential activities carried out by electricity, water, gas and communications utilities to maintain, enhance, extend, renew and repair their networks.

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