



Industry recognises high standard of street works at NJUG Awards 2010

December 1st – The top performing utility companies and contractors in the street works industry were recognised across six different categories at a parliamentary reception held yesterday in the House of Commons. The event offered an opportunity for them to show via case studies how they used innovative methods to improve the efficiency and quality of street works, and the delivery of one or more of the objectives of the *NJUG Vision for Street Works*. The winners themselves were congratulated by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State Norman Baker MP and Shadow Transport Minister John Woodcock MP who both spoke at the event.

The event was sponsored by Virgin Media. Jon James, Virgin Media's Executive Director of Broadband, said: "After a year in which so much focus has rightly been put upon Britain's infrastructure, what better than to celebrate success in this field. As we continue to invest in expanding our own cable network, Virgin Media's involvement in these awards has proven particularly apt as we can identify and learn from industry best practice in street works first hand. Congratulations to all these deserving winners."

This year's Awards ceremony saw the introduction of a Communications category to represent the importance of keeping the public informed on all aspects of works. Winners of each category were selected by a team of impartial experts from across the UK.

The winners were:

NJUG Category	Winner	Case Study
Safety Award	2 winners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laing O'Rourke - Severn Trent Water and WHC Hire Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Incident and Injury Free to Zero AFR in Utilities - Vision on Safety for Hand Arm Vibration
Avoiding Damage Award	Laing O'Rourke	Reducing Underground Utility Strikes to 0.16%
Partnership Award	Morrison Utility Services / UK Power Networks / Southern Gas Networks / Transport for London / Thames Water / Southwark Borough Council	Borough High Street
Quality Award	Clancy Docwra	Electrofusion Clamp Detection
Sustainability Award	Skanska – North London Gas Alliance	Aspects of Sustainability
Communications Award	Enterprise plc / Severn Trent Water / National Grid / Worcestershire County Council	Bewdley

Awards for **individual contributions to the delivery of the NJUG Vision** were also presented to Mark Ostheimer for his work as HAUC(UK) Joint Chair and NJUG Operations Director, and Robert Hudleston for his work as Training and Accreditation Working Group Joint Chair.

NJUG CEO, Les Guest, said: "This is the third Awards ceremony that NJUG has held and with over 60 submissions received, it demonstrates once again the importance of the Awards for providing best practice examples and case studies that can be shared across industry, ensuring that we get closer to our vision of making best practice common practice. Congratulations to all the winners particularly as the quality of the submissions were extremely high, proving that industry is serious about delivering improvements and efficiencies wherever possible."

For more information about the 2010 NJUG Awards, please go to <http://www.njug.org.uk/category/5/pageid/84/> or contact NJUG on 020 7340 8737.

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Below are the short listed entries for the 2010 NJUG Awards.

The winners

Damage is Avoided Category

Central Networks – Cable Safe and Dig Safe
 Laing O'Rourke - Reducing Underground Utility Strikes to 0.16%
 Westminster City Council - Intelligent Trench solutions

Partnership Category

Enterprise plc, Severn Trent Water, National Grid Gas and Worcestershire County Council – Bewdley Morrison Utility Services, UK Power Networks, Southern Gas Networks and Thames Water, with support from Transport for London and Southwark Borough Council. – Borough High Street National Grid & AMEC (M1 Corridor Gas Alliance) & Doncaster MBC - The A630 Balby Corridor, Doncaster, South Yorkshire

Quality Category

Clancy Docwra - Electrofusion clamp detection
 South West Hauc – Reinstatement Best Practice
 Veolia Water and Stanmore Quality Surfacing - Recycling of excavated street works waste
 Yorkshire Water and The Green Stone Team - Getting Recycling Businesses Started in Yorkshire

Sustainability Category

Clancy Docwra – Sustainability and Mobile Recycling Unit
 Scottish and Southern Energy - Cable Washover Technique"
 Skanska North London Gas Alliance - Aspects of Sustainability
 Yorkshire Water and The Green Stone Team - Getting Recycling Businesses Started in Yorkshire

Safety Category



Carillion Utility Services – Don't walk by
Laing O'Rourke - Incident and Injury Free to Zero AFR in Utilities
Severn Trent Water and WHC Hire Services - Vision on Safety for Hand Arm Vibration
Westminster City Council - Intelligent Trench solutions

Communication Category

Enterprise plc, Severn Trent Water, National Grid Gas and Worcestershire County Council – Bewdley
South East Water & Morgan Sindall - 'Little Chelsea' Water Mains Refurbishment Scheme
United Utilities - Ribble Estuary and Coastal Waters Environmental Improvement Scheme
Wales and West Utilities – Communications Strategy

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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, Amec and SQS. Including members through trade associations, NJUG represents thirty-seven 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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