

## Recruiting Locally

Storengy UK is a local employer and many of its employees live in the local area.

In this issue we interview Denise Dean, Accounts Assistant and Rob Crozier, Shift Operator and hear their thoughts on the company...



Denise Dean



Rob Crozier

### What made you apply for your job with Storengy UK?

DD: I had just been made redundant when I saw an advertisement for the job of Accounts Assistant with the company. The job was exactly what I was looking for, especially as it greatly resembled my previous role.

RC: With a shortage of gas storage in the UK, highlighted by the recent cold winter, Storengy is part of a growing industry with a good future. Furthermore, after researching GDF SUEZ / Storengy it became apparent that the company is one of the best to work for.

### How did you feel when you were selected to join the team?

DD: I was pleased to be given the opportunity to take on a new challenge. I also felt an element of excitement for meeting new people.

### What is the best thing about working for Storengy UK?

DD: My fellow colleagues are all very friendly, making me feel welcome as I began working for the company. Storengy UK is an extremely pleasant work environment, which I think is an initial factor for happiness in the workplace.

RC: Morale and employee relations are very good. Working conditions and equipment are excellent. I also feel Storengy UK value me as an employee more than I have experienced with previous employers.

### How do you feel about your opportunity for training and development with Storengy UK?

DD: I feel that there is plenty of opportunity for me to train and develop my skills within the company, and as a result of this, I'm learning new things all of the time.

RC: As part of my development I will be getting more involved with the Digital Control System, maintenance and the possibility of being involved with the commissioning ( loop checking ) of Phase 2 wellheads.

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Newsletter

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## Editorial

Welcome to our fourth newsletter from Stublach.

As Technical Director of the project, it is a pleasure to have the opportunity to tell you about the job that is being done by our team. In this issue we give you an update on site progress, safety and the environment. As we enter the second phase of the project we are busy creating the next 10 cavities whilst ensuring that our environmental impact is kept to a minimum. We've also taken the time to chat to some of our suppliers and employees to get their feedback on the impact of our company on the local economy.

Please contact us if you have any suggestions for the next issue of the newsletter.

Regards

*Alan Leadbetter*

## Stublach Site Progress/Safety/Environmental

A lot has happened since our last newsletter. We have successfully commissioned our Solution Mining Facility and are now creating 10 cavities simultaneously the first of which will be ready in 3 years time.

The focus of our team has now moved to the second phase of work to create the next 9 caverns which will be ready for Solution Mining in 2011.

We have also been busy selecting our main contractor to design and construction manage the Gas Plant. In February, after an open competition and rigorous selection process we placed a multimillion pound contract with an engineering company based in Manchester. They are now developing the detail design which should be completed by the end of this year.

Safety and sustainable development is at the forefront of Storengy thinking and over the last 6 months we have had no lost time injuries or environmental incidents and we have planted a further 11,000 trees and shrubs bringing the total since we started to 37,000 on the Stublach Site.

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Technical Director

## Helping Local Business

Recently, I was fortunate enough to spend some time with some local companies that Storengy UK regularly uses for their products and services, taking the time to chat to them about the positive impact of the Stublach Gas Storage Project (SGSP) on their business.

Storengy UK is currently providing opportunities for many local businesses and local people that have suffered at the hands of the recession.

Here we interview a selection of companies that we work with, asking them how Storengy UK has affected their business. We will feature more companies in future newsletters.

*(Article by Rachel Jackson)*



Costain based in Manchester, were awarded the contract for works on phase 1 of the project.

Our relationship with Storengy UK has enabled us to demonstrate our commitment to the underground gas storage market in the UK. Our successful partnership with Storengy UK has developed the Stublach project into a showpiece site and has increased our business opportunities as well as our reputation in the underground gas storage market.

The main advantage of trading with Storengy is that it is a respected multi-national blue chip company. We have also found that Storengy's sophisticated business processes and systems have enabled rapid resolution of any difficulties arising throughout the project. As the Storengy UK headquarters is conveniently located close to our office we are able to meet on a regular basis.

Being involved in such a prestigious and successful project is a great way for Costain to promote its engineering, construction and project management capability to other blue chip companies.

The experience gained on the Stublach project has undoubtedly exposed Costain to other similar opportunities within the underground gas storage market. In addition, the partnership we have developed with Storengy UK has acted as an effective contracting model for these other potential projects.

We have appreciated working with Storengy UK on the first phase of their Under Ground Gas Storage project in Cheshire and look forward to developing our relationship with Storengy UK on future projects.



Caffé Arabica based in Northwich, is one of the caterers frequently used by Storengy UK since the company was established in 2007. They have a café based on Gadbrook Park, Northwich and provide buffet services through Arabica Buffets.

Storengy UK has provided us with an increase in business through meetings and clients being brought to us.

The main advantage of trading with Storengy UK is that it's a high profile client and has a strong recognised world wide name.

Storengy UK have helped us to promote our services, their staff are fantastic, very friendly and have always been forthcoming in recommending us to others.

Through catered client meetings we have picked up other accounts because of the service that we provide to Storengy UK.

It is always a pleasure to deal with such a great company. They are very focused on customer service and have always dealt with us in a very polite and professional way. We look forward to a continued relationship with Storengy UK in the future and can hopefully push forward with new catering solutions that would be mutually beneficial.



Jacobs Engineering based in South Manchester, has

been fortunate enough to have recently been awarded the contract for works on the Gas Plant for the SGSP.

Storengy UK has enabled Jacobs to secure a significant base load of work both guaranteeing the existing work force opportunities and providing a platform from which to access sustainable growth going forward.

As demand for gas storage in the UK increases, trading with Storengy UK provides Jacobs with good market penetration, thus allowing the company to further expand it's record in the development of Underground Gas Storage capabilities.



BB Design based in Northwich, a print and design agency, has been a service provider to Storengy UK since the company was established in 2007.

Owner Amanda Buckley has been invaluable in helping the company to communicate through various media and helps produce these newsletters!

Storengy UK has affected my business dramatically, if it wasn't for Storengy UK and my other regular clients, I'm not sure whether I would have made/ be making it through this recession.

Storengy UK share Jacobs passion for safety, which is highly commendable.

Through trading with Storengy UK, Jacobs is able to market itself to other potential developers in the UK and Ireland. It's hoped that by providing Storengy UK with predictable outcomes for the proposed capital investment, it will be a strong indicator to both Storengy UK and other interested parties that in partnering with Jacobs, they have selected a company focused on delivering true value.

Storengy's current and future investment in the UK provides opportunities in the domestic arena for many local suppliers in terms of both equipment and services. Storengy UK have exciting aspirations and clearly will reward those suppliers who deliver outstanding services. Storengy UK adopt a very open and transparent procurement system and is a highly ethical company to deal with.

Storengy UK is a very big company, and it is good to be apart of that.

Working with Storengy UK has helped me to promote my services—when I go out networking, I always mention Storengy UK, and that I do their Signs and newsletters, etc it has also helped me to gain additional business, from doing the first newsletter, I now do signage, NCR pads, leaflets, Stickers, cloth embroidery and much more.

Working for Storengy UK, I see as a privilege and pleasure. All of the people I have worked with are so nice and friendly, I hope to do business with Storengy UK for many years to come.



BAM Nuttall based in Northwich, is the civil engineering contractors for the SGSP.

They were awarded the contract of works in summer 2009.

Storengy had provided continuity of employment for our locally based workforce.

Being a locally based contractor, (Gadbrook Business Centre in Northwich) we were able to utilise local people with local knowledge.

The advantage of locally employed people is the reduced carbon footprint created through fewer

and shorter journeys. Wherever possible we used the local supply chain to provide services and materials.

Working with Storengy will help us to maintain our ability to demonstrate our capability of working in the gas supply sector.

Trading with Storengy UK will help us to gain additional business in the future as having a history of working for companies in the sector will improve our credentials.

We had developed a good working relationship with the Storengy site team and are looking forward to having the opportunity to deliver high quality civil engineering works on their sites.