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## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

### PLANTFORCE MIDLANDS:

#### HELPING THE BUTTERFLIES:

Grafton Wood is one of Butterfly Conservation's three Worcestershire woodland reserves. This 140-acre wood, most of which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), was acquired in 1997 thanks to grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Wychavon District Council, English Nature and private donations. The funds raised also helped the joint Worcestershire Wildlife Trust and Butterfly Conservation Reserve Management Committee begin habitat restoration work.

This is the only known breeding area in the region for the Brown Hairstreak butterfly and therefore conservation action for this elusive butterfly is a high priority.

Plantforce Midlands recently provided the Butterfly conservation and Worcestershire wildlife trust with a Yanmar Vi30.

"Butterfly conservation and Worcestershire wildlife trust would like to say a big thank you to Kieran Garvey at Plantforce, for donating an excavator and operator for work at Grafton wood SSSI. The work included cleaning ditches, levelling rides and extending the existing small pond which hopefully will increase our already increasing list of dragonfly species, as well as being a benefit to other aquatic species."



Plantforce Midlands helping in Grafton Woods, Worcestershire

#### MACHINE FOCUS: HYUNDAI HL770-7A WHEEL LOADER



Hyundai HL770-7A Wheel Loader

Plantforce have recently invested in a new Hyundai Wheel Loader. The HL770-7A exceeds tier three specifications and has a turbo-charged, air-cooled, electronically controlled diesel engine. As well as optimum productivity and power, the HL770-7A also has lower fuel consumption and emissions.

Another important feature is improved operator comfort including a wide windscreen with no framing offering increased visibility and defrosters on the front and rear windows.

For any further information about this product or to hire one and see for yourself please call us: 07000 606 606

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#### OCTOBER RAFFLE WINNERS:

October's winner of a pair of Timberland work boots was Matt Collier from P J Karey (Contractors) Ltd.

Phil Smith, from Tercon Ltd, was the winner of a crate of beer.

#### NOVEMBER RAFFLE PRIZE:



Case of wine.

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### STAFF PROFILE:



Name: Claire Trott

Position: Managing Director Location: Yatton

What were you doing before Plantforce? Worked for Molson Holdings and developed Molson Hire with a fleet size of 50 machines, which became Plantforce, an independent company in 1999.

What are your plans for Plantforce? To increase turnover and market share at Plantforce Rentals and Plantforce Midlands. Also to expand further geographically through development of new depots.

Describe yourself in 3 words: Positive, generous and ethical.

Who has been the biggest influence on your life? Family, The Molson Boys and David Rounce.

What do you feel has been your greatest achievement? Building the Team at Plantforce.

What are your hobbies? Horse riding, dog walking, cooking, reading, eating out and red wine!

What was your first job? Purchase ledger clerk on a YTS Scheme.

### ANDY'S MONTHLY MAINTENANCE TIP:



#### CARE AND HANDLING OF RUBBER TRACKS

Maintain correct tension on your tracks at all times. Reference your operating manual for correct tension. Correct tension on smaller rubber track machines is about 3/4" to 1". Correct tension on larger rubber track machines can be as much as 2".

Rubber tracks should have 2 - 3 inches of slack when properly fitted.

Check the undercarriage periodically for wear & tear.

Limit use on rocky or gravel terrain.

Avoid sharp or fast turns.

Prevent foreign objects from becoming lodged in your undercarriage.

Don't drive with rubber track against curbs, walls, or other hard surfaces.

Clean off oil or other similar products.

If you need to store your rubber tracks for longer than 1 month keep them out of the elements (direct sunlight, rain or snow!)

*Andy Kennard*



#### SUPPLIER FOCUS: PIRTEK

We at Pirtek nationwide, and in particular our Pirtek Bristol depot, have long had an excellent working relationship with Plantforce Rentals Ltd. As Europe's Number 1 provider of on-site hydraulic hose repairs we are well equipped to repair and maintain Plantforce's large fleet of machines.

Pirtek - well renowned for its emergency hydraulic hose replacement service to the Plant and Materials Handling industries has been appointed as an approved fitter and the only independent supplier of the new Datatag Security

System. Pirtek is a major provider for the fitting of the new system and our experienced technicians can fit the Datatag Security System to all types of construction equipment from the smallest skid steer loader to the largest excavator.

This unique Datatag system is approved by the Security and Registration Scheme (CESAR) and is endorsed by the Plant Theft Action Group and the Construction Equipment Association. Using Datatags proven electronic identification and secure database system is set to become industry standard.

This, along with our being the UK's leading provider of fluid transfer solutions, makes our operation the perfect solution for Plantforce when a machine is in need of repair or when security is an issue. With our 1-2-3 strategy we deliver First Aid to our customers with a service pledge of "Anytime. Anywhere. ETA one hour". Typically we will have a mobile service unit on site within one hour, the problem fixed within two, and an invoice can be provided within three. This unrivalled efficiency results in productivity, administration, time and cost savings for all parties.

Pirtek, already the undisputed market leader in the emergency on-site replacement market for industries including material handling, construction, agriculture, manufacturing, rail and marine, has a network of 90 Trade Centres with now 400 service vans on the road. Operating 24 hours a day 7 days a week, without exception. Staff are trained to the highest levels of competence and our stringent environmental, health and safety policy ensures every job is safely handled and spilled materials thoroughly cleaned and properly disposed of.

For more information on products and services please visit [www.pirtek.co.uk](http://www.pirtek.co.uk) or telephone 01179 820056.

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