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Welcome to RGS insite issue 5

Our regular newsletter celebrating a decade of drilling that keeps you up to date with RGS and industry news.

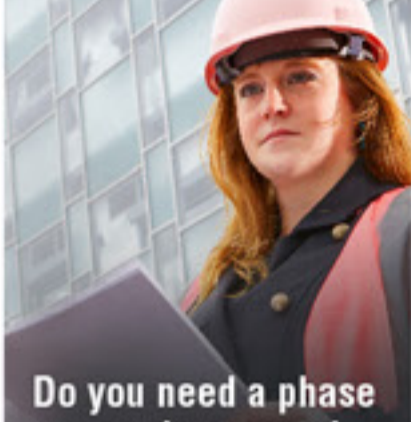
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Onwards and Upwards

Our MD Emma Lewis, Imran Sakoor and Nick Wilding went along to Eaton Smith Law Firm on June 4 to see RGS officially declared **Business of the Month** and to collect our award.



WINNER!



Do you need a phase one environmental desk study report?

RGS STANDARD

RGS PREMIUM

Contact us for more details and to discuss your options for this service.



We have now been entered for their Business of the Year award and this should be announced shortly - so fingers crossed for a great result.

Presenting the award, the judges paid tribute to RGS, highlighting our emergence from global recession as a more robust and resilient company; with a strong brand and established market share.

Kate Booth, from the judging panel, said,

“ They are an impressive business with a good history. It is apparent that they have adapted to the changing economy, faced tough decisions but have come through difficult times as well.

We were impressed with their accounts and that they have secured investment to give them a sure footing going forward. We also liked their quality achievements and contributions, both through work with students and through their employment figures.

The RGS achievement in scooping the award also received coverage in the Huddersfield Examiner.

[Click here](#) to read the web based article.

Audit Passed with Flying Colours

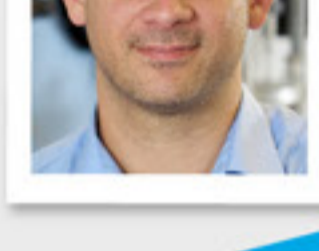
RGS was externally audited for the ISO 9001 (Quality Management System) and 14001 (Environmental Management System) and passed both with flying colours. This is a huge credit to the RGS team and means that we retain our accreditations for the next year. In the case of the 9001 system, this is for the 11th year running.

Client Feedback

We know that we are doing a great job at RGS but it's always lovely to hear it from our clients and independent third parties. Recent feedback has included confirmation of satisfaction from the client running the **Soakaway Tests at Eckington**; plus this note from **Sonic Drilling** as follows:

“ Just a short note to let you know I was very happy and satisfied with your company's handling on both the soil investigation for my client and the prompt turnaround on the contiguous pile wall design. As and when the need arises in future I will of course pass on all similar work.

CHAY'S FEEDBACK FILE



GREAT NEWS!

A very warm welcome to Dr. Gabriel

Earlier in June, we strengthened the RGS team by welcoming our new Principal Engineer, **Dr Gabriel Bobrowicz**.

Gabriel has a strong academic background in research and mentoring, as well as an excellent commercial grounding. His past posts included working for British Waterways, and REC, a large multi-disciplinary environmental consulting company and health and safety training consultants with offices throughout the UK.

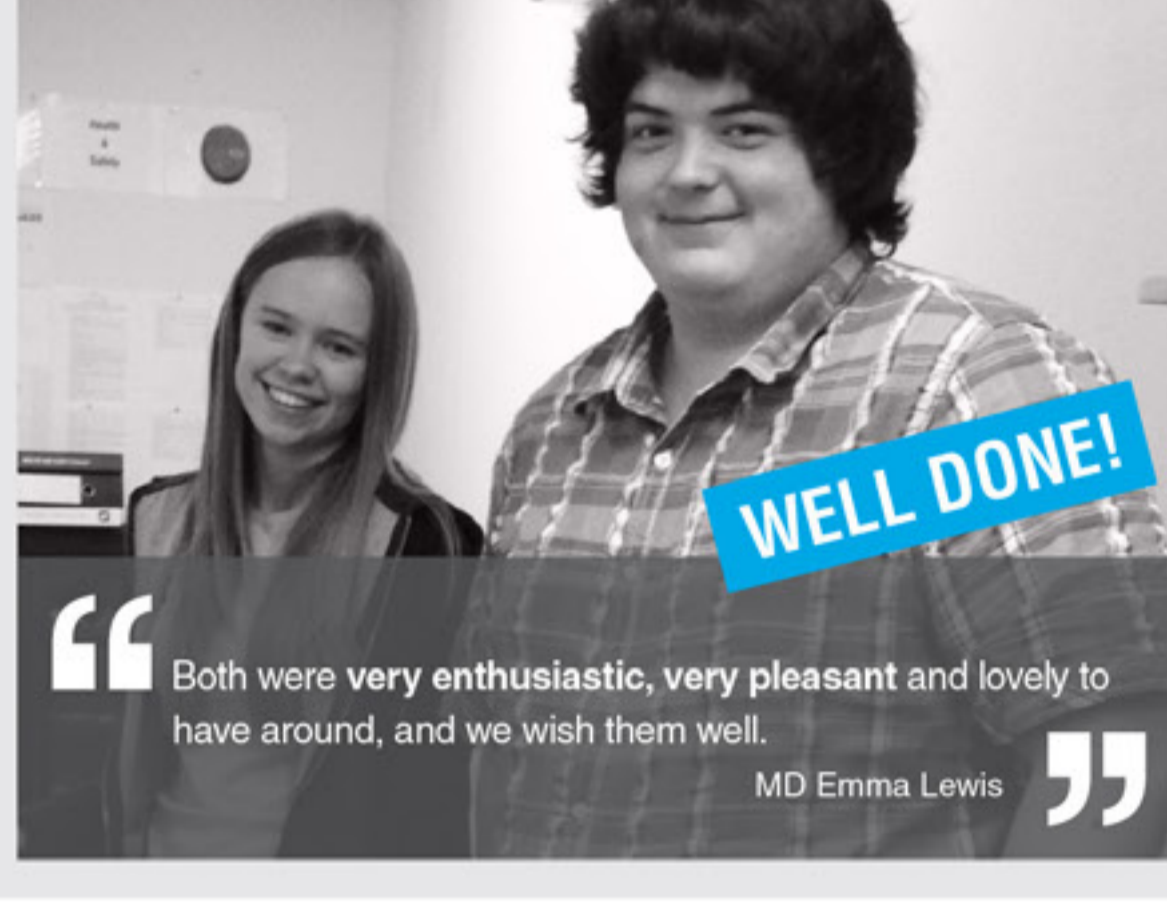


BUILDING FUTURES

Work experience

RGS has a strong and proven track record when it comes to offering work experience and it was great to welcome **Katie** and **Charlie** from Greenhead College on a week's work experience.

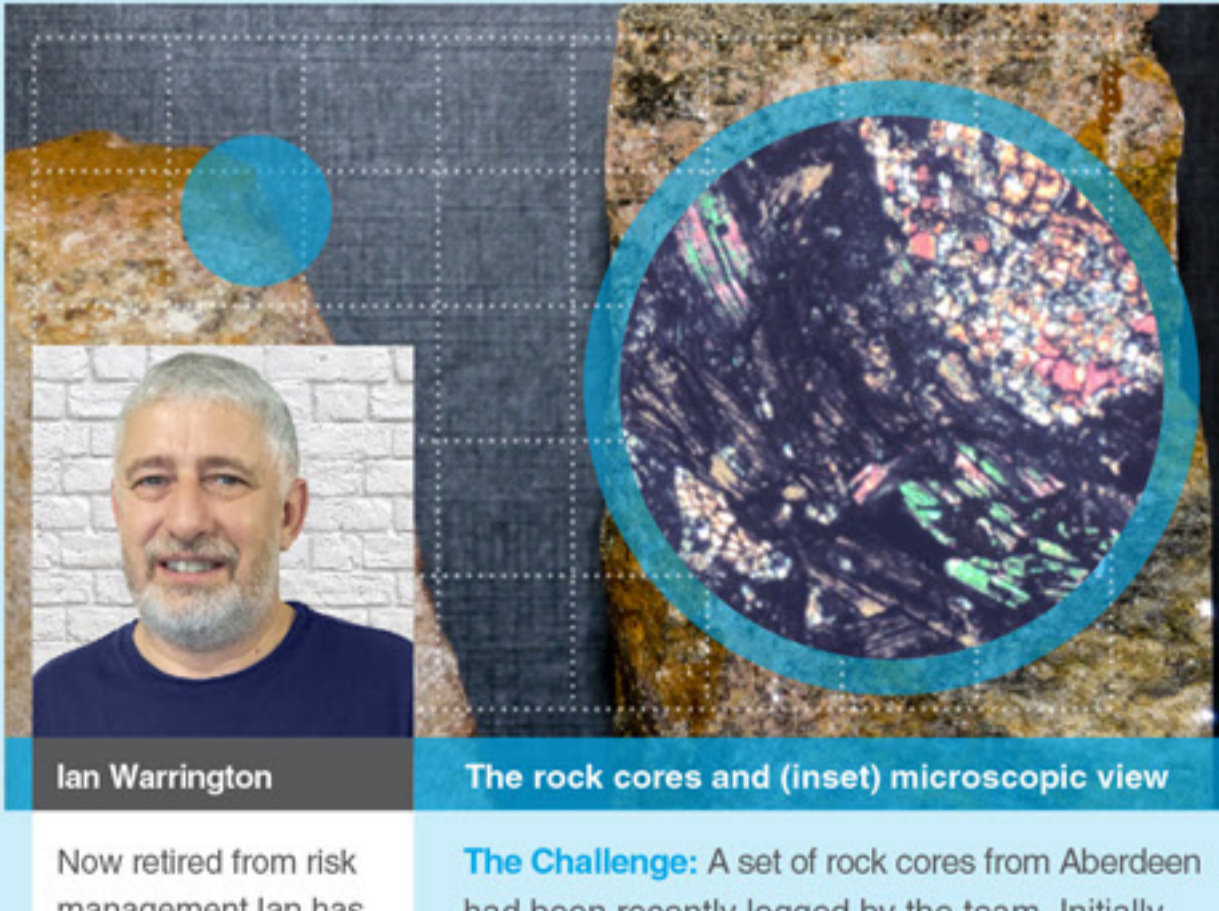
They pitched in and got involved with our **Phase 1 environmental desk studies**, lab testing, logging and generally helped out.



“ Both were very enthusiastic, very pleasant and lovely to have around, and we wish them well. MD Emma Lewis ”

RESEARCH / ANALYSIS

Rock Core Logging: Ian's on the case



Ian Warrington

The rock cores and (inset) microscopic view

Now retired from risk management Ian has a passion for geology.

He now works for RGS two days a week and has carried out some fascinating research:

The Challenge: A set of rock cores from Aberdeen had been recently logged by the team. Initially we were expecting these to be Granite - after all they were from Aberdeen. It was clear that the rock had been altered in some way however desk testing didn't produce anything significant on the nature of these rocks.

These were logged and tested in accordance with client instructions within the RGS laboratory. When the cores were logged it was suspected that the rock had undergone some alteration either by weathering i.e. through fractures in the rock or by metamorphism.

Some sections showed foliation similar to Gneiss with concentrations of Quartz and Biotite either as deformed banding or what appeared to be xenoliths.

Recreationally, one of our lab technicians produces his own rock thin sections for examination using a petrological microscope. The thin sections are produced in his shed, by hand, and provided an opportunity to look at these cores from a different perspective with the hope of providing additional information that was not apparent by visual inspection of the cores.

Methodology: The slides were viewed using a **Petrological microscope** which helped to identify the minerals and the rock type. In this case several photographs were taken and merged together.

Outcome: A separate note of the findings has been produced and will be sent to the client as a goodwill gesture. And just in case you are interested we still believe this to be a **Granitic Gneiss** - that is granite that had experienced metamorphism.

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