



## > great news!

### DENBY DALE

### COMMUNITY LIBRARY

# now open!

## Welcome to RGS insite issue 22

Our regular newsletter celebrating more than a decade of drilling, keeping you up to date with RGS and industry news.

Rogers Geotechnical Services Ltd are site investigation specialists offering ground investigation and geotechnical services to developers, builders, structural and consulting engineers, architects, insurance companies, local authorities, piling and foundation engineers, private individuals and other geotechnical consultants.

## Denby Dale Community Library

### GIVING SOMETHING BACK!

We pride ourselves at RGS for 'doing the right thing' and helping community groups whenever we can.

As a result, we were delighted to hear earlier this month that the Denby Dale Community Library (DDCL) is now operating from a new building after overcoming the threat of closure, due to local authority spending cuts.

RGS Managing Director **Emma Lewis** said,

As a local business, we were delighted to be able to support this worthwhile project. Community is very important to us.

We and our employees both live and work here, our children go to the local schools, so we all use the local facilities, such as the library. We were happy to get involved to ensure we help protect vital services to rural villages.

The library was actually a really straight forward job, apart from the site being live, requiring our drilling crews to be **extra aware** of pedestrians, library users and staff being present on the day, in order to manage their safety.

Our work was **essential** as always for the structural engineers to be able to design the **foundations**, and ultimately this became time pressured so that the community group could cost the building works!

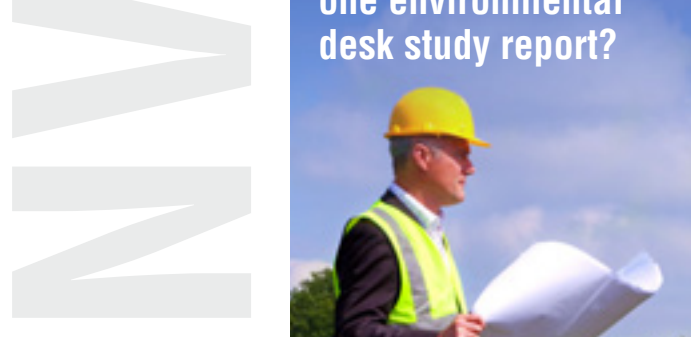
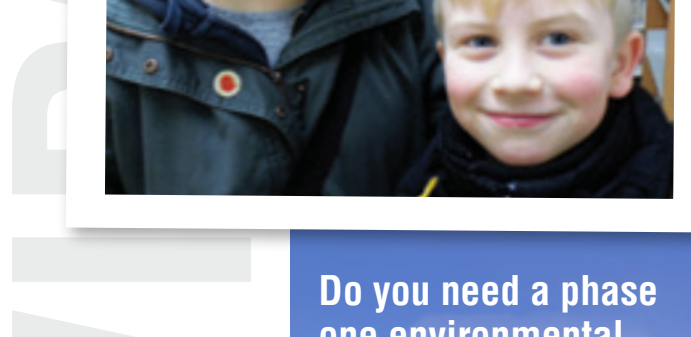
The works RGS undertook included a **phase one environmental desk study**, **phase two intrusive drilling** using one of our **windowless sampling** drilling rigs, chemical testing, geotechnical testing in our lab and interpretation by one of our engineers so that we could give foundation recommendations. Our info was used by the structural team as well as being essential in the planning process and submitted to the local authority.

DDCL Chairman **Peter Belsey** added,

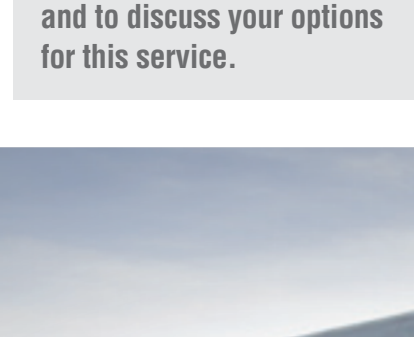
Our community library has now been open a month and the village is very happy to have us back. On our open day we had over 500 people visit us and, since then, we have continued to be busy. **Kirklees Library Services** has signed up a significant number of new library members and our **new cafe and gift shop**, both run by **Kirkwood Hospice**, are proving equally popular. It all bodes well for the future!

Opening our community library would not have been possible without the **generous support** given by many donor organisations and local businesses, including **RGS**.

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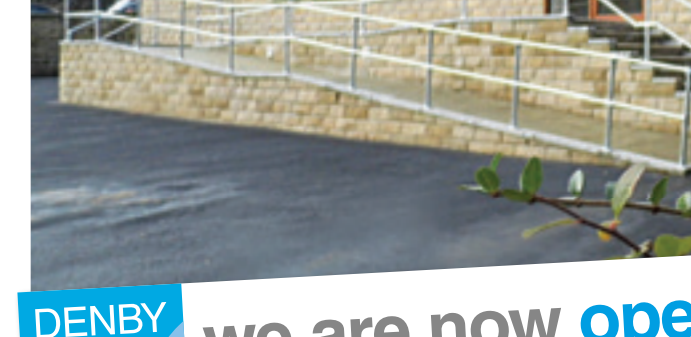
Do you need a phase one environmental desk study report?



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



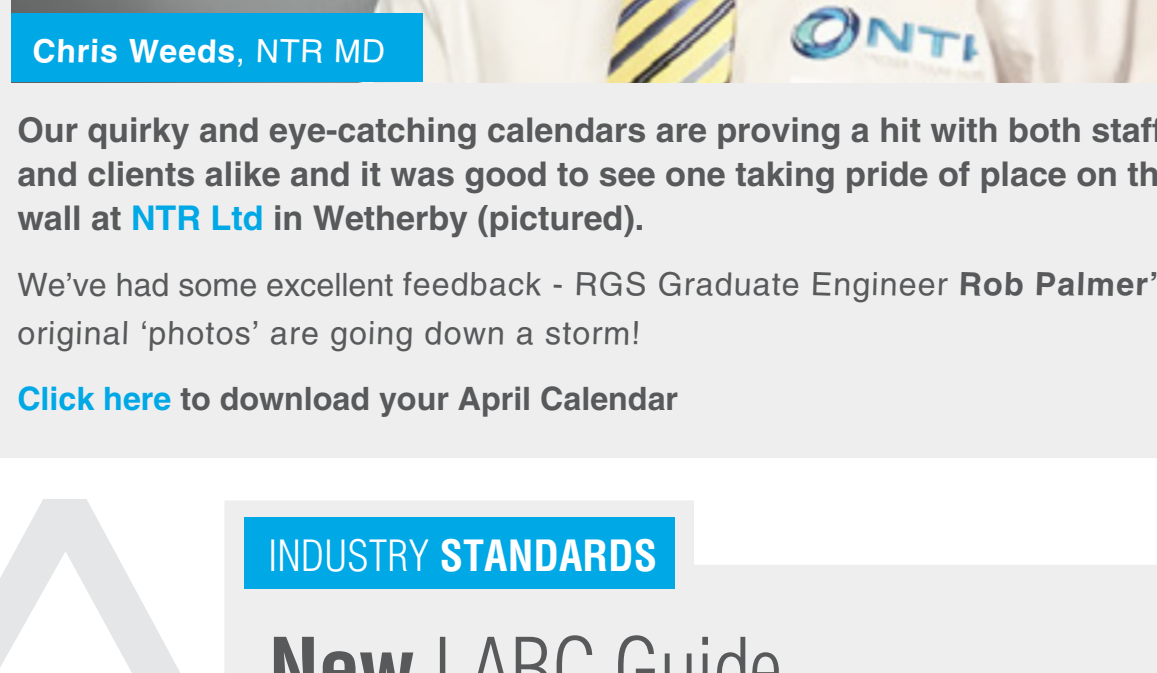
DENBY DALE COMMUNITY LIBRARY **we are now open!** Library, cafe & gift shop and community space.



Peter Belsey, DDCL Chair

### CLIENT FEEDBACK

## Big hit at NTR



Chris Weeds, NTR MD

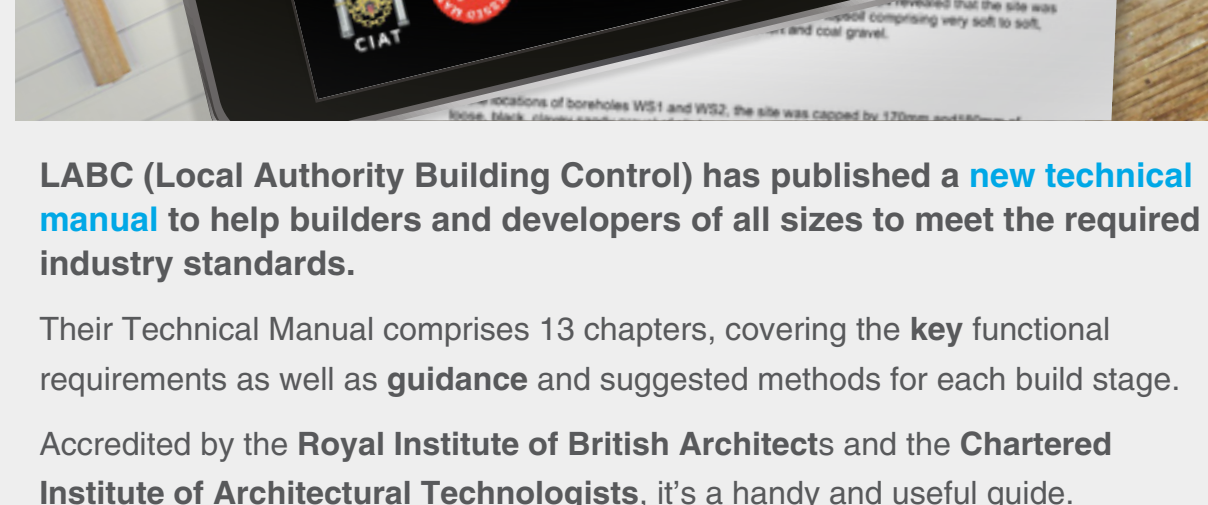
Our quirky and eye-catching calendars are proving a hit with both staff and clients alike and it was good to see one taking pride of place on the wall at **NTR Ltd** in Wetherby (pictured).

We've had some excellent feedback - RGS Graduate Engineer **Rob Palmer's** original 'photos' are going down a storm!

[Click here](#) to download your April Calendar

### INDUSTRY STANDARDS

## New LABC Guide



**LABC (Local Authority Building Control)** has published a **new technical manual** to help builders and developers of all sizes to meet the required industry standards.

Their Technical Manual comprises 13 chapters, covering the **key functional requirements** as well as **guidance** and suggested methods for each build stage.

Accredited by the **Royal Institute of British Architects** and the **Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists**, it's a handy and useful guide.

RGS will focus on various aspects in upcoming newsletters, to **detail the main changes** and to **download your free copy**, [simply click here](#).

### PARTNERSHIPS

## Working with Roger Bullivant Ltd



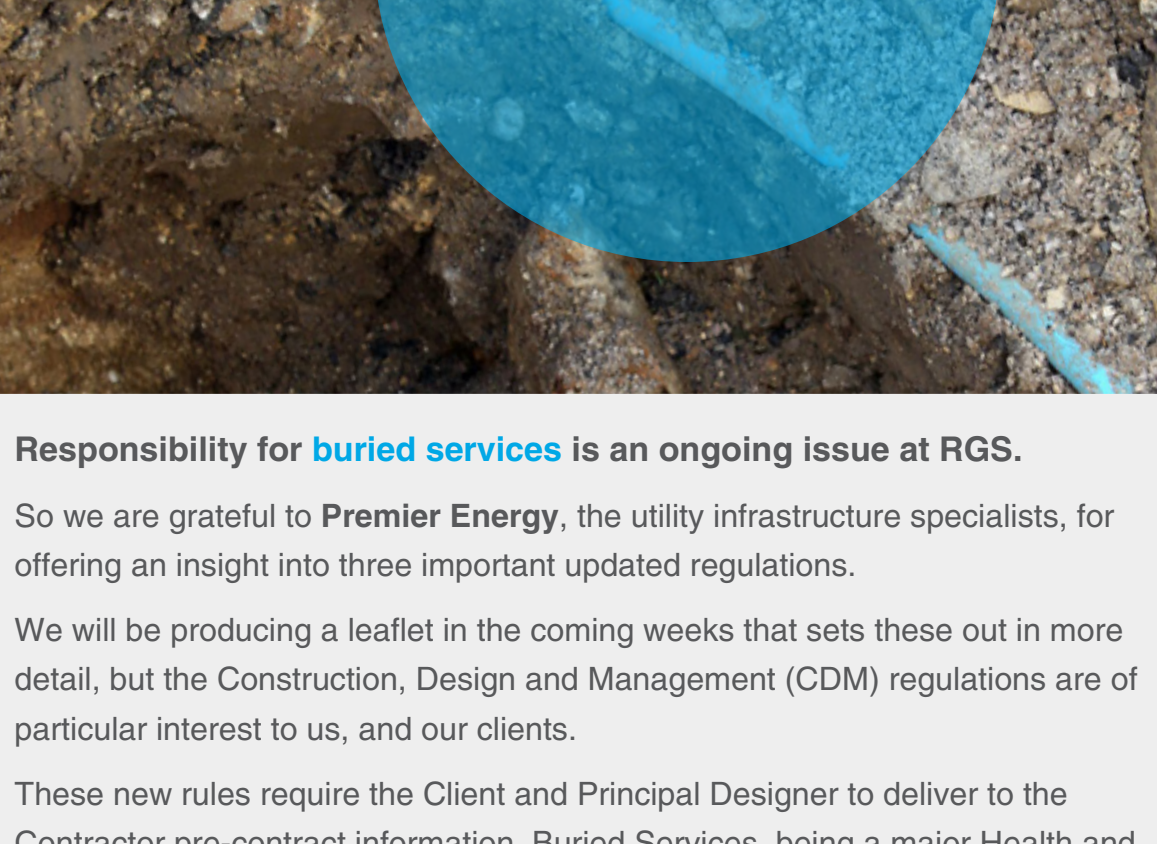
RGS Technical Director **Steve Rogers** ran a very successful CPD event earlier this month, focussing on **ground improvement**, as part of our ongoing relationship with **RBL**.

This day-long event resulted in excellent feedback. RGS looks forward to welcoming one of their female employees later this year, on a week's **secondment**, as well as two RBL engineers who will spend three months with us.

More details, nearer the time.

### INDUSTRY REGULATIONS

## Taking responsibility



Responsibility for **buried services** is an ongoing issue at RGS.

So we are grateful to **Premier Energy**, the utility infrastructure specialists, for offering an insight into three important updated regulations.

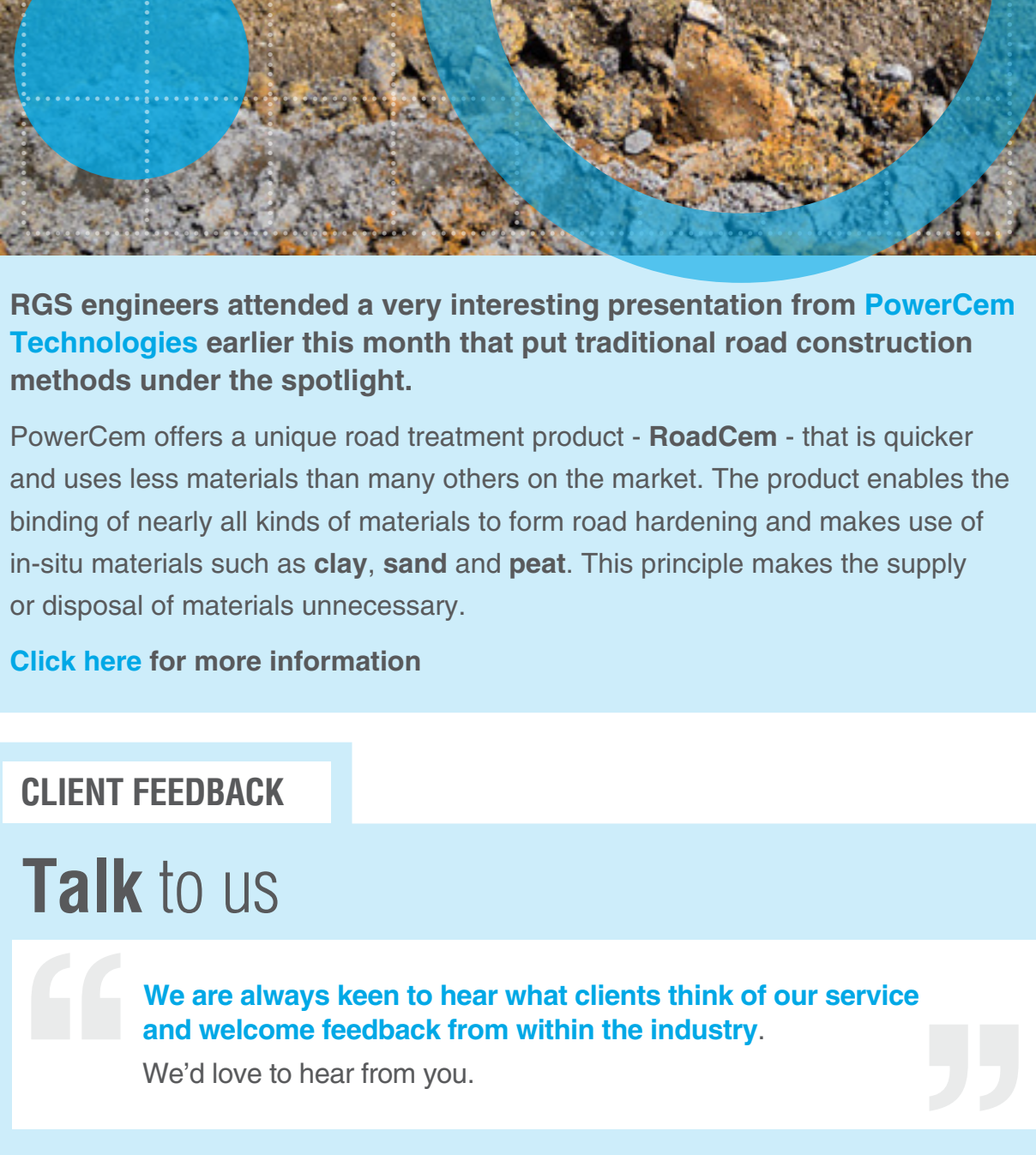
We will be producing a leaflet in the coming weeks that sets these out in more detail, but the Construction, Design and Management (CDM) regulations are of particular interest to us, and our clients.

These new rules require the Client and Principal Designer to deliver to the Contractor pre-contract information. Buried Services, being a major Health and Safety risk, are no longer the Contractor's responsibility to undertake proper utility discovery.

[Click here](#) for more information about these, including Health and Safety Guidance when dealing with underground utilities.

### CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## The right road



RGS engineers attended a very interesting presentation from **PowerCem Technologies** earlier this month that put traditional road construction methods under the spotlight.

PowerCem offers a unique road treatment product - **RoadCem** - that is quicker and uses less materials than many others on the market. The product enables the binding of nearly all kinds of materials to form road hardening and makes use of in-situ materials such as **clay, sand and peat**. This principle makes the supply or disposal of materials unnecessary.

[Click here](#) for more information

### CLIENT FEEDBACK

## Talk to us

We are always keen to hear what clients think of our service and welcome feedback from within the industry. We'd love to hear from you.

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