

> MOVE ON UP!



Harry Letch



Mike Cook

Putting people first

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Welcome to RGS insite issue 34

The inhouse electronic news bulletin that will keep you fully up-to-speed with all that's happening at RGS every month.

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.

People First

Here at RGS we rely on science, logic and latest technology but we also pride ourselves on putting our employees first!

From our origins as a family-run small business, we have always strived to invest in our workforce and to protect our 'people-focused' business ethics, despite our rapid expansion and growth.

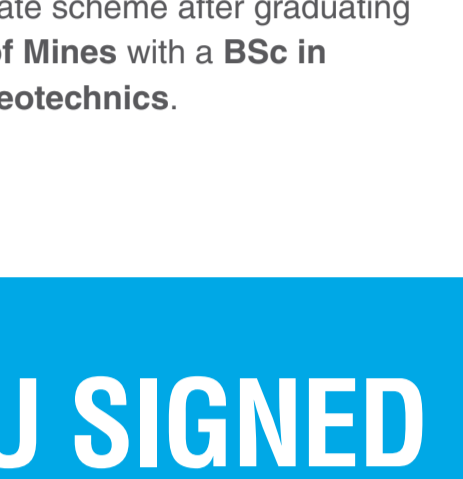
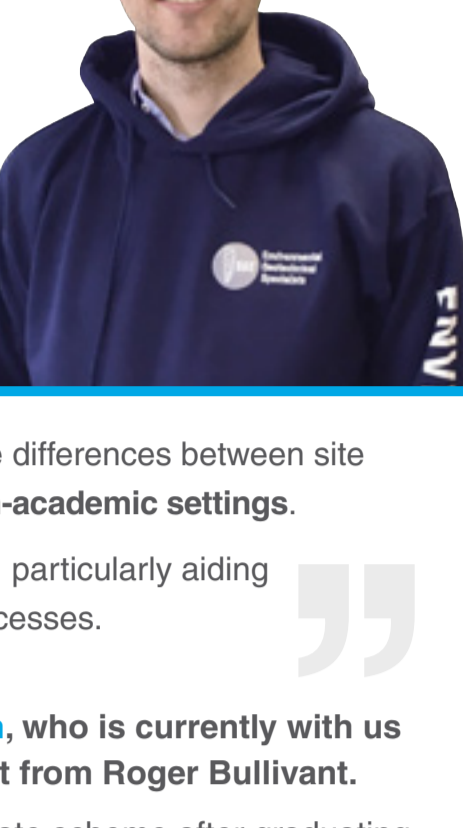
As testimony to this, we have been asked to contribute a feature to the publication, **GeoDrilling International** that showcases our work to recruit and retain the young engineers of the future.

This will focus on all strategy to offer work experience and opportunities to students of all ages, from GCSE studies to postgraduates and those working towards a PhD.

We will include a link the feature once it's published, but in the meantime we are delighted to welcome some new members to the team ...

Firstly, we introduced **Mike Cook** last time round, who has now joined us permanently. Following his appointment, Mike said:

“ One of the best things about RGS is their effective hands-on training. I was able to take on management of new jobs early on, gaining significant responsibility, whilst still having the reassurance of a senior engineer checking and validating my findings. In addition, RGS have also been very supportive of me completing my thesis.



I have gained a greater understanding of the differences between site investigation techniques in academic and non-academic settings.

Much of this will feed back into my research, particularly aiding my understanding of decision making processes.

Welcome also, to **Jon Farnworth**, who is currently with us on a three-month secondment from Roger Bullivant.

Jon is currently on RB's graduate scheme after graduating from the **Camborne School of Mines** with a BSc in Engineering Geology and Geotechnics.

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BUILDING FUTURES

Letch, Letch & Atterburg



As part of our family ethos, it's great that our reputation is sufficiently good to encourage our employees to recommend us to their relatives!

We already have the father-and-son teams of Chay and Steve Rogers and drillers, Keith and Jonny Wood, and now we've added Steve Letch's son, Harry, to our expanding team.

Harry, who has joined us as a Lab Technician, said:

“ Growing up around the company and having done holiday work during college and university, I was already familiar with a lot of staff. However, coming in after a period of absence it was reassuring to see the obvious growth and development that had gone on. It will be great to try and grow with the company as it blossoms.

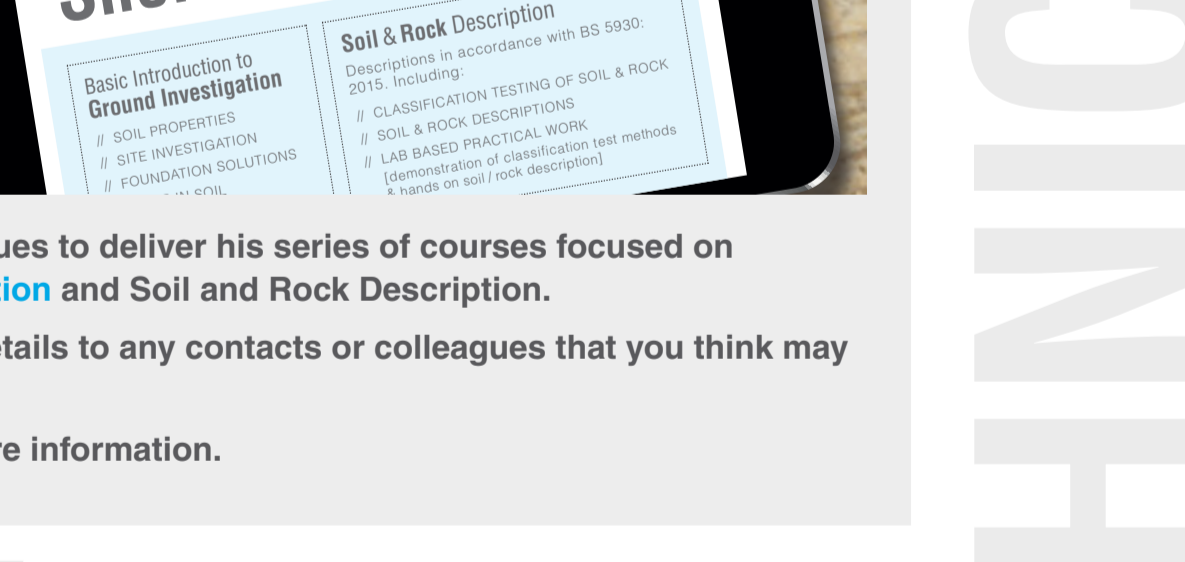
To help raise awareness of the laboratory's work, Harry has produced information to help create a fact sheet about one of the most common tests undertaken in the lab - **Index Properties**.

Otherwise known as **Atterberg limits**, these tests are used to determine two specific properties of a specimen of sampled soil, the **plastic limit** and **liquid limit**. Together both are used to calculate the **Plasticity Index (PI)** which is very important to establish the behaviour of a **cohesive** soil. These tests are used on clay soils that generally contain little or no sands and gravel.

Look out for the link to the fact sheet in next month's insite.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Never Standing Still



As part of our in-house training scheme, **Steve Rogers** is delivering a series of Thursday evening lectures in geotechnical engineering.

These will cover subjects as diverse as:

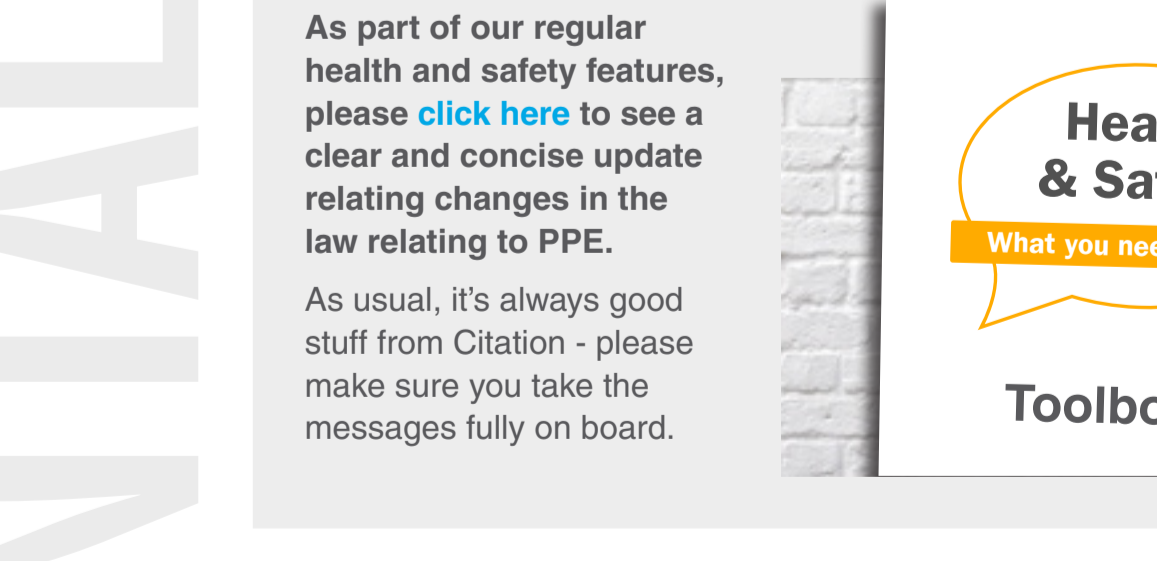
- // SOIL AND ROCK DESCRIPTION
- // LABORATORY TESTING
 - classification, shear strength and consolidation
- // BEARING CAPACITY
 - granular and cohesive soils
- // SETTLEMENT
 - immediate and consolidation
- // RETAINING WALL DESIGN
 - first principals
- // SLOPE STABILITY ANALYSIS

This series will continue with geology which will include some pure geology, geological mapping, rock slope stability, ripability, foundation design, etc.

We will then consider ground improvement techniques, which are one of our many specialisms; the geotechnical aspects of highway engineering, including quality control and finally a series on environmental engineering.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

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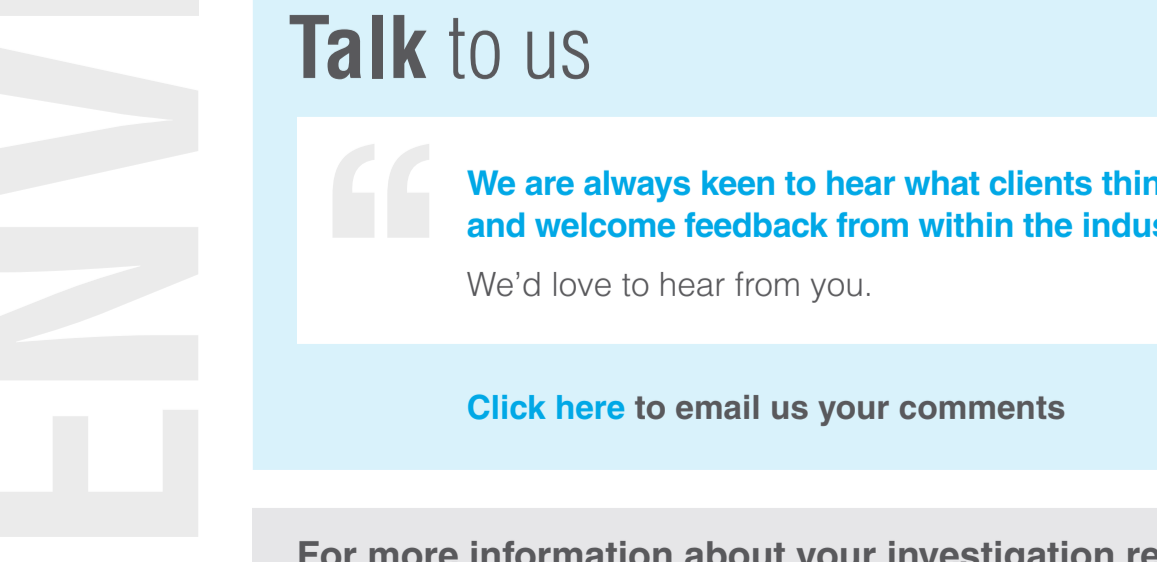
Steve also continues to deliver his series of courses focused on **Ground Investigation** and **Soil and Rock Description**.

Please forward details to any contacts or colleagues that you think may be interested.

Click here for more information.

CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

A Warm Glow



At the risk of blowing our own trumpet, we regularly get great feedback from our clients so it's nice to know that we are doing a consistently first-class job.

Steve Letch received the following the other day, relating to a job in Wetherby:

“ Whilst looking into solar panels I met one of your other customers who spoke highly of your company's work.

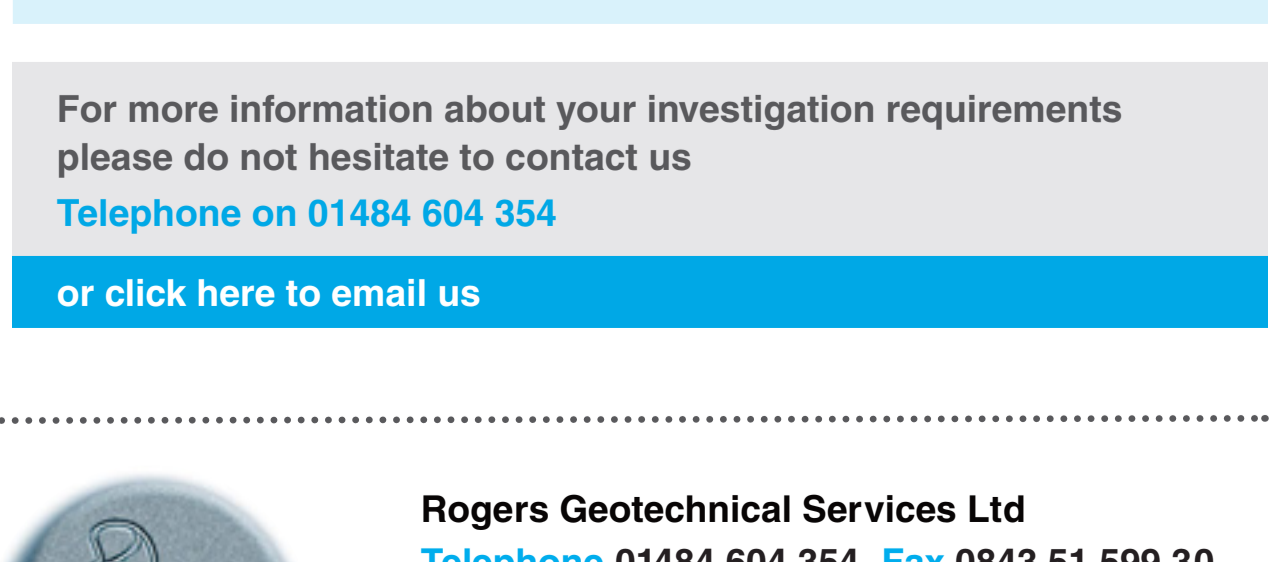
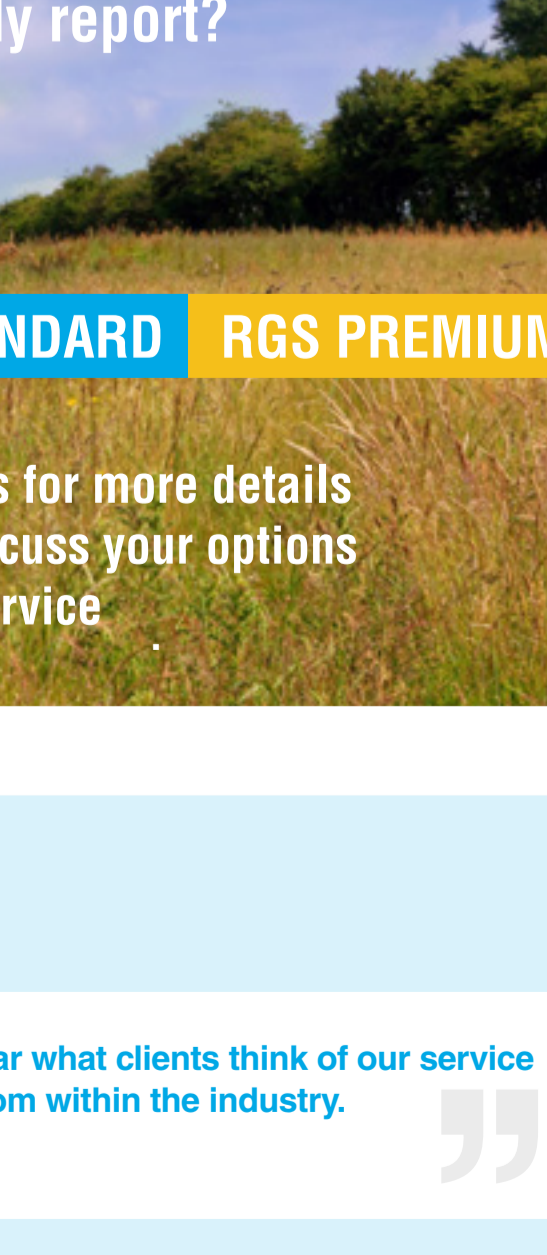
It's nice to have two people recommend you!

HEALTH & SAFETY

PPE Regulation Changes

As part of our regular health and safety features, please click here to see a clear and concise update relating changes in the law relating to PPE.

As usual, it's always good stuff from Citation - please make sure you take the messages fully on board.



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