



A1 Group November 2023 Newsletter

November

We are halfway through Movember! Thank you to everyone who has donated so far and contributed by shaving their moustaches! We have had some great photos come through of the initial shave! Look out at the end of the month for the results...

On 30th November, all depots will be having a final fundraising day, so be sure to donate to support men's health; there will be cake sales, quizzes... so let's all come together and donate what we can. A1 Group will double the total amount each depot donates.

Movember is an annual campaign that takes place in November, focusing on raising awareness and funds for men's health issues, particularly prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health, and suicide prevention. It involves men growing moustaches during the month to spark conversations and drive attention to these critical health concerns, encouraging men to prioritize their well-being and seek necessary medical support.



100km Jurassic Coast Ultra for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity

We are proud to unite across all divisions in support of George Breadmore's GoFundMe initiative. With a collective commitment, we're donating £2500 towards the 100km Jurassic Coast Ultra for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity. Our contribution aims to aid not just Albert but

numerous other children under their care. If you'd like to donate, visit George Breadmore's Go Fund Me page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/george-breadmore3>



Honouring Milestones: A New Tradition in Celebrating Work Anniversaries



In a bid to recognise and honour the dedication and commitment to our colleagues, A1 Group is proud to announce the beginning of celebrating work anniversaries starting from January 2024.

We acknowledge that in the hustle and bustle of our everyday responsibilities, the recognition of these important landmarks might have inadvertently slipped by. For that, we extend our heartfelt apologies.

However, we are committed to rectifying this and ushering in a new era of celebration and appreciation. Henceforth, we will mark the milestone work anniversaries of 5, 10, 15, and 20 years with the utmost joy and gratitude.

Each passing year contributes not only to the growth of the company but also to the personal and professional development of every team member. The dedication, perseverance, and unwavering commitment exhibited during these significant milestones deserve recognition and celebration.

With this renewed commitment, starting from 2024, we aim to celebrate these work anniversaries with personalized messages, small tokens of appreciation, and heartfelt gestures to express our gratitude for the invaluable contributions of each individual to our shared journey.

As we embark on this new tradition, we emphasize that our oversight in the past does not diminish the value we place on each team member's dedication. Rather, we aspire to start afresh, ensuring that every milestone is celebrated with the enthusiasm and gratitude it deserves. A big congratulations to Emma Bevan for 15 years' service and Emma Chappel for 10 years' service...More to come!

Mental Health First Aiders Needed!

Champion mental well-being at work! A1 Group are seeking more Mental Health First Aiders to make a real impact. Join Chloe Morgan in supporting your colleagues and creating a healthier, happier workplace. Your empathy can make all the difference. Let's loose the stigma on Mental Health once and for all.

Email or Text Chloe for more information: 07467 086332.



A1 Loo Hire

Summer Event Season

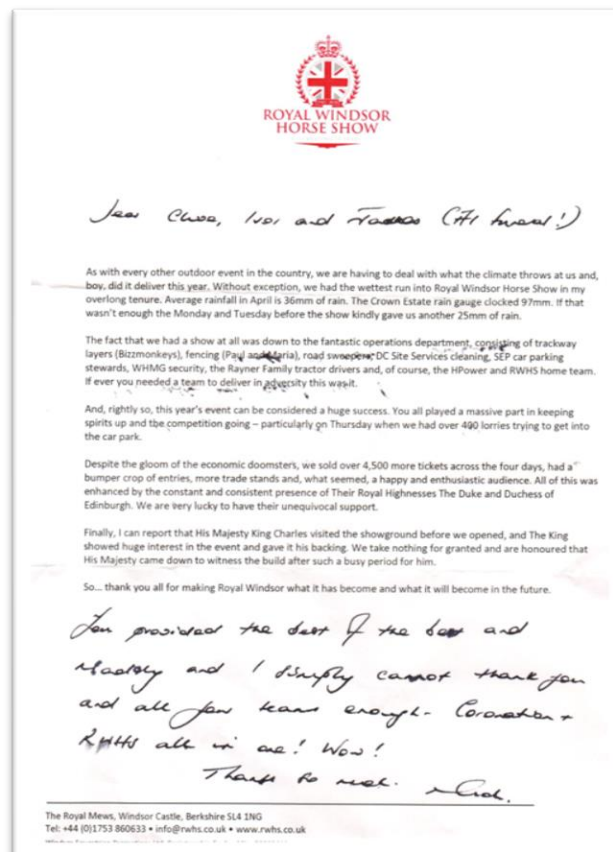
What truly stands out about A1 Loo Hire and A1 Wet Waste's achievements this summer is their ability to balance their commitments to festivals with their ongoing daily workload on construction sites. While the festival season is undoubtedly the most demanding time for these companies, they continued to provide essential services to construction sites across the UK.

This balancing act was no small feat, as it required meticulous planning, a dedicated workforce, and a commitment to delivering on promises. Their ability to seamlessly transition from festival mode to construction mode and back again showcased their versatility and professionalism.

A1 Loo Hire and A1 Wet Waste can look back on a season filled with remarkable accomplishments. Their contributions to the success of these events have not gone unnoticed. Their dedication to excellence, is a testament to their commitment to their clients and the broader community.

"You provided the best of the best and Maddy and I simply cannot thank you and all your team enough. Coronation and The Royal Windsor Horse Show, all in one! Wow!"

Madeleine & Nick – H Power, May 2023 - (picture of official letter)



Ogmore River Clean

A1 Loo Hire donated 5 portaloos and 3 sinks for the volunteers to use when conducting the river clean in Ogmore, where there were 2,000 tyres, and 250 shopping trolleys removed from the river in South Wales during the major clean up operation.

'after such a successful river clean, I can't tell you how much I was impressed by the timing of your delivery driver for drop off and collection, the quality of the toilets and the fantastic sink units which were a game changer! I want to pass on my thanks to A1 for supporting the river clean'



Spencer's Retreat

A1 Group works closely with charities all throughout the year, whether its fundraising within the depots or providing free of charge hires to charitable events.

Spencer's Retreat is a 6 acre farm with pigs, goats, sheep, horses and an alpaca. They have a natural play area and nest swing, Wendy houses, sandpit water wall, fairy garden and stable block with books, games, Lego and small sensory soft play space. This retreat was formed to help families with children of special needs have a safe place to relax, play and unwind. We are grateful to be a small part of why this retreat is able to run, by providing free of charge portable toilets.



Lighthouse Charity Event – Upcoming, ask Dean if we have donated anything.

We are attending the annual Lighthouse Charity Event Lunch on 1st December.

The Lighthouse Construction Industry Charity is the only charity that provides emotional, physical, and financial wellbeing support to the construction community and their families. A crucial element of their strategy is to provide a wide range of free and widely available pro-active resources to support the industry.



Sleepout Centre Point

At A1 Wet Waste, we're delighted to contribute £500 to the Sleep Out for Centrepont, a charity dedicated to supporting homeless youth across the UK. Centrepont provides shelter, support, and essential resources to help young people break the cycle of homelessness, empowering them to build a brighter future. Donate here: <https://sleepout.centrepont.org.uk/fundraising/lomond-sleep-out>

A1 Metal Recycling & Car Spares

British Metal Recycling Networking Event

We were honoured to attend the British Metal Recycling Association on 17th November, the BMRA is the trade association representing the £7 billion UK Metal Recycling Sector – as A1 Metal Recycling, we are proud to be a part of a globally competitive industry supplying environmentally-friendly raw materials to metals manufacturers around the world.



New vehicles within their fleet

The addition of the two Renault Trucks marks a pivotal moment for A1 Wokingham Car Spares, as we prepare to handle increased business demands efficiently. This strategic investment includes a two-truck order, each meticulously equipped with an impressive suite of features tailored to elevate our operations. The incorporation of Belle Trailers' 8-Car Transporter, coupled with the precision of the SM UK Camera System, ensures streamlined transportation with heightened safety measures. The Night & Day Cab configuration, accompanied by Air Horns and Alcoa Aluminium Wheels, guarantees both comfort and performance during day-to-day operations. Inside, the Luxury Driver Seat, boasting heating and ventilation, provides our drivers with unparalleled comfort on the road. With additional amenities like the Refrigerator and RoadPad +, these trucks epitomize our commitment to both efficiency and driver well-being, empowering us to navigate our burgeoning business landscape seamlessly.



Banger Racing

Numerous employees enthusiastically participate in Banger racing, and our company actively encourages and supports their involvement. This backing extends to enabling our staff to source their vehicles and components from our scrap yard. Banger racing is a cherished tradition deeply embedded in the A1 Group's ethos, shaping our culture for decades, originating with Terry Coke back in the 1980s. It's a legacy that resonates strongly within our company. From the earliest bangers emerging from the A1 scrap yard, this passion endures, now carried forward by Terry's son-in-law and grandson, proudly upholding A1's legacy within the vibrant banger racing community.

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We would like to thank the Banger racing as many of our customers are generated through word of mouth during these races and we continuously welcome the community to our yard to fix up their cars and provide parts for them.

New Inventory



We've embarked on an ambitious project within our Car Spares department, aimed at revolutionizing our inventory management. To achieve this, we're implementing an advanced inventory system, powered by Eladene Systems. Each car part will be assigned a unique bar code. This end-to-end traceability will span the entire life cycle of each part, from its arrival in the yard to its delivery to our valued customers. The benefits are far-reaching.

With a new inventory system comes a new storage unit in the yard and have installed a mezzanine level and new racking throughout. We have already begun adding our stock such as front ends and bumpers and barcoding each section of storage to specific zones. This innovative approach allows our reception team to swiftly check the system and see if we have the parts our customer are looking for.

A1 Transport

Porthcawl Truck Fest

With their unwavering commitment to excellence, A1 Transport and A1 Wet Waste have gained a reputation that's nothing short of impressive. From local communities to large industrial sites, A1 Wet Waste and Transport has been a go-to name for efficient, and responsive waste management and transportation.

Being a part of The Welsh Truck Show was a moment of pride for us! The team was thrilled to showcase their trucks. The show turned out to be a hub of excitement and learning, with attendees showing immense interest in the divisions offerings.



Canal Project

A1 Transport has been heavily involved in the development of Cardiff's new canal quarter, the project involves the exposure of the old dock feeder canal, which has been covered up for more than 70 years!

The project started in early February and will see the canal opened and turned into a green public space and is expected to create a new water habitat.

