

Community matters

**A community newsletter from Heidelberg Materials
Padeswood Cement – Winter 2023**

Welcome...

The past year has seen our Padeswood site go from strength to strength as we have capitalised on previous investments. For example, thanks to the completion of our bypass project we have been able to push on with reducing the use of fossil fuels and increasing alternative ones, helping us cut CO₂ emissions significantly.

Along with our sister plants at Ribblesdale and Ketton, we are leading the way in reducing CO₂ emissions from cement manufacture in the UK. The next step to us reaching net zero is the installation of a carbon capture and storage plant at Padeswood, which would capture the CO₂ produced before it enters the atmosphere and store it safely under the seabed in Liverpool Bay as part of the HyNet North West project.

We have combined our successes in the reduction of our carbon footprint with improving our environmental performance with respect to noise and fugitive dust.

Minimising the impact of our operations on our neighbours is a key focus for us and we work with the Padeswood Liaison Committee and Natural Resources Wales to make sure we target the right areas. We have successfully partnered with expert consultants to identify items of plant for improvement and will carry on with this work throughout 2024.

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CCS facility progressing

Plans are progressing for the development of a carbon capture and storage (CCS) facility at our Padeswood works.

Earlier in 2023, we held our non-statutory consultation where we presented our plans at public events and online, and invited feedback. There will be further opportunities to feedback on our proposed development next year when we will be engaging in a period of statutory consultation.

We will share details of this with the local community in due course but, in the meantime, more information about the project can be found at padeswoodccs.co.uk

Rebrand reflects the company we are today

On 02 October 2023 we rebranded to Heidelberg Materials. As well as aligning with our parent company, our new name better reflects the company we are today.

We're focused on driving down carbon emissions, increasing the use of recycled materials to grow the circular economy and leading our industry towards net zero with innovative projects such as our carbon capture and storage at Padeswood (see story on this page).

Some of the new Heidelberg Materials' signage at Padeswood is already in place and we have started to change the livery on our cement tankers and other vehicles. Our email and website details have also changed (see box below).



Padeswood Works Manager David Quick shows off the new branding

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We are pleased to continue our support for local community groups and good causes. We will be helping Buckley Warm Hub again this winter and continue our partnership with a local primary school to assist with their breakfast club. We have also donated building materials for footpaths and allotments and helped with the Chatterboxes Community Support Group's plan for a Christmas party.

It's also an exciting time for us as we have rebranded from Hanson UK to Heidelberg Materials to align with our parent company. Only our name and branding have changed – we will still make sure we run our operations to the highest standards and continue to be a good neighbour.

The move demonstrates that we are part of a global business and reflects our commitment to reaching net zero carbon emissions and growing the circular economy. This means maximising the use of recycled materials to create lower carbon building products and being part of the solution to the challenges of climate change.

As always, I wish you all the best for the festive season and for next year.

David Quick
Works Manager



Proud of their awards, left to right, Riley Spiller, Jude Brown and Lucy Hughes

Leader's works insight

Before relinquishing her role as Leader of Flintshire County Council, Councillor Mared Eastwood went on a fact-finding tour of Padeswood works to get an insight into what the HyNet carbon capture and storage project will mean for the future of the site.

Councillor Eastwood and her husband and Consort Tim, also visited the control room, raw mill and kiln. Works Manager David Quick provided an overview of the carbon capture project. Their guides were David Quick and Cefn Mawr Quarry Manager Jason Parry.



Cefn Mawr Quarry Manager Jason Parry, left, with Councillor Mared Eastwood and her husband Tim



Forest school is tree-mendous

Pupils from three local secondary schools are benefiting from a forest school education using woodland at Padeswood works Eco Centre.

Pupils from Ysgol Treffynon, Richard Gwyn and the Referral Unit learn new skills including tree identification, safe and responsible knife and saw use, fire lighting, den building and cooking on an open fire.

Eco Centre Co-Ordinator Derek Hayes, who is also a level three forest schools' leader, said: "Pupils get involved in environmental skills such as growing plants, tree planting, path maintenance and habitat protection and creation, as well as being able to contribute to the process of creating compost from waste as we have built and are using a compost loo in the woods."

This year has also seen the introduction of an accredited award marking a pupil's involvement in environmental tasks at the Eco Centre. The John Muir Trust Environmental Award Scheme is divided into three categories – discover, explore and conserve.

Chuting stars boost charity

A group of Padeswood employees took to the skies to complete a charity skydive for a children's charity.

The group raised £5,700, which included a £500 donation from the Heidelberg Materials Charity Match Fund, for Action for Children, which protects and supports the lives of vulnerable children and young people across the UK.

The Heidelberg Materials employees taking part in the tandem jump at Tilstock Skydive Centre, near Whitchurch, Shropshire were Maintenance Administrator Jo Hodson, Reliability Technician Anna Jackson, Shift Analyst Tom Hill and Driver Geoff Harriman. They were joined by Action for Children's Nikki Booth and her friend Jackie Burnham as well as Jo's daughter Katie Aston.



The skydivers, back row, left to right, Tom Hill and Geoff Harriman. Front row, Katie Aston, Jo Hodson, Anna Jackson, Nikki Booth and Jackie Burnham

Careers opportunities

Looking for a graduate internship or an apprenticeship with us in 2024?

Applications are now open for graduate internships for summer 2024 and 2025, with the opportunity of being fast tracked on to our graduate programme in September 2024.

We are looking for apprentices to start in September 2024. Applications for our higher apprenticeships open from 17 November 2023 and applications for mechanical engineering apprentices will open in the new year.

Know someone who might be interested? Point them to **www.careers.**

heidelbergmaterials.co.uk for more information, or get them to scan the QR code below and add to their favourites.



Donation is a tasty treat



Looking forward to their breakfast, pupils Abbie Shone, Isabelle Williams and Finley Hughes, pictured with breakfast club Teaching Assistant Helen Maquire and Head Teacher Sarah Jones

A donation of £1,000 made to Westwood Primary School, Buckley, is helping children start the day on the right foot.

The funds are being used to support the school's breakfast club, which provides before school care and breakfast for 35 children.

Breakfast costs around £2.50 and the school asks for donations from parents. Cereals are donated, but milk, bread for toast, butter and jam are purchased.

Padeswood works has also donated to:

- Flintshire Cricket Club's charity dinner
- Buckley Warm Hub
- Buckley Cricket Club
- Gwernymynydd County Primary School
- Highfield Gardening Association
- Chatterboxes Community Support Group (right)
- Forest Estate, Buckley.



Heidelberg Materials has donated £250

to Chatterboxes Community Support Group, which provides a friendly hub for people to meet. Padeswood Works Manager David Quick visited the club at quiz time and is pictured with members Ron Kaiser and Liz Watts and Treasurer Rob Trotter.

Grateful gardeners



Padeswood Works Manager David Quick oversees delivery of the cement to Highfield Garden Association's Dennis Davis and Peter Griffin

A donation of 68 bags of cement from Padeswood works is helping to improve access to the new garden shop at Blaenallt allotments.

Gardeners at the allotments are upgrading facilities at the site. As part of the work, Highfield Gardening Association, which helps run the allotments, is seeking to improve access for wheelchair users.

The donated cement is being used to create a path from the entrance to the allotments to the not-for-profit shop, which sells produce to residents at greatly reduced prices and recycles out-of-date plants from supermarkets.