



# SUTTLE STANDARD

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The Trevor Chadwick statue in situ

## A Plinth Fit for a Local Hero!

In the last newsletter we showed you the Purbeck stone plinth crafted using stone from our California Quarry in Swanage that would be used for the upcoming Trevor Chadwick Memorial Statue.

Well, on the 29th August 2022 a few representatives from Suttles, including Chairman Chris Suttle and Director Matt Suttle along with their families attended the unveiling and dedication of the Trevor Chadwick Memorial Statue.

It was a very moving service, with many important attendees and speakers, including the town Mayor, the Lord Lieutenant of Dorset and a trustee of the Association of Jewish Refugees, Danny Kalman.



A close up of the plinth and the engraving

The statue was unveiled by Trevor Chadwick's grandson, with the dedication of the statue performed by Reverend Tony Higgins and Rabbi Maurice Michaels.

Trevor Chadwick was a Latin teacher at the Forres School on Northbrook Road, owned by his parents and also a member of the Swanage Lifeboat Crew.

In early 1939 he became one of a handful of mainly British volunteers seeking to organise the rescue of children in Prague most threatened by the impending German occupation. The majority were Jewish but others were sons or daughters of Czech and Slovak anti-Nazis. They were ultimately responsible for the rescue of 669 children from Prague both before and after the occupation by German forces on the 15th March that year.

The bronze statue was created by a well known local sculptor, Moira Purver, who has exhibited in many galleries across the south as well as many outdoor exhibitions.

*"Moira Purver's understanding of the human form is clearly more than skin deep and explores the complex relationship between anatomy and art"*





The unveiling and dedication ceremony

The plinth was crafted by stone mason Geoff Twigg, with the lettering done by Matt Suttle. It was then constructed by local ground workers DWG Smith, and fixed by Paul Treasure stone fixing mason.

If you wish to see the statue in person, you will find it situated on the recreation ground by Santa Fe. Fittingly overlooking the playground, also refurbished in his memory, as well as Swanage Bay and the Lifeboat Station.

“On behalf of my fellow trustees, we would like to thank you for all your assistance with all the preparation for the installation and design for the plinth of Trevor’s statue. It certainly involved a tremendous amount of skilful organisation and we are truly grateful to you for your support.

For many years to come we will be able to enjoy our new landmark in the town.”

- John Corben – Chairman of the Trevor Chadwick Memorial Trust

## New Arrivals

Courtney Jacob and his partner welcomed baby Betsy into the world at the beginning of August.

Hugest congratulations to them both!



Courtney & Betsy

It turned out to be a busy August with Suttle Projects' Project Manager Ricardo and his partner Vera also welcoming twin girls Laura & Clara. Born in their home country of Portugal, we're looking

Forward to meeting them when they come back to the UK.



Twin girls, Laura & Clara

## New 50t Komatsu!

Our new Komatsu 50 tonne excavator arrived at Dawkins Road on 12th August, making a very exciting addition to the Suttle Projects fleet.

Within a week it had been deployed to its first project, working with Balfour Beatty on HS2.



The new Komatsu towering above the other plant at Dawkins Road

The HS2 contract was awarded back in January. With Duddeston Mill the first of nine individual sites, all based around Birmingham city centre. The contract is to construct a range of temporary and permanent sheet pile walls and cofferdams.

Suttle Piling were chosen because of our extensive knowledge and experience working in the rail sector. We look forward to keeping you updated with this site and the rest of our work on HS2 and each of the other sites as the project progresses.



On site at Duddeston Mill, operated by Aiden Edwards





## A New Find at California

On Friday 2nd September, Mark Cockwell discovered some new footprints at California Quarry.

Situated near Durlston Country Park, this isn't the first time we've discovered dinosaur footprints here. In fact, over the years we've found quite a few!

These ones were found in a bed of 'new vein' Purbeck stone, and are most likely from an iguanodon.



The three dinosaur footprints

## The Big Night Out with Suttles is back!

On Thursday 15th September, Suttles hosted the first 'Big Night Out' event since the Covid19 pandemic.

Although Suttles made a tremendous effort to hold the event online throughout the pandemic, there were many people that really missed the face to face interaction and couldn't wait to get back on the dance floor!



A full dance floor for 'The Big Night Out with Suttles'

Like the last event, it was held at Cameo in Bournemouth. We were grateful for help with logistics and transport from People First Forum and together threw a fantastic party with over 550 people in attendance.



Sue, Lauren and Steph



The party atmosphere

A few representatives from Suttles came and partied the night away, if you would like more information, please let us know and we will keep you updated.

We're already looking forward to the next one!

## Quarterly Group Safety Meeting

In August, the quarterly group safety meeting took place down in the hole at California Quarry in our natural stone meeting room.

Led by Director of Quarrying, Simon Clabburn and Suttle Projects Director, Liam Tucker, these meetings involve a group safety committee, which is made up of employees from all aspects of the business.

The purpose of these meetings is to bring up and discuss any health and safety issues or concerns, with the intention of continually monitoring and improving the safety culture throughout Suttles.



The group safety meeting in progress, including: Alan Smith, Eden Wilford – Cole, Darren Hambidge, Andy McCuish, John Suttle, Liam Tucker and Simon Clabburn.





# Feedback & Recognition

## Vouchers

We've had some great feedback from a customer regarding Russ at our Mannings Heath Road Depot.



To say well done, here is our Mannings Heath Road Manager Andy McCuish, presenting Russ with some Love2shop vouchers. Well done Russ - keep up the good work!

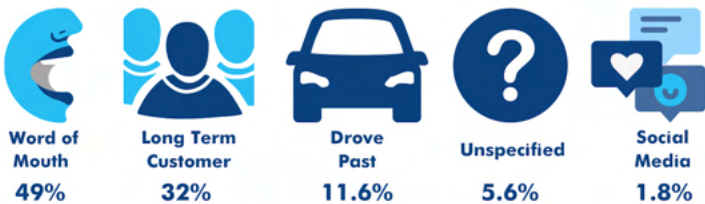
## The Results are In!

Over the last quarter we have been asking our Mannings Heath Road Depot customers to fill in a short questionnaire. This is to give us an insight into our customer base and also to give our customers an opportunity to give us their feedback.

So far we have received 53 responses, and we have been really impressed by the results.

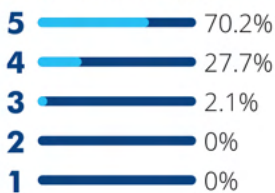
Our MHR customer base is made up of 90% trade...

They know about us from:

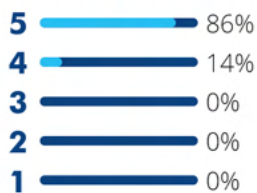


We also asked 4 questions, to be answered on a scale of 1 - 5 with 1 being poor and 5 being being great.

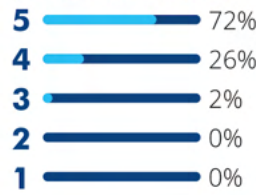
What do you think of our range of materials?



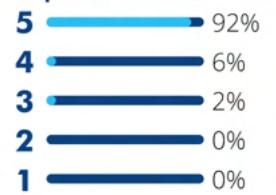
What do you think of our customer service?



How would you rate the speed of our service?



How would you rate the friendliness and helpfulness of our team?



And they've had some great things to say about us!

**"Great team at Suttles. Can't fault them"**

"Convenient/efficient and good value" "Great service, great people"

**"Excellent all round"** "Love you guys"

"A very friendly environment" "Banging prices & great people"

**"Feels like a nice personal service"** "Convenient & low cost"

"Good yard, good service" **"Can't fault the operatives"**

**"Weighbridge friendly & helpful"** "Clean & fast load up, good product"

"Great team, good rapport, keep it up" "Great local place, keep up the good work"

"No hassle or fuss, efficient, reasonably priced & friendly staff"

**"Friendly, open early, fair prices"** "Good layout, less muddy & good selection"

"Great people, it is a pleasure to come here"

To top it off 100% of customers would recommend us! Well done to our Mannings Heath Road team!



## London Marathon Success!

Tom Paine has smashed his first marathon; the London Marathon, with a fantastic debut time of 4 hours 27 minutes.



Not only did he complete the marathon, but he raised over £2000 for Mosaic Family Support.

A charity close to his heart that helps children through bereavement, whether it be a parent, sibling or friend. For more information you can visit their website [mosaicfamilysupport.org](http://mosaicfamilysupport.org)





# Where may you have seen us over the last 3 months?

Have a look at some of the projects we have worked on across Suttles over the last quarter. For more information on each job please visit the interactive job map on our website.



Duddeston Mill, HS2



The Old Forge



Shrewton



Goods Yard, Broadstone



Lower Eastcombe Farm



Fairmile Footbridge



10 Gun Battery



The Newt



Fleet Pond



Bramshot Lane



Edenbrook Country Park



Corfe Castle Pathways



Swanage & Herston Football Club



The Boat in the Woods



Trevor Chadwick Plinth



Osprey Viewing Platform



The Boat in the Woods

Of course there are also many jobs that have been going on 'behind the scenes', especially for Suttle Stone Quarries and Suttle Purbeck Stone where a huge proportion of their jobs are for private individuals.

## Cycle Safety with FORS

As part of the FORS 'Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme' anyone that drives a vehicle in our fleet undergoes a range of refresher courses at different intervals, one of which is on the risks of driving on the roads and understanding the dangers posed to cyclists. This used to take place on the road on a bicycle, but now they're done in the meeting room on VR headsets!



A group participating in the FORS refresher





# Corfe Pathway Renewal

At the end of September we delivered 8 tonnes of 20mm dust limestone to Corfe Castle.

Owned by the National Trust, Corfe Castle is one of, if not the biggest, tourist attraction in the local area.



Tim delivering to Corfe Castle

All of the pathways throughout the castle and the grounds have a limestone layer on top, this is to keep them from getting slippery in the rain, and to protect the ground. However in heavy rainfall these get washed away down the slope of the castle. So the limestone is replaced annually, although due to covid and other factors this is the first time in 4 years that it will have been replaced.

We look forward to going back for a site visit at a later date once the new material has been put down.

If you would like more information on this, please visit our website where you will find the full case study.



Pathways in need of resurfacing in the castle

# The Boat in the Woods

Another tight spot for Tim to deliver to earlier in September, this time to 'The Boat in the Woods'.. Rumoured to be featured on BBC One's 'George Clarke's Amazing Spaces', this unique project is



The boat in progress, taken from the @boat\_in\_the\_woods instagram

aiming to transform a 1969 fishing boat (that was due to be scrapped) into a luxurious living space set in the woods in the

heart of the Test Valley. We supplied limestone from Swanworth Quarry as well as a number of boulders from California Quarry which the client described as amazing and who paid special thanks to Nick Crocker.



Tim delivering the boulders to site

# Smile4Alex Charity Ride

Written by Tracey Paine,

In April, when September seemed like a long way off, I agreed to join my lovely friend, Gina, on a 50-mile cycle ride around the Isle of Wight to raise money for MANUP?, a charity that raises awareness about mental health among men. The mental health of men was very close to our hearts as Gina's son, Alex, had taken his own life in



Tracey and the rest of the team on the ferry on the way over





December 21. He was only 28 and had never spoken to anyone about how he was truly feeling. So, Gina embarked on planning this challenge, calling it Smile4Alex, to try to make a difference in Alex's name, doing something he enjoyed.

The big weekend loomed and, having only practised a few times I was getting more and more nervous. On the Saturday Tom dropped me off at the Wightlink Gunwharf Terminal, to meet up with a group of women whose only connection was that we all love Gina. Tom got me there early, and it was lucky he did because the signage to the terminal was a bit confusing. After driving around, I saw two women in baby pink hoodies standing next to bicycles. "Tom stop! That's them". Gradually more women in baby pink hoodies arrived. We introduced ourselves and realised that we should have thought of wearing name badges.

On the ferry we all compared the amount of exercise we had done in preparation for this challenge. Like me, no-one else had done much. All putting it off until the weekend was upon us. There was talk of us having frequent cream teas and larger shandy stops. None of us had anticipated quite how hilly the Isle of Wight was.

We started off badly, Gina's sister, Tanya, couldn't get her bike in gear. We'd all shot off the ferry and up the first hill leaving her floundering, but we went back and got the gears working and we became much better teammates after that, making sure that the front cyclists didn't get away from the back ones. Shouts of "car", "stop" and "which way?" became the norm.

Saturday was the toughest and longest day. The hills nearly killed us, but our route also took in the Red Squirrel Trail, which was beautiful and a relief, if void of any actual red squirrels. The final leg took forever but we reached our B&B at Niton just before it got dark. This was our main concern as only a couple of us had lights.



Tracey and the rest of the team at the end of the ride!

On Sunday, refreshed and not too stuffed with breakfast, we set off, hoping that our sore legs and bums would hold up for the day. They did, we got to Fishbourne with three hours to spare before our ferry left. There was talk of a lovely roast dinner at the only hostelry close by. Alas, they couldn't accommodate us, so we slowly made our way to the terminal to ask if we could catch an earlier ferry. As we did, the most beautiful red squirrel appeared, and it stayed around long enough for the whole group to see it. It was a fitting end to a tough, but great weekend. Well, it was not quite the end, Laura had the foresight to telephone Abarbistro, (a fab restaurant close to the Portsmouth terminal), to see if they could fit us in. They could, so we finally got our roast and a large cold drink under the gaze of the Spinnaker Tower.

Thank you to everyone who sent good wishes and to those who donated, it is very much appreciated. After all the pledges were received, we reached our target of £4,000, and actually raised £4,338.



Tracey and the rest of the team at the start of the ride!

## CROSSWORD COMPETITION



### ACROSS

1. NEW Big yellow piece of equipment
3. 'New ...' bed of Purbeck stone
5. Amazing Spaces
6. Sculptor
8. How many guns?
9. "\_\_\_\_\_ team at Suttles. Can't fault them"

### DOWN

2. Surname of a Swanage Hero
4. Only winner of vouchers this 1/4
5. Bournemouth Night Club
7. Piling

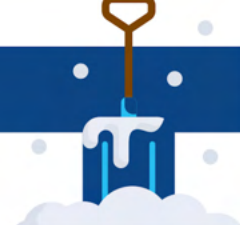
Once you have completed the crossword you will have 7 green boxes with letters in. These letters will form a word.

Work out the word and email it to Georgina (marketing@suttles.co.uk) or text/whatsapp it to 07979 318397 all correct answers will go into a draw to win a £25 voucher!





# Close Calls over the last 3 months



## Top Close Calls

- Customer got out of his cab, without any Hi-Viz on, and walked under the shovel bucket while it was being loaded
- Visiting delivery driver urinated by the SWQ wheelie bins
- Borehole left open due to excavator not arriving on site, risk of worker falling into open bore and injuring themselves

Month	Total Number of Close Calls	Total Number of People Raising Close Calls
July	8	6
August	23	14
September	15	9

## WORKING IN WINTER

Winter weather has the potential to hit the UK hard, with strong winds, freezing temperatures, snow, ice and lots of rain. All of these elements can cause hazards. As the weather is uncontrollable and unpredictable, taking precautions to ensure drivers and site operatives stay safe is essential.

There are three key points you need to consider for keeping yourself and others safe in winter weather:

1. Checking the weather forecast will allow you to plan ahead and identify any potential hazards, and determine where you will stop for rest breaks.
2. Checking your vehicle, paying particular attention to:
  - a. your tyre tread, it is good practice not to allow your tyre tread depth to get below 3mm;
  - b. your brakes, check that the brake lines are not frozen and if defrosted have not split;
  - c. your windows, windscreen wipers and mirrors, these should be cleared of snow to ensure good visibility. Check that your windscreen wipers are working correctly to maximise your visibility in poor weather conditions;
  - d. ensuring that your vehicle's fluids are topped up;
  - e. removing snow from the vehicle's windows, lights, registration plates and doors.
3. Checking that you have equipment that will help you if your vehicle gets stuck or stranded, such as a de-icer and an ice scraper, warm clothing, a torch, a shovel and a bag of sand or salt, a road atlas and extra food and drink.

## TOP SCORES BY SITES:

