

## CNS gives back to the local community

**CNS' Donations Committee has been busy maintaining the company's commitment to supporting local community projects and initiatives, ranging from sports and cultural activities, to fundraising for local schools and charities.**

One of the most notable donations made during 2015 included £1,500 to the Northern Lights Children's Charity. Northern Lights was formed to provide once-in-a-lifetime experiences for children suffering from life-limiting illnesses. Every December, the charity takes children from the North of England to a luxury resort in Lapland above the Arctic Circle. CNS' donation has contributed exciting snow mobile and dog-sled rides, in addition to a visit to Santa's reindeers.

*"I want to express our gratitude for the charitable donation of £1,500, which provided funding for a child to enjoy an experience of a lifetime in Lapland. In 2015, Northern Lights organised for a total of 20 very special children, selected by hospitals on the Wirral, Liverpool and the north west of England, to take a fantastic 5-day trip to a winter wonderland. Thank you again for your continuing support for our small charity."*

**Wendy Reilly, Northern Lights Treasurer**

From Lapland... back to Cheshire, where another notable CNS donation has also been gratefully received. £500 was donated to the Chester-based, Princess Villa Junior Football Club, contributing to players' new winter kit. With little money left for new kit once league fee costs, pitch hire and insurance are accounted for, CNS was pleased to make a worthwhile contribution to the local team.

*"Football is a way of bringing people together, and when the kids play, watched by their friends and family it inspires a sense of community and excitement. It's important everyone looks their best on the pitch and the new kit shows everyone that we mean business. Everyone sends a huge thank you to CNS. The generous donation of £500 has enabled us to replace the full training kit for all our players."*

**Paul Bell, Princess Villa Junior F.C. Manager**

## CNS Apprentices update



With new projects taking shape at CNS, such as the planned construction and operation of a Legacy Cylinder Facility (LCF), the company is currently

**recruiting and training apprentices in order to prepare a workforce for the future.**

This is why six full-time apprentices are being sponsored by CNS, through a programme organised by Cheshire-based training specialists, Training Tomorrow's Engineers (TTE). In addition, CNS also has a business apprentice, Alysha Turner (pictured) who has now reached the halfway point of her programme and is beginning to report back to her assessor at West Cheshire College, providing examples of some of the excellent pieces of work she has completed.

CNS' six TTE apprentices have made an impressive start since their programmes began in August last year. In January, the six began a BTEC qualification in Electrical and Electronic Principles and are developing an understanding of the core principles underlying the workings of electrical and electronic devices. They are due to finish this course in December before moving on to complete a BTEC qualification in Mechanical Principle and Applications next year.

Alongside their BTEC programmes, the six TTE apprentices have also commenced a series of six-week pieces of work covering process, fabrication, instrumentation, electrical and mechanical engineering modules. All are doing exceptionally well and have achieved 70% or above in their assignments.

Investing in the next generation nuclear workforce in an essential part of CNS' strategy to ensure that the skills and capabilities are in place to deliver and grow the business.

## Containment project reaches '2,000 drum' milestone

CNS has made great progress in its latest project to 'overpack' 27,999 mild steel drums originating from Sellafield. Overpacking is a process through which mild steel drums containing depleted uranium are packaged into stainless steel containers, providing additional outer protection to ensure the safe containment of the materials they hold.

On 4 March, CNS reached the 2,000 mark for the number of overpacked drums completed, an important milestone for the company as the team work towards overpacking all 27,999 drums by November 2020. Alongside the CNS employees involved in the project, the team also includes licensed asbestos contractors and analysts who inspect each legacy drum to ensure all traces of asbestos have been removed, before they are overpacked into larger stainless steel drums and placed into storage. In line with CNS' commitment to responsible uranium stewardship, this overpacking work is important for ensuring that nuclear materials continue to remain securely packaged, protecting both the environment and personnel carrying out handling and inspection.

This work is part of the company's contract with the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, under which CNS is responsible for the safe and secure management of uranic materials on the Capenhurst site for up to 100 years.

## Employees give Capenhurst Village Hall the 'DIY CNS' treatment



In December 2015, Capenhurst Village Hall received a full refurbishment courtesy of the CNS Volunteer Programme, which provides every employee with an opportunity to spend a working day participating in a charity or community event of their choice.

To kick off this project, a total of 20 employees from across the business got involved in giving the local Village Hall a complete makeover. After four days of cleaning, sweeping and repainting the walls and ceilings, finishing touches were applied by putting up new blinds and decorating the Village Hall entrance.

With the refurbishment completed four days ahead of schedule, this first 'DIY CNS' community project has been a huge success.

*"On behalf of the Village Hall committee, the residents of Capenhurst village, staff and children of Capenhurst Primary School and Pre School, I would like to thank CNS for their tremendous support in upgrading the Village Hall. These improvements will benefit not only those groups mentioned, but the wider community as a whole and will make the Village Hall a much better place to enjoy in the future."*

Norman Elias, Village Hall Warden

## Meet the team: Helen Williams, Communications Manager



Joining in June 2015, Helen Williams brings 18 years of wide ranging experience to CNS, with specialisms in employee engagement, training and communications.

As CNS' Communications Manager, Helen is responsible for all internal and external communications, ensuring that CNS builds and maintains strong relationships with media contacts, local stakeholders, customers, suppliers and employees.

Working in collaboration with other Communications Managers on the Capenhurst site, Helen develops a wide range of materials for communicating CNS' work to many different audiences – from news releases and fact sheets, to website and social media content.

With CNS in only its fourth year, Helen has been able to take on a broad role allowing her to define the company's communications team and function.

Prior to joining CNS, Helen worked as a Communications & Engagement Manager at MBNA, handling change management activities when the company was acquired by Bank of America in 2006.

Outside of work, Helen enjoys spending time with her husband and two daughters, cycling and walking the family dog.

*"Communications is vital to the success of our business and plays a key role in building and maintaining the strong relationships we have with all of our stakeholders."*

**KEEPING IN TOUCH:** In order to improve efficiency in handling enquiries from local residents and stakeholders, there will henceforth be one point of contact for all businesses operating on the Capenhurst site. All enquiries relating to the activities of any company operating on the Capenhurst site, including CNS, should be directed to Neil Fagan (Communications Manager, URENCO UK) who can be contacted on [neil.fagan@urencouk.com](mailto:neil.fagan@urencouk.com) or 0151 473 4240.

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