

DIY CNS ready for lift off



Capenhurst Village Hall is set to benefit from CNS' involvement in the local community through the launch this month of the company's volunteer programme, 'DIY CNS'. The initiative will see employees from across the business donning hard hats and overalls, as the company takes on its very first challenge to refurbish this important community building.

Those involved in this first 'DIY CNS' initiative will help to give the local Village Hall a complete makeover. The new-look building, which will have its grand opening in 2016, will provide a welcoming space for local community activities including those organised for pupils at neighbouring Capenhurst Primary School.

The work, which is due to commence at the end of November, is CNS' most ambitious community project so far. The full refurbishment will see CNS volunteers replacing guttering, repointing, replacing fire doors and carrying out some much needed internal decorating.

Norman Elias (Village Hall Warden) said, "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"

So, how do employees feel about the project?

"The outcomes from volunteering are always rewarding" says Carolyn Taylor, Head of HR at CNS. "Practical projects like these are great because the fruits of your labour are there for everyone to see, whether it be a newly painted building, a landscaped garden or a cleared pathway. Our volunteer programme will provide a great way of taking CNS employees away from their day jobs, allowing them to make a real difference in the local community, in which we all work and many of us live".

CNS to submit planning application for brand new facility

A planning application to construct a new Legacy Cylinder Facility (LCF) will be submitted by CNS by the end of November 2015

The new facility will be designed to carry out the transfer of nuclear materials into brand new cylinders and will involve a significant investment over 35 years. Subject to planning approval, preparatory earthworks are scheduled to start in the middle of 2016, with actual construction work commencing at the end of 2017. Construction is expected to be completed by 2020 when the new plant would become operational.

Once built, the work to be carried out in the LCF will not only help secure the nuclear materials stored at Capenhurst, but will also help the long-term sustainability of the existing workforce on-site.

Submission of CNS' planning application follows engagement with the local community over the past few months, including meetings with various local stakeholders and a public information event in June, which provided local residents with an opportunity to meet the CNS project team, learn more about the proposals and give their feedback.

Impressive start made by CNS apprentices

Six new apprentices sponsored by CNS started their apprenticeship programmes in August, demonstrating the company's commitment to investing in the next generation of nuclear engineers. The four-year, multi skilled programme has been organised in partnership with Cheshire-based training specialists, Training Tomorrows Engineers (TTE).

Apprentices will spend the first two years of their programmes at the TTE training centre in Ellesmere Port before moving on-site at CNS to complete their final two years. Whilst at CNS, apprentices will specialise in one of the three disciplines: Electrical & instrumentation; Mechanical; or Process engineering.

In October, the six apprentices participated in a week of outward bound activities at the Brathay Trust in

Windermere, Lake District. Activities included high ropes, orienteering, kayaking and raft building. After an exciting week, each delivered a presentation describing how the experience had helped develop their team building skills and supported their personal development.

Following a three month review, which took place at the beginning of November, CNS was pleased to learn that all six apprentices are achieving, or in some cases exceeding, expectations.

"We are absolutely thrilled with the academic progress our apprentices have shown" says Natalie Bennett, Learning and Development Co-ordinator at CNS. "We can also see the positive effect the outward bound course has had on their attitude and skills".



Winter Wonderland comes to CNS

Artistic flair has been on show for the second year running with the annual CNS Christmas Card Competition run in partnership with Primary Schools from across Capenhurst and Ellesmere Port. Entries have now closed and CNS will reveal this year's competition winners just in time for the Christmas holidays.

This year, pupils from Capenhurst Primary School, Meadow Primary School and Brookside Primary School were asked to design a Christmas card based on the theme 'Winter Wonderland'.

The lucky winners from each school can look forward to receiving a £50 Amazon gift voucher each, with the overall winner securing £500 in Amazon gift vouchers for their school.

Watch out for a further announcement of the winners soon.

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