

News Release

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FIRST-TIME HONOUR FOR FOUR HIGHWAYS WORKERS

Four Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Services highways workers in Wokingham have become the first non-council employees to collect Mayor Annette Drake's monthly award.

They picked up the accolade for their support during last July's flooding, when the contractors worked round the clock to fill and place 13,000 sandbags. The workforce also closed roads and pumped water from houses, operating on a 24-hour standby rota. The same contractors also helped the workforce in neighbouring Windsor and Maidenhead to fill sandbags.

Supervisor Tom Sheldon Senior, with his team Tom Sheldon Junior, Bill Sheldon and Ernie Pickett, all work for Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Services, who manage the road maintenance contract for the area.

Steve Potts, the council's Senior Highway Operations Engineer, said: "The team was excellent, and dealt with a series of evolving problems over four days."

Mayor Cllr Annette Drake said: "Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Services worked extremely hard to help protect residents' property and I am glad to be able to show them our appreciation for all that they do. The council relies heavily on good working relationships with contractors and other partners and I would like to thank Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Services for their outstanding contribution."

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Photo Caption:

Left to right (top row) : Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Services Local Authority Director Dave Pearce, Bill Sheldon (BBIS), Wokingham Operations Director Andy Millyard, Tom Sheldon Jnr (BBIS), Contract Director David Trowell (BBIS)

Left to right (bottom row): Ernie Pickett (BBIS), Mayor Annette Drake, Supervisor Tom Sheldon Senior (BBIS).

Notes for Editors

1. Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Services is a leading provider of highway and off-track rail maintenance and asset management. We offer a unique service that combines our well-established highway network maintenance skills with a range of professional services including planning and strategic advice, project and programme management and highway design. The breadth of resources and expertise within our organisation is complemented by the extensive capabilities and backing of the Balfour Beatty group.
2. Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Services' vision is: "To be the leading provider of transportation infrastructure solutions and support services, renowned for first-class customer service, respect for people, providing best value, pioneering working partnerships and protecting the environment."