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Welcome to RGS insite issue 35

The inhouse electronic news bulletin that will keep you fully up-to-speed with all that's happening at RGS every month.

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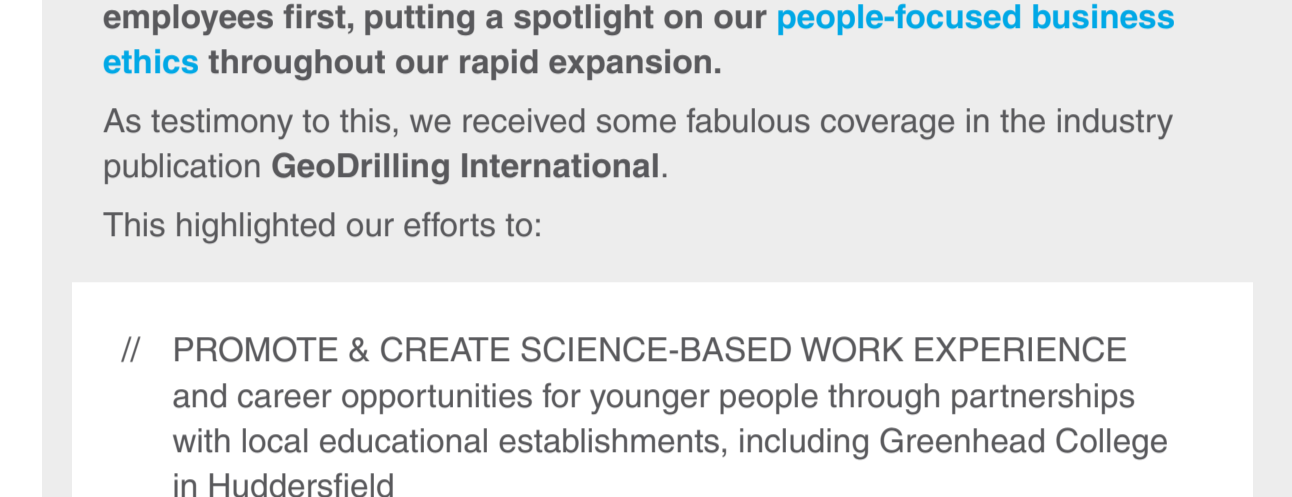
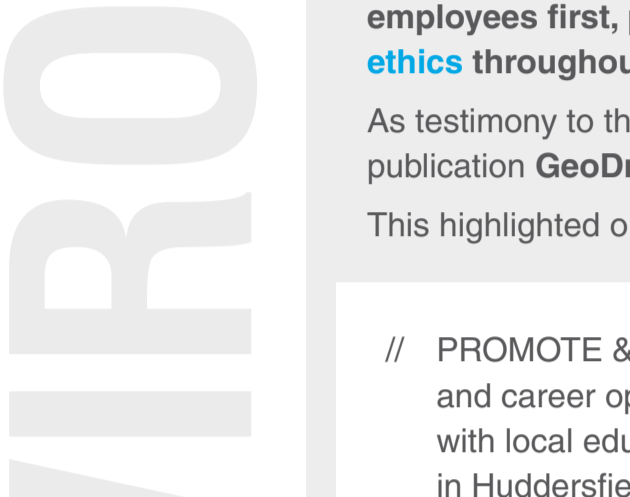
New office to open in Castle Donington

As part of our ongoing growth and expansion, RGS is delighted to announce that we are opening a new office in Castle Donington.

The announcement is part of the Board's commitment to offer an even better service to our clients and forms part of our strategic plan to open a chain of offices, both regionally and nationally. For more information please see next month's newsletter.

RGS IN THE MEDIA

Great Publicity!



In last month's newsletter, we showcased our efforts to put our employees first, putting a spotlight on our **people-focused business ethics** throughout our rapid expansion.

As testimony to this, we received some fabulous coverage in the industry publication **GeoDrilling International**.

This highlighted our efforts to:

- // PROMOTE & CREATE SCIENCE-BASED WORK EXPERIENCE and career opportunities for younger people through partnerships with local educational establishments, including Greenhead College in Huddersfield
- // RECRUIT & RETAIN OUR FIRST-CLASS WORKFORCE
- // MENTOR & TRAIN ALL OUR STAFF including our graduate engineers
- // ENCOURAGE A 'CAN DO' APPROACH & PRIDE IN ALL WE DO

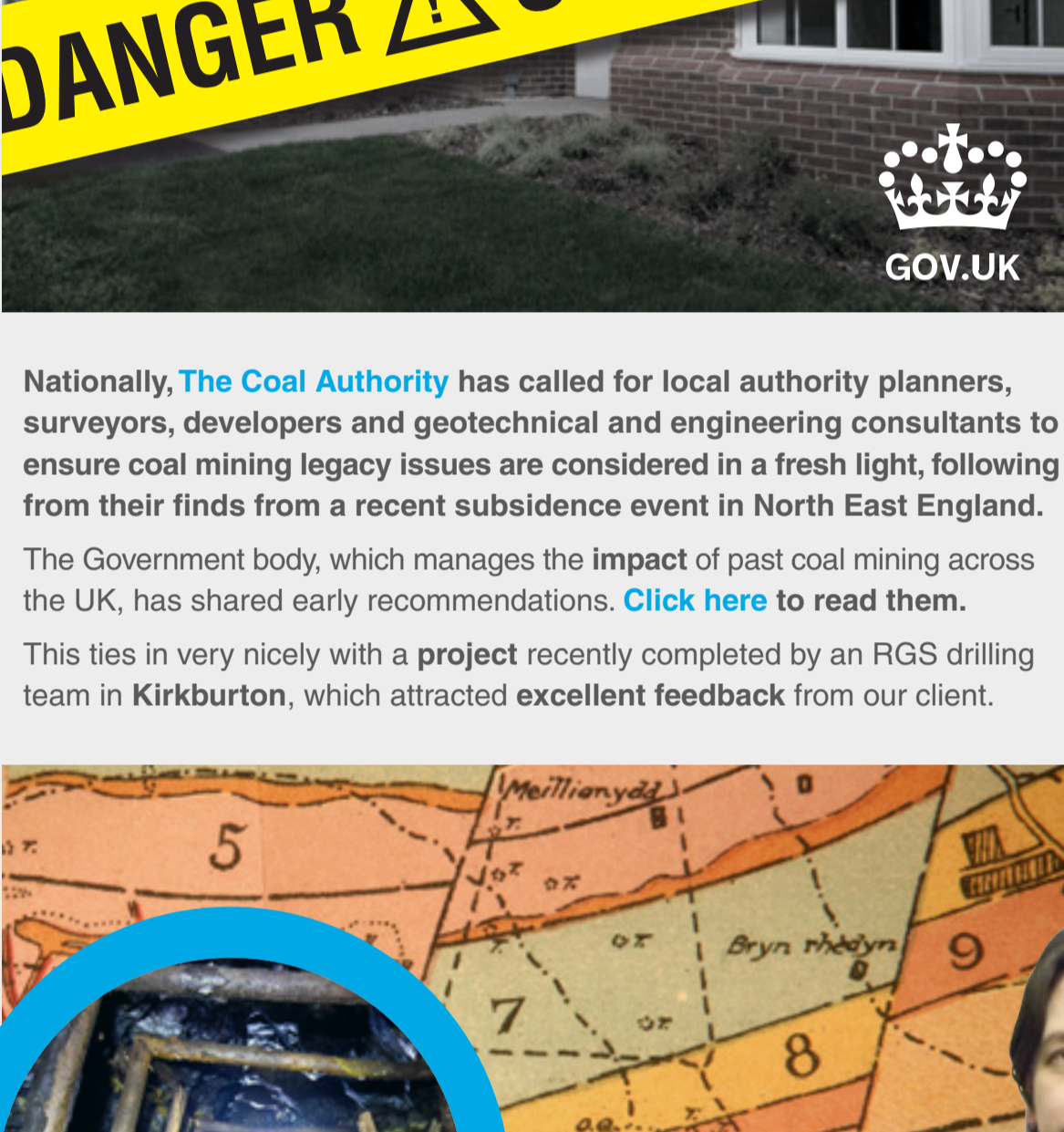
[Click here](#) to read this really interesting, in-depth article.

We were also delighted to see our Non Executive Director, Gary Farnell, featured in the business pages of the Huddersfield Examiner in their regular 'Have a Coffee With.....' feature.

[Click here](#) to read the full interview with Gary.

CASE STUDY

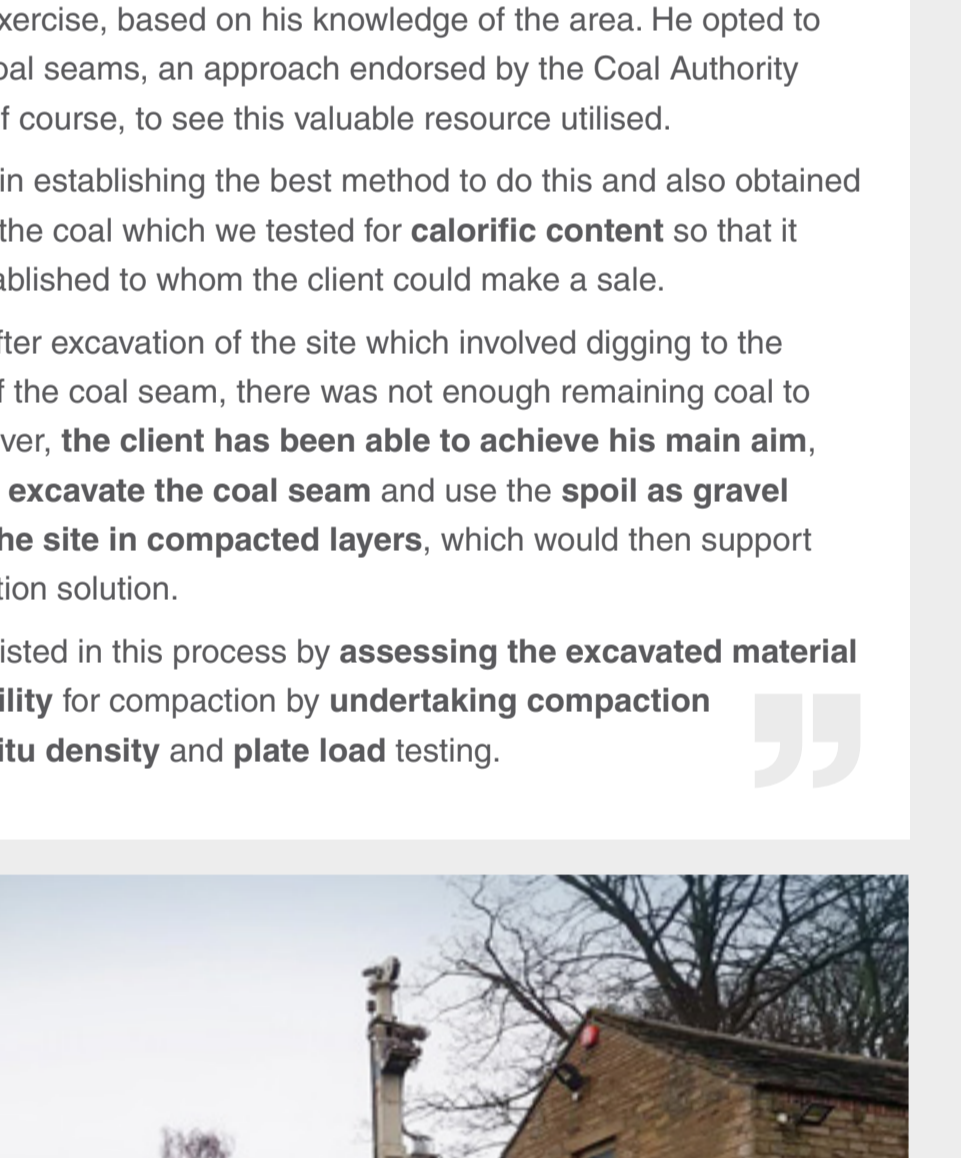
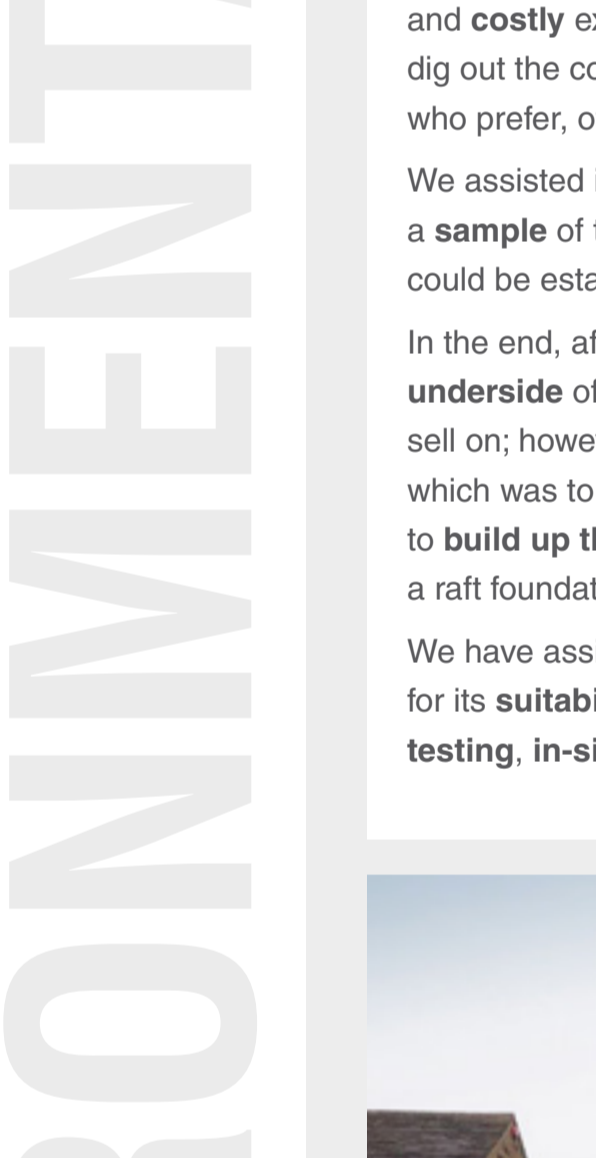
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Nationally, **The Coal Authority** has called for local authority planners, surveyors, developers and geotechnical and engineering consultants to ensure coal mining legacy issues are considered in a fresh light, following from their finds from a recent subsidence event in North East England.

The Government body, which manages the impact of past coal mining across the UK, has shared early recommendations. [Click here](#) to read them.

This ties in very nicely with a project recently completed by an RGS drilling team in Kirkburton, which attracted excellent feedback from our client.



James Farnsworth reports:

We originally completed a coal mining risk assessment for the site that suggested a shallow coal seams may be present at approximately 5-10m bgl.

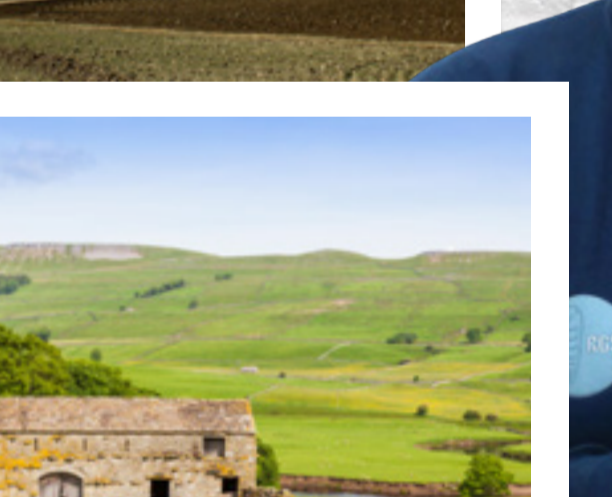
We then undertook a physical ground investigation that revealed worked seams at 5-6m bgl, with insufficient competent rock cover above.

The client was concerned that grouting would prove to be an extensive and costly exercise, based on his knowledge of the area. He opted to dig out the coal seams, an approach endorsed by the Coal Authority who prefer, of course, to see this valuable resource utilised.

We assisted in establishing the best method to do this and also obtained a sample of the coal which we tested for calorific content so that it could be established to whom the client could make a sale.

In the end, after excavation of the site which involved digging to the underside of the coal seam, there was not enough remaining coal to sell on; however, the client has been able to achieve his main aim, which was to excavate the coal seam and use the spoil as gravel to build up the site in compacted layers, which would then support a raft foundation solution.

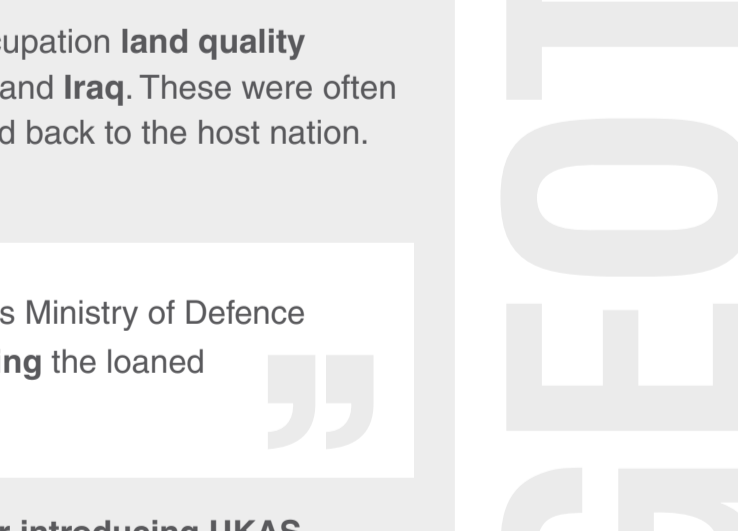
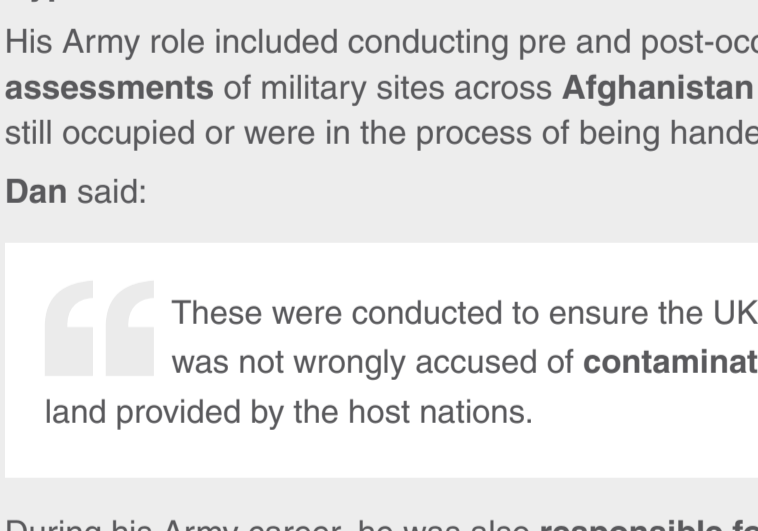
We have assisted in this process by assessing the excavated material for its suitability for compaction by undertaking compaction testing, in-situ density and plate load testing.



On-site in Kirkburton

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RGS is delighted to welcome our new engineer, **Dan Goodwin** to the team. Dan formerly served with the Royal Engineers as a Construction Materials Technical/Geotechnical Engineer and was deployed globally to such military hot spots as Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Oman, The United Arab Emirates, Cyprus and The Falklands.

His Army role included conducting pre and post-occupation land quality assessments of military sites across Afghanistan and Iraq. These were often still occupied or were in the process of being handed back to the host nation.

Dan said:

These were conducted to ensure the UK's Ministry of Defence was not wrongly accused of contaminating the loaned land provided by the host nations.

During his Army career, he was also responsible for introducing UKAS accredited materials testing in Army laboratories.

Dan, who lives in Mansfield with his fiancée Robyn and their baby son, Theo, is now supporting the three teams at RGS - fieldworks, laboratory and engineering.



His role includes covering in-situ testing and result formulation for the fieldworks aspect; helping with UKAS accreditation management in the lab and factual report formulation; plus on-site engineering and sample logging for the engineering department.

In his spare time, he is a religious Sheffield United FC supporter and also plays cricket for Hucknall Cricket Club in the South Notts League in the Summer, when there is no football to watch!

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