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REGULAR NEWS AND VIEWS FROM **ROGERS GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES**

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**ONWARDS AND UPWARDS!**

**SITE SUPERVISION WELCOME CHARLIE!**

**GRANNY ROGERS' MUSINGS**

**Welcome to RGS insite issue 60**

Our regular newsletter celebrates more than 15 years of drilling and keeps you up to date with RGS and industry news.

**Rogers Geotechnical Services Ltd** are **site investigation specialists** offering ground investigation and geotechnical services to developers, builders, structural and consulting engineers, architects, insurance companies, local authorities, piling and foundation engineers, private individuals and other geotechnical consultants.



# CONSTRUCTION: ONWARDS AND UPWARDS!

Following on from the **encouraging September 2020 surge in UK construction activity** that we reported in Insite 57 (October 2020), further data is now available to evidence this recovery. For example, retail sales of construction and earthmoving equipment were heading back towards much healthier levels by November.

While these sales had plummeted by up to **74%** (in April), and **54%** (in May), October and November were much closer to 2019 figures at **-3%** and **-4%** respectively, with the greatest recovery showing in sales of mini and midi **excavators of up to 10 tonnes**. Indeed, we too have **recently invested in two new drilling rigs** which, as we showed in last month's Insite, are already hard at work on sites across the UK!



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At the time of writing (early January 2021), there's also evidence of support from the newly appointed **Secretary of State at the Department of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, Kwasi Kwarteng.**

On his first day in office, he stated,

“ It's vital that construction continues through these unsettling times and I want to reassure you that the government values the crucial contribution your sector is making. ”

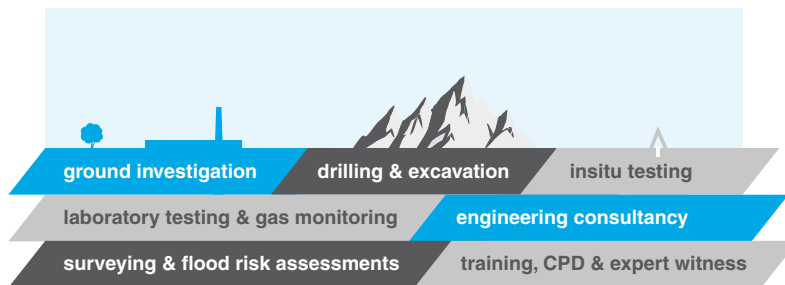
Clearly, **safe procedures** and **protocols** along with other health and social factors will influence the timelines of individual projects during this critical period.

However, we hope that the recent rise in orders experienced here at RGS and by many of our construction colleagues signals the sector's strengthening recovery in 2021.

**WE WISH YOU ALL  
A SAFE, HEALTHY  
AND SUCCESSFUL  
YEAR AHEAD!**

NB Sales data collated by Systematics International on behalf of the Construction Equipment Association.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY

## Constant site safety supervision? We've got you covered!



While **meticulous safety supervision** is a fundamental part of everything we do, some ground investigations demand daily onsite management by trained safety managers, either to comply with CDM 2015 Regulations or because of client preference.

With an increase in demand for **constant site supervision**, we've now expanded our capacity to provide this service simultaneously at multiple sites across the UK.

This month, all of our field engineers along with our MD, **Emma Lewis**, have now completed the full **Site Supervisors' Safety ('Triple S') Training Scheme** either as a refresher or as new knowledge and skills.

With a **substantial team of SSSTS-trained staff**, we can indeed provide the constant supervision and daily progress reports that our clients want.

In addition, our rolling programme of training and CPD for all RGS personnel illustrates our **commitment both to safety and staff development**.



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On a similar note, we heard just before Christmas that we've once again passed our annual ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and ISO 45001 audits with flying colours. **We're passionate about keeping standards high across our business:** we know this delivers **the best and safest outcomes** for you, our clients and colleagues for our teams and for our business.



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STAFF DEVELOPMENT

New year, **new team member!**



Fantastic news! We're delighted to announce that we've recently welcomed a great new member of the RGS family... Geoenvironmental Engineer, **Charlotte Campion** is currently based at our Burton-upon-Trent office.

Charlotte (who's agreed to be known as '**Charlie**' at RGS to avoid any mix-ups with **Geotechnical / Geoenvironmental Engineer, Charlotte Mason!**) is very much looking forward to getting to know our wonderful clients and colleagues over the coming months.

After completing her first degree studies in geology and physical sciences, Charlotte successfully studied for a **Master's degree in Geoscience** alongside RGS Geotechnical Engineer, **Rob Palmer**, at **Keele University**. Since then, she's developed her significant geoenvironmental experience and skills in roles with a construction company and a large power distribution firm.

Keen to enjoy more challenging technical work, she now **relishes the opportunities** at RGS for **fine detail, precision** and **maximising safety** in every project. A demanding and fulfilling career is also important to **Charlie**.

“ I'd never seen myself as a particularly ambitious person but maybe I was wrong. **I realise now that I always aim to be the best I can be**, whatever I'm doing. I'm **excited to be here at RGS** and it's my goal not only to do an **outstanding job for our clients**, but to keep on learning and **developing my skills** and **knowledge** every day. ”

Charlie and her partner have a little boy: he's nearly two years old and makes sure that they're both kept **very busy indeed!**

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## Granny Rogers' Musings



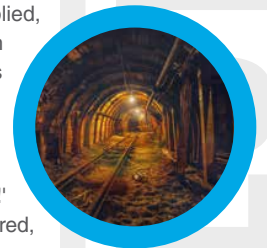
We're pleased to present the fourth in this exclusive series featuring our Technical Director, [Steve Rogers](#)' recollections of his rheumy-eyed yet sharp-witted geotechnical mentor. Take it away, Steve...!

“ Even when Granny Rogers was well into her 90s her mind was still as sharp as a razor. I recall a visit to her nursing home when she suddenly looked up, **put down her Action Man** (pilot edition with generous leg panniers), and proclaimed, **'Subsidence, you fool - NOT consolidation!'** I asked her as casually as I could, why she mentioned this. **'Oh, she replied, It was on the TV news report...'** I hadn't really noticed what was on the telly, but glancing up, I saw that the reporter was talking about a serious incident, in which **collapsed coal workings** had caused **significant damage to a nearby building**.

As a test of her faculties, I asked her to **explain the difference** between **subsidence** and **consolidation**. Granny looked aghast. **'Really, Philip!'** (I do look a lot like my Dad), **'If you don't know the difference,'** she hollered, **then you cannot possibly call yourself a Geotechnical Engineer!**

I pressed her for an answer and, with not inconsiderable irritation, she declared, **'Subsidence occurs when the ground moves down and the building reacts, whereas consolidation happens when the building moves down and the ground reacts. Hmph!'** ”

I must admit that I had to think about it, but I decided that **once again, she was right.**





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## Talk to us



RGS were professional and courteous throughout the whole process. Highly recommended!



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