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Welcome to RGS insite issue 69

Our regular newsletter celebrates 18 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.



# WHAT AN AMAZING YEAR!

The festive season is now well and truly with us, and it's the perfect moment to take stock of the busy year we've enjoyed. This edition of Insite reflects on the work done, the progress made – and crucially, how all this allows us **to do an ever better job** for our much-valued clients.

2021 has been a remarkable year here at RGS: it's seen not only the company's 18th birthday, but also record-breaking sales figures which continue to confirm the robustness and stability of our business. We've packed the year with great investments in new team members, premises, vehicles, rigs and equipment, too.

Nothing is bought and no individual hired without a great deal of thought and care (we're a Yorkshire company, after all!), and **the key criterion is this: will this investment result in a better, more efficient and comprehensive service for our clients?**

We've built an excellent reputation throughout our 18 years, and we won't risk the loyalty and trust we've earned. Indeed, we intend to keep **strengthening both our reputation and client relationships, year after year**: these critical elements are central to our ethos and, we're certain, two of the reasons for our resilience and growth.

Here's a review of just a few of the exciting investments and changes we've made in 2021 to give you even better value and service in the months and years ahead...



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## Investing in... PEOPLE



**Clive Kirby** RGS TECHNICAL LEAD [LEFT]

**Lewis Scarboro** PROJECT MANAGER

2021 has seen significant changes to our team. The retirement in June of our much-loved and respected Technical Director, founder member and geotechnical guru, **Steve Rogers**, marked the end of an era.



While he continues to work with us occasionally as a consultant, expert witness and trainer (when retirement activities allow!), we naturally miss Steve's presence, humour, and his amazing stories in the RGS offices.

However, Steve would be the first to say that well-planned and carefully executed change is always positive, and together with Managing Director, **Emma Lewis**, and Operations Director, **Chay Rogers**, Steve set the scene for a new phase in the RGS story.

As a result, **Clive Kirby** was appointed as Technical Lead in November, and he already feels like a well-established member of the RGS clan!

With years of knowledge and experience, Clive is our new go-to expert for top quality technical expertise and advice, here to ensure that every RGS project meets our own exceptional technical standards.

**27**  
STAFF  
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& GROWING



project team

tendering

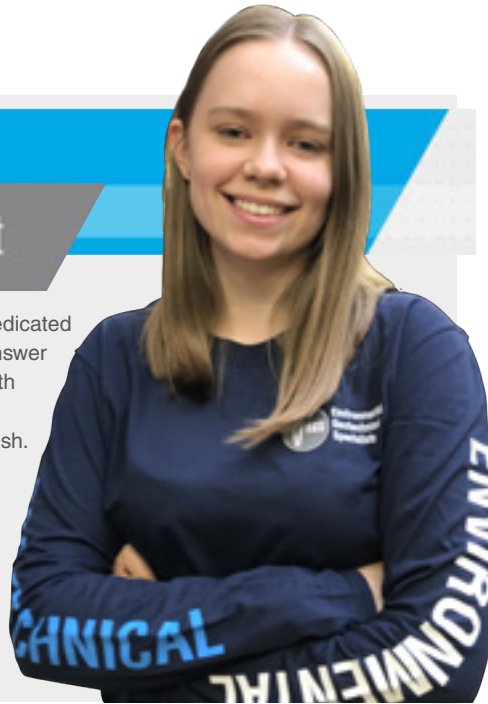
project support

This year, we've expanded our dedicated **Project Management team** to answer your questions, ensure the smooth management of your project and keep you updated from start to finish.

This team is led by our brilliantly efficient **Katie Wallett**, and in September, **Lewis Scarboro** joined RGS as Project Manager.

**Katie Wallett**,  
Senior Project Manager:

“ Expanding the project management team has proved very valuable to our clients and for the RGS teams. Our varied role supports every stage of your project's journey, from **initial enquiry to completion**. It's our job to **lighten your workload** and make your life easier! ”



As well as Clive and Lewis, we also welcomed four more fantastic team members (left to right) – Geoenvironmental Engineers, **Scott Alexander** and **Charlotte (Charlie) Campion**, Lab Quality Manager, **Toby Merry** and Graduate Engineer, **Hattie Henshall**.

In addition to increasing our capacity and project management capabilities, the knowledge, skills and experience of every one of these new team members reinforces our constant commitment to **excellence** and **quality** for our clients.

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## Investing in... FLEET & EQUIPMENT



Dando half-mast rig

With larger and ever more varied project specifications to fulfil this year, we've invested in a huge range of **high quality kit, machines and vehicles** that allow us to deliver the best results using our own carefully maintained equipment.

Some of these items have featured in earlier Insite editions, but they're making such a difference that we've allowed them to appear again on this Christmas 'kit catwalk'.

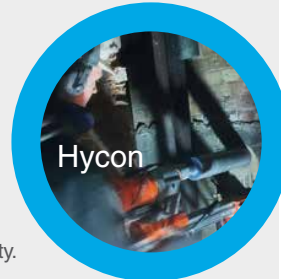
- a The **Dando half-mast rig** gives great flexibility, even on low-headroom sites.
- b **Semi-automatic defibrillators** in every driller's van give peace of mind and could save lives.



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INVESTED



- c Many of our larger projects demand a **hydraulic piston sampler**, so we've now invested in our own.
- d Our new, environmentally friendly **lithium-powered fork lift** eases our inward deliveries and reduces our carbon footprint.
- e Usable as a hand-held tool or on a rig, this powerful **Hycon core drill** adds to our onsite capability.
- f **The Premier Tracker 110 Series rig** brings a raft of new capabilities, not least its prowess on gradients up to 30°.



- g The versatile **Comacchio GEO 105 rig** offers a wide range of drill speed, strength and depth, even in tight spaces.
- h Our multifunctional and future-proofing **PANDA 00802 dynamic cone penetrometer** gives instant compaction control and soil survey data.
- i **Our portable vibrating hammer** brings greater efficiencies by enabling compaction testing onsite.
- j **This JCB HM25 Hydraulic Breaker** is high on power and reliability and low on noise and user vibration levels – perfect!



**Alan Gilleard**  
Operations Manager:

“ The new equipment and fleet give us greater options and opportunities both for our clients and our business: **we can offer and deliver a more extensive range of services** for more clients on an ever-wider spectrum of sites: everyone wins!! ”

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## Investing in... IT & SYSTEMS



“ As an RGS client, Formworks has really **saved me time** and given great information. It minimised my own record keeping and I received all the logging data I needed on the same day as the work was done. **Clear, direct and efficient!** ”

Client's Site Foreman

Like any organisation who prioritises customer service, we regularly review **the latest systems** to assess the benefits they could deliver. Along with a variety of new hardware and software acquisitions, the following IT investments this year have proved especially exciting.

The introduction of our bespoke **Formworks app** in August has streamlined the logging process for our engineers and fieldworks team alike. Where previously, logging data was hand-written and then recorded digitally back at base, this new paperless system delivers a raft of advantages: not least, it improves efficiency, accuracy and traceability, saves a great deal of time and reduces our carbon footprint.

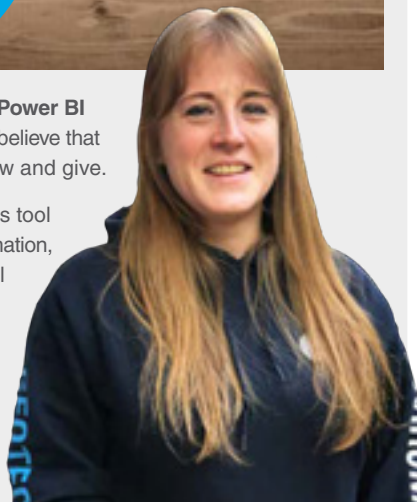
Most importantly, Formworks provides our clients with full daily site logs and photographs, keeping them fully in touch with their project.

**2 NEW  
SYSTEMS**  
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Our investment this year in **Microsoft Power BI** is already making a difference, and we believe that its positive impact will continue to grow and give.

This state-of-the-art business analytics tool provides us with up-to-the-minute information, modelling and reports and clear visual representations. It succinctly reveals the business-critical facts, trends and relationships that lie deep in the data.



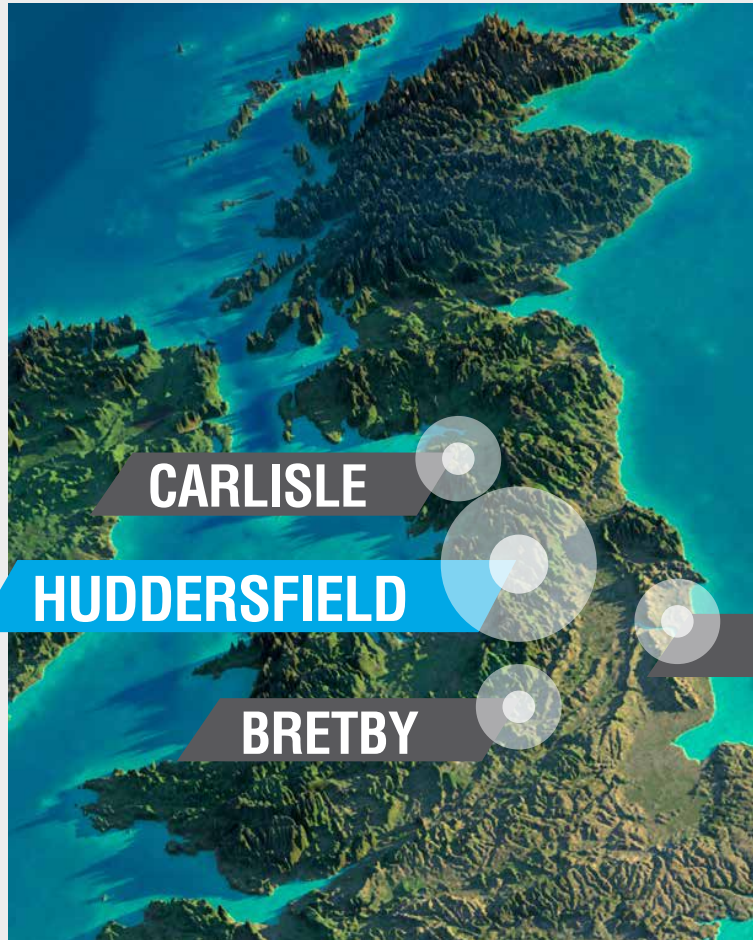
**Emma Lewis**  
RGS Managing Director:

“ We’ve only recently started using **Microsoft Power BI** but already, I’m impressed. It’s a powerful resource with excellent capacity to **enrich** our business decisions and **support** our growth. ”





## Investing in... PREMISES



CARLISLE

HUDDERSFIELD

HULL

BRETRY

Headquartered in Huddersfield and with offices in Hull, Carlisle and Bretby (near Burton-on-Trent), RGS delivers projects **across the whole of the UK.**

Since opening our Bretby office in April 2019 as a base for projects across the Midlands, Wales and southern regions, it has also become a valuable hub for a wide range of projects in and around the Capital.

With the company's continuing growth, more space became essential and just a few weeks ago, we moved our Bretby office to significantly larger premises within the same building. Again, this expansion offers greater flexibility for our clients and means we can be on site quickly and efficiently, wherever their projects might be.

With more contracts emerging in Cumbria and the North West, we're also looking to expand our Carlisle office... so watch this space!

**4 UK  
OFFICES**  
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RGS FUNDRAISING

# An extra Boxing Day... for **Cancer Research UK!**

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Geotechnical  
Specialists



**GOOD LUCK BRAD!**

Christmas is always a time for **supporting** those who are struggling, whether through illness, poverty, natural disasters or other pressures.

As a business, we love to give to good causes and this year we're flying the flag for the magnificent work of **Cancer Research UK (CRUK)** via our very own Assistant Driller, **Brad Miller**.





Brad is supporting **CRUK** by taking part in **Ultra White Collar Boxing (UWCB)**. It's a concept that began in the UK in 2009, and has led to massive numbers of business professionals (and increasingly, people from all walks of life nationwide) signing up for an **8-week training programme**, a live boxing match and a commitment to raise as much money as they can for CRUK.

In 2013, UWCB became a corporate partner of **Cancer Research UK** and is now one of CRUK's largest fundraising partnerships, raising over **£20million** for the charity to date. Since one in two of us will get cancer in our lifetime its impact touches us all, so supporting CRUK really does help every one of us.

Brad's intensive training programme culminates in a competitive UWCB event on **Sunday 19th December 2021** at the **Clarion Cedar Court Hotel**, Huddersfield. RGS is delighted to support Brad's magnificent effort and he'd be hugely grateful for lots more donations to help **boost his charity total!**

**Tickets** for Brad's UWCB event have already sold out, but to cheer him on his way and donate to a fantastic charity at the same time, please visit his **JustGiving** page.

Should the event have taken place by the time you read this, **don't worry – you can still donate!**

**JUST CLICK HERE TO DONATE!**

**So there we are... another year almost over!**

Whether you're an RGS client, colleague, supplier, or friend, we'd like to say a big thank you for connecting with us.



*thank you!*



Please follow us on Facebook, Twitter and via our website, and do keep in touch with us (we love to hear your feedback and ideas)!

**WE WISH EVERY ONE OF YOU  
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS  
AND A SAFE, HEALTHY AND  
SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN 2022.**



Do you need  
a **phase one**  
environmental  
desk study  
report?



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“ The RGS team has been brilliant: their service is seamless  
and efficient. We'll definitely use them again! ”

We're always keen to hear [what clients think](#) of our service and welcome  
feedback from our clients, colleagues and associates.

We're looking forward to hearing from YOU!

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