



> our busiest month!



Welcome to RGS insite issue 7

Our regular newsletter celebrating a decade of drilling that 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.

Busiest Month on Record

August might be the "silly season" for some companies but we are delighted to report that for RGS it was our busiest month on record for tender numbers and values, since we started compiling statistics in 2010.

Not only was our order book full > **OUR TENDERS SHOWED A 40% INCREASE ON AUGUST 2014** - so excellent news all round PLUS ...

WE ALSO TOOK OUR

5000TH ORDER!

Full details of the new project, involving a school, will follow next month.



Showcasing our Green Credentials

RGS is keen to support sustainable and innovative environmental projects and we have completed investigations for two clients:

Straw Bale Classroom PROJECT COMPLETES

In the first, RGS has carried out site investigations for Yorkshire architect and interior design specialists, Greenstone Design.

We were contracted to carry out investigations that paved the way for an innovative environmental project, which involved building an eco-classroom at Castle Hill School in Todmorden, from a variety of materials including straw bales.

The classroom is now completed.

For more details about the [classroom for the future](#) and pictures of the project [click here](#).



Preliminary INVESTIGATIONS

We also worked with Greenstone Design to carry out preliminary investigations for an eco-housing project in Linthwaite.

Still on a 'green theme', we recently completed a contract in Scotland for a wind turbine installer.

Our scope was to provide investigation services, lab testing and foundation advice for the installation of turbines in Midlothian. We work all over the country for this client but secured this job at very short notice - despite the distance.

Slippery SLOPE

We recently assisted a client in Brierfield with a planning issue, which focused on whether a slope comprising bricks, stones, roof slates and soil/hard core was stable.

The client was delighted by the professionalism and advice given by engineers James and Imran - so well done to both!

For more info and photographs please see next month's newsletter.

Do you need a phase one environmental desk study report?



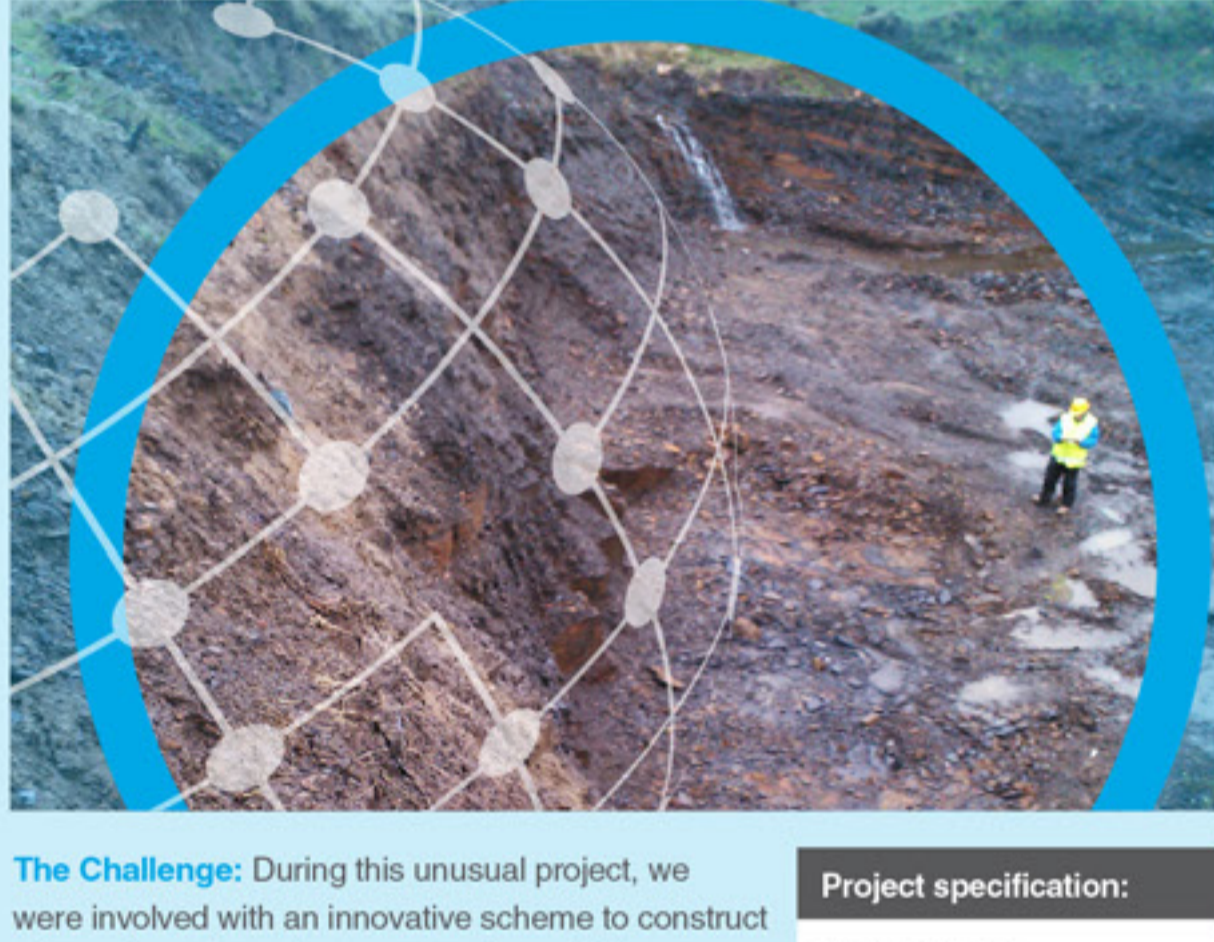
RGS STANDARD

RGS PREMIUM

Contact us for more details and to discuss your options for this service.

CASE STUDY

The Invisible House



The Challenge: During this unusual project, we were involved with an innovative scheme to construct a two-storey home in an excavation, which was concealed using backfill - effectively burying it in the hillside. The client excavated the slope himself, leaving a vertical exposure, at a site in Delph.

The RGS work involved undertaking a rock slope stability assessment, providing recommendations for the management of the slope and the design of a retaining wall for the rear of the invisible home.

Case Outcome: The investigation was completed successfully to assist design of a retaining wall to allow the client to erect a 'buried home'.

Project specification:

Work included:

- Conducting a rock slope stability assessment, involving a challenging but exciting day scaling rock faces to take dip and strike readings
- Producing structural information using stereographic projection (the projection of a plane on to a sphere)



> HR Update

As part of our ongoing commitment to health and safety, we are pleased to report that 10 members of staff have completed their first aid training, successfully.

[Congratulations to all who took part.](#)

WELL DONE!

BUILDING FUTURES

Supporting local graduates

As part of RGS' ongoing commitment to training, we were delighted to welcome Durham University under-graduate Emma Ownsworth, who completed her second work experience stint with us last month.

Emma - who is in the third year of her integrated Masters' Degree in Natural Sciences - spent her time with our engineering team, and in the labs.

“ Overall my recent week at Rogers Geotechnical has been a really good positive experience and it has given me a better understanding of the work they carry out. I would like to thank everyone who helped me during my time there, everyone was really lovely and genuinely interested and even though they were very busy in their own work, they still took the time to help me and answer all of my questions. ”

We also look forward to welcoming Charlotte Mason who is due to join us for at least four weeks' work experience this month.

COMPLIANCE

> Meeting Premier Guarantee Requirements

Our development manager Steve Letch has been helping a client who asked what type of investigation he needed to comply with the Premier Guarantee requirements.

As a result, Steve downloaded their technical manual, [click here to view](#) - along with a flow chart which he has found very useful.

> RGS Engineers' Manual

Still on the subject of compliancy, our Technical Director Steve Rogers (right) has produced a manual which covers vital areas such as project method statements; reporting arrangements; and client contract procedures.

This is an invaluable guide and underpins our commitment to good practice.



For more information about your investigation requirements please do not hesitate to contact us

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