

Environmental Mitigation

Details

Clients Highways Agency

Date June 2004-June 2006

Location Kent

Working with Capita Symonds

A local school has joined the Environmental Team working on the A249 Iwade Bypass to Queenborough Improvement Scheme to learn about Carillion's commitment to protecting the environment when carrying out its construction work.

A group of six Year 9 students from Cheyne Middle School visited an area of land adjacent to Main Road in Queenborough, that required sterilisation prior to construction of the new Queenborough Junction, as part of the Improvement Scheme.



Students place numbered tiles on area of land requiring sterilisation



Environmental experts carefully remove reptiles found underneath the tiles

Working closely with members of the construction team, the students placed environmental tiles over the area and recorded the number and species of reptiles found over a several week period for use in school projects. Regular updates were sent to the school from the Environmental Team, detailing which species of reptile had been found and removed from site on the days that the students were unable to carry out the count themselves. The reptile count was recorded by tile number, with each student taking "ownership" of two environmental tiles.

The students, all residents of the Isle of Sheppey, were given information by the Environmental Team to aid their research about environmental awareness with their school class.

The school are using their experience with Carillion as evidence for their application for the Kent Business Environmental Award 2005 and have developed a number of posters promoting environmental awareness and sustainability, based on Carillion's literature.

Further liaison with the school has been programmed for late 2005, when the new Year 9 students will gain knowledge working alongside the Environmental Team.

Paul Murray, Deputy Head Teacher of Cheyne Middle School said:

"This has been an exciting experience for the students and they have been enthusiastic about being involved and learning through hands-on experience. We look forward to continuing to work with the Environmental Team over the next few months."