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Hills hosts MPA South West H&S event

Wiltshire based Hills Quarry Products hosted the 2017 MPA South West Region Health and Safety Awareness Day on 20 September at Hills' quarry in Calne.

The Health and Safety Awareness Day was opened by Kevin Stevens, MPA Health and Safety Director, who reminded the 69 delegates that they work in one of the most dangerous industries in the UK and encouraged them to challenge existing practices by being the eyes and ears of their fellow workers.

The event is designed to promote best practice and delegates were able to gain hands-on awareness and insight into the latest health and safety methods on understanding explosives, managing fire risk and equipment use, emergency response first aid, working at height and safe use of harnesses, electrical isolation and lock off, human behaviour for a safe working culture, Respirable Crystalline Silica (RCS) and practical housekeeping, transport and road safety including vulnerable road users, safety checks and tyres.

The CPD accredited event was delivered in nine, 40 minute sessions with groups of delegates moving between the various training stations manned by service providers including Volvo Trucks, Tructyre, Bridges Electrical Engineers, Brigade Electronics, Chubb Fire, Abacus First Aid Training, Mentor Training and Safewell.



Chubb Fire demonstrating the correct use of CO2 extinguishers



Tructyre discussing how they can repair worn tyres

Peter Andrew, Group Director of Hills Quarry Products said: "We are really pleased with how the day went and I am positive that all the delegates found it to be a valuable learning experience. My thanks go to everyone who put in such great efforts to make the day a success."



Brian James, MPA Director Regions, said: "Such regionally based safety awareness events underpins the industry's drive to improve working practices and reduce risk of injury to all employees. Three events have been held this year, at different locations, with individual companies making significant commitment to either host or provide delegates for the day. The benefits are clearly evident from the level of delegate engagement on the day, but also in the transfer of knowledge back at the regular workplace. A big thank you from MPA to Hills for staging a very successful event."

Notes to editors:

Hills Quarry Products specialises in the production and supply of quarry products and ready-mixed concrete to the construction and agricultural sectors. It is a dynamic regional business which, while centred on Wiltshire, has stretched its boundaries into neighbouring areas to become one of the region's largest suppliers. Hills Quarry Products is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Hills Group Limited, a privately owned family company established in 1900. www.hills-quarry.co.uk

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