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Welcome

Welcome once again to Legacy Habitat Times, the newsletter of Legacy Habitat Management. Throughout this issue we will offer a special focus on the various ways in which Legacy Habitat Management offers such outstanding value for money - a very important consideration in the current financial climate as we're sure you will agree.



Bluebells, Martinshaw Woods, Leics.
Photo: Martyn Werner

We're on a roll!

1mm Semipermanent Newt Fencing System - exclusive to Legacy Habitat Management

This new product has been developed in line with a new method of installation, providing benefits to land managers, budget holders, license holders and protected species alike. These benefits include:

- 1mm sheet is installed using low ground pressure machines, minimising ground compaction and injury to protected species.
- Because it is supplied on a 300m roll there are very few joins in the plastic. This makes the sheet very resistant to damage and to the effects of thermal contraction and expansion.
- No creases or folds due to the semi-rigid nature of the material reduces the potential for newts etc. scaling the fence.
- Great value for money, only marginally more expensive to supply and install than traditional TAF fencing materials.

NEW!

Fence Rental from Legacy

Fence for hire - large stock ready for delivery

Due to popular demand, Legacy Habitat Management is pleased to announce that it is now able to offer rental agreements to its contract customers. This applies to water vole and amphibian/reptile fence systems. We have a large stock of all fence materials ready for immediate delivery. This service allows our customers to take full advantage of the benefits of our permanent fence products without having to support the full costs of the material. This is particularly valuable where customers require a robust fence system for a relatively short period of time.



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Case Study:

Low Impact Newt Fencing

A unique product and installation method proves its worth at our Pipeline Project for West Burton Power Station

Client: EDF

Scope of work: 5000m of Low Impact Newt Fencing



1mm semi-permanent newt fencing on a roll
Photo: Legacy Habitat Management

Background: Legacy Habitat Management has recently carried out newt fencing works on part of the gas pipeline project for West Burton Power Station. Due to the sensitive nature of ground conditions (and topsoil structure in some places), the newt fencing had to be installed with as little ground disturbance as possible.

Installation Methods: Up until now the installation of newt fencing has required that operatives begin by cutting a trench much wider than the fencing material itself, inserting the fencing and then backfilling the remainder of the trench. This creates unnecessary soil disturbance due to the extra width of the excavation. Legacy Habitat Management have developed an installation system that only requires a very narrow slot to be made in the topsoil. *This significantly reduces ground disturbance and produces very little spoil.* This installation method also reduces the need for time consuming back filling, thus saving costs and minimising the risk of weak spots in the fence that often occur as a result of manual backfilling operations.



Legacy Habitat Management has developed a system that uses 1mm HDPE delivered from a roll. This reduces: installation time, joins and any potential for gaps. This is a temporary or semipermanent system for use in areas where fast, reliable installation and resistance to impact are key factors.

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Our new Mercedes Unimog being put through its paces.
Photo: Legacy Habitat Management



Stock Fencing at Carsington Water

New equipment for greater speed and efficiency - even in the depths of winter!

As part of an ongoing relationship with Seven Trent Water, Legacy Habitat Management recently carried out approx. 2200 metres of stock fencing at Carsington Water, Derbyshire. Works were carried out as part of the grazing management scheme on the dam wall and surrounding land at the Tail Bay end of the reservoir.

Line clearance operations were carried out prior to fence installation to clear the fence line of blackthorn, willow, ash and other aged plantation species. Stump treatment followed to reduce re-growth encroachment on the fence.

Where possible, stock fencing was installed using a Quick Fencer, recently purchased, and attached to the rear 3 point linkage on our other new piece of equipment: a Mercedes Unimog. These 2 invaluable pieces of equipment enabled us to carry out these works in a timely and efficient manner. On areas such as the dam wall slopes, fencing was installed by hand to avoid any damage to the protective surface soils that cover the structure of the dam wall.

Stock gates were fitted to reinstate access to both livestock and general public rights of way, and a stock enclosure or corral was also created to aid the transportation of livestock across the site. An old hawthorn hedgerow that was not serving as a boundary was coppiced and replanted with a hawthorn mix. The 400m section of replanting was double fenced and the young saplings protected with spiral guards. Part of the works also included the coppicing, replanting and fencing of a dilapidated fence line.

Martyn Werner

Our NEW Mercedes UI600 Unimog - really proving its worth

It allows us to gain vehicular access and transport materials into otherwise inaccessible terrain. It can also be used as a power plant and base for the following attachments:

- Quick Fencer
- Whizz Wheel
- Post Hitter
- Tree Chipper
- Trailer
- Winch

With its 6 litre 156 Horse Power engine we can transport heavy loads of equipment, plant and materials to the job, thus reducing the need for third party haulage and reducing our 'readiness to work' response times.

Water Vole Exclusion West Burton Power Station

*Fence Rental From Legacy
Another low impact/difficult access solution*

Legacy Habitat management was asked by EDF Energy to install water vole fencing on two sites at their Bole Ings ash disposal site at West Burton Power Station. Both sites required the fencing to be in place for less than six months. In order to minimise costs for EDF Energy we were able to offer them the fence on a hire basis.

The package of water vole works at the site involved the exclusion and trapping out of water voles in an area where tipping was due to start. The second part of the package of works was the creation of new habitat for the translocated water voles. This was fenced to ensure that it was not colonised prior to the translocation.

Access to the mitigation site was restricted along one side of the new ditch habitat due to steep slopes and the presence of the ditch. Excavation was not possible in the normal manner, however we were able to employ our new offset trencher to good effect. As can be seen in the photo below, the excavator was kept on the stable flat ground on one side of the ditch, whilst it created a 500mm deep trench on the opposite side. The same principle can and already has been applied to work on steep embankments and over barriers or fencing. Investing in this new equipment means that we are able to place the fence precisely where the client requires, rather than where it is convenient for us, thus putting the client firmly back in control.

Biffa Landfill Site

*Wildlife Corridor Site
near Peterborough*

As part of our ongoing commitment to Biffa and Golder Associates, Legacy Habitat Management have recently installed water vole fence and newt fencing at the wildlife corridor site near Peterborough. These extensive works have been designed by Golder Associates as receptor sites to accept Water Voles and Great Crested Newts and to help maintain an important wildlife corridor for these two protected species. The scheme will also mitigate against habitat loss that might be entailed through the creation of landfill cells.



Installation of water vole fencing using our offset trencher
Photos: Legacy Habitat Management

Fencing Focus

www.wildlifefencing.co.uk

“wildlifefencing.co.uk aims to be the one stop shop for wildlife fencing products. It’s also proving to be a real information resource for developers, contractors and landowners and who need fast, reliable access to advice on sourcing and installing wildlife fencing”, says Matthew Dixon, director of Legacy Habitat Management and founder of wildlifefencing.co.uk,

“When Legacy first began to experience the growing demand for large scale Newt Fencing installation projects, we had to do a lot of groundwork. This involved establishing a reliable supply chain and refining our installation techniques to maximize value for money and minimise the disturbance of time on site – all the while ensuring that the works undertaken met with our stringent standards for quality and durability. We now offer this experience and expertise to our customers through wildlifefencing.co.uk. - and the feedback that we’re getting makes it clear that we’re saving them a lot of time and money. We’re also passing on the satisfaction of a job well done!”

Martha Brown, head of retail sales at wildlifefencing.co.uk has this to say about the company, “The first benefit that customers comment on the level of personal service that they receive when they make an enquiry – perhaps not something that you might expect from an internet based retail company. We’re a fairly small team here so, even though we do deal with some massive orders, we can ensure that we’re communicating effectively. This way our customers know that they’ll get exactly what they want, on time and at the right price.

“It’s actually a great working environment created by real enthusiasts – and I think this really comes across. There’s always someone at the end of the phone ready to offer some friendly advice”.

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Introducing Caudon

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Caudon Wildlife Fencing Systems are the product of specialist research and development that has been undertaken in close consultation with UK ecologists. Developed by Legacy Habitat Management, Caudon sets a new benchmark for high quality wildlife fencing and is specially designed for UK protected species including great crested newts, sand lizards and water voles.

An outstanding range of cost effective wildlife fencing solutions combining unbeatable durability with easy and fast installation.

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Newt Fencing
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Otter Fencing
Water Vole Fencing