

Celebrating 30 Years of Dyer & Butler 1979 – 2009



1979: THE COMPANY IS FORMED
Bob Dyer and Dave Butler set up the company in 1979 and their first contract in November of that year was to resurface a nursing home car park at Sarum Road in Winchester.

1980: Messrs Dyer and Butler were asked by a property developer in 1980 to install road and drainage infrastructure around new houses at Mill Lane in Romsey. They realised that two pairs of hands were not enough to complete the job, so recruited further labour.



Mill Lane, Romsey, 1980
Sewer construction under way on behalf of East Hampshire District Council in 1981



1981: Dyer & Butler's first contract for British Rail took place in 1981 and involved the reconstruction of a bridge parapet on a crossing of the main railway line between London and Southampton, near to the village of Stoke Charity in Hampshire.



A bridge on Campbell Road in Eastleigh is rebuilt by the company in 1982.

Dyer & Butler constructed concrete pits to house machinery for a new automated vehicle production facility at the Ford Transit factory in Eastleigh in 1984.



1982: Improvements to public highway surrounding Victorian residential terraces in several districts of Portsmouth were carried out by the company from 1982, as part of a programme of regeneration let by the local authority. Work involved the installation of new kerbs and footpaths.



Dyer & Butler's first company van

1994: Turnover exceeds £8M

1994: Dyer & Butler began maintaining infrastructure on behalf of Railtrack, which later became Network Rail. Our involvement on the railways has since grown enormously. We currently hold two structures framework agreements with the rail operator in the Southern and Western territories. Our turnover in the rail sector currently exceeds £25M a year.



Dyer & Butler strengthened its relationship with airports operator BAA in 1996 when it became a member of the 'Gatwick Alliance' of approved construction firms. The company entered into its first framework agreement with BAA in June 1990 to carry out civil engineering works at Gatwick. In 2003, the company won a 10 year framework contract with BAA to carry out major projects at Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted and Southampton airports.

1999: Turnover exceeds £10M
Number of staff: 111

2002: Turnover exceeds £20M



Dyer & Butler's largest ever stand alone project was awarded in April 2002 – a comprehensive upgrade to the A3 which included the construction of a bus priority route linking Portsmouth city centre with the suburb of Horndean. The six and a half year contract also involved road widening, new cycleways, service diversions and street enhancements in the town of Waterlooville (pictured). The project ended up as a £21.5M job.

1991: Turnover exceeds £6M



Construction of retaining walls and concrete paved areas featured in the company's first £1M plus contract for Thames Water Utilities. The work was carried out at the Perry Oaks temporary sludge dewatering plant, close to Heathrow airport. Operations began in July 1993 and the project was completed in just over a year.



Hither Green in south London was the site of the company's first £1M plus contract for British Rail, in October 1990. The project featured construction of lighting gantries and walkways within large sidings to accommodate 'Networker' trains.

2004: Turnover exceeds £40M
Number of staff: 290

2003: Construction of a new roundabout, associated subway extensions and service diversions represented the company's first £5M plus contract. The work at the junction of the M27 and the A27 at Paulsgrove was carried out on behalf of Portsmouth City Council.

2004: Five senior managers – Paul Hobbs, Mike Donnelly, Neil Edwards, Steve Jayne and Jon Whitehouse – became shareholders of the company.



Dyer & Butler's new Wales division started operating in 2006 and moved into new premises in Swansea (pictured) in 2008. The company has since opened further regional offices in South Brent near Exeter, High Wycombe and at Dartford in Kent.

2006: Turnover exceeds £50M



2008: Construction of the 'Viking River Splash' water ride at Legoland near Windsor is named by senior staff in 2008 as the company's first 'Project of the Year'.

1988: Turnover exceeds £3M
Number of staff: 29



Structural and aesthetic improvements carried out to the Durngate bridge in Winchester won the project a Civic Trust Award. The £650,000 contract began in April 1989 and was carried out on behalf of Hampshire County Council to mark its Centenary.



A redundant fire tower is removed from a site at Emery Down in the New Forest on behalf of the Southern Water Authority in 1984.

October 2008: Company turnover exceeds £70M
Number of staff: 500

2009: Work begins to build a £3.4M park and ride facility at South Winchester to relieve local traffic congestion.

