



With the winter rapidly approaching, we thought it was time to update everyone on our operations and the events of the last six months:

Summer 2006 has been our busiest ever, and as you'll see from the following articles we've been working across the length and breadth of Southern England and Wales. We have undertaken a wide range of woodland and ecological operations.

Clearance works seem to have been a feature of this summer:

One project in mid-Dorset involved 2ha of clear felling on a steep bank, together with 1ha of coppicing of over stood Hazel and thinning a further 5ha of neglected woodland – a dramatic improvement.

In another major project, a full team with tractors, winch and 13ton slew moved to Sussex for this pond clearance work: 2 neglected parkland ponds (untouched for over 40 years) were completely cleared and landscaped – as these “mid-way and after” shots show, quite a difference!



Tree Risk Assessments – As landowner liability increasingly becomes an issue do please contact us to discuss our undertaking risk assessments alongside roads, footpaths, bridlepaths and buildings with public access.

Winter 2006 / 2007

We will be stocking good quantities of trees and hedging plants, together with Canes, Spirals, Stakes and Tubex tree shelters throughout the season.



KCM has secured the contract for the planting of 75,000 mixed native hardwood trees. As part of a larger scheme just outside Dorchester it is a valuable ecological and landscaping project – and is part of the largest planting scheme undertaken in southern England.

Now is the time to be planning your **winter planting schedule** – hedge restoration, new woodland & hedge plantings, or any works under the CSS or new HLS.

We will also be completing a considerable amount of Parkland planting as well as landscaping with Avenues of trees etc, for a number of private clients across the South of England.

Bat and Bird Boxes

As reported in our last newsletter – we were to supply and install a heated bat box at the Queen Alexandra's hospital in Portsmouth and here it is:



KCM also installed 100 bird & bat boxes for the **Environment Agency** on the Fordingbridge Flood Defence Scheme in Hampshire.

Reptile and Amphibian Fencing

HERPETOSURE™

KCM has had another busy six months installing Herpetosure, operating on sites in Kent and Glamorgan, and virtually every county between. Recent work has included paving the way for Wokingham Council's new Adult Education Centre in Berkshire and an ADAS monitored development in the centre of Uckfield.

Access to Redworth Construction's site in Maidstone was so rough that only tracked equipment could get there. The site was cleared by hand, with the assistance of a tracked chipper, and then the panels dug in with a mini-digger.

At some stage over the month that it took, every member of KCM's staff worked on the ecological mitigation for a junction re-development on the M26. Mouchel Parkman, through M&G Ecology retained KCM to complete the complicated operation that involved motorway closures and extensive work on both carriageways. The ecologically rich site still keeps Gemma Fairchild of M&G busy relocating large numbers of reptiles.



Staff Profile - Terry Adams

As a 7th generation forester and with over 30 years of experience Terry is a key member of the Knighton Team. Terry is also a member of The Guild of Master Craftsmen (for his cleft fencing) and an RFS qualified arboriculturalist, and he undertakes all our tree risk assessments.



As an ex British Champion Axeman, in his spare time Terry is the lynchpin for "The Adams Axemen" – you may have seen them displaying their skills at shows across the country!

Our workforce continues to grow – with 20 full time staff – and an ever expanding fleet of vehicles, tractors and machinery, our operational ability is constantly expanding.

Apart from the more usual industrial and residential developments Knighton Countryside Management has undertaken Herpetosure operations on roads, pipelines, and film studios – Llanilid, previously one of the largest open cast coal mines in Europe is being transformed into new film studios.



Bridge Building

Built for a private client in Dorset, this bridge was designed, milled and installed by the KCM team.



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