



All the news from BDS...



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2015

December 2015 - Our major project at Ford in Dunton continues well...



After successfully being awarded the start of a major new investment from Ford to install a fully compliant L1 Fire Alarm system to Ford's Dunton technical centre just last October BDS have completed the first Phase of the project in just three months. The Phase one contract has been coordinated by combining both our in house Fire alarm division based at Fords and our sister company BDS-EFM providing labour to carry out the first fix under the joint supervision of Tony Watts Projects Director and Technical Director Mitchell Blyde. Due to our extensive in house knowledge of the site we were able to meet the tight deadlines set to enable the Fords Christmas shut down period and thus enable BDS to proceed with phase two within the new year. These nice words from Ford (on another project for them) have made our year end well...

Fords DEP Ansul System to Thames view Canteen (Dagenham Engine Plant)

Mitchell,

I have been down to the Thames view Canteen & reviewed the Ansul System Install this morning, it looks like an excellent job, very well done. Thanks for all your effort in delivering a professional & swift install.

Thanks

Darren Wood

Senior Electrical Engineer

Dagenham Engine Plant

December 2015 - we're still trailblazing with apprenticeships...



Further to our last on this, BDS are still participating in the Employers Group for the governments Trailblazer Apprenticeship Scheme and are contributing to shaping the new Apprenticeship for lots of young people coming in to the Fire, Security and Emergency Systems employment sector.

Our two latest apprentices are

Archie Webb (19) – Security – Works alongside Tom Banister on home and commercial security

Jake Hodson (18) – KCH – Electrical Fire Systems trainee based at KCH working with the onsite resident engineers

November 2015 - Hewlett Packard 70k Fit Out...



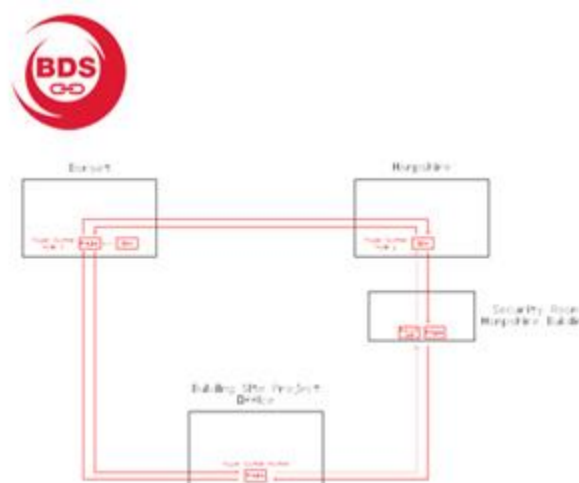
BDS is continuing its long standing relationship with the M&E company Bancroft , we are now nearing the end of another successful project where we have been contracted to carry out alterations to the existing fire alarm system to suit the new proposed floor layouts and ensuring that a design level L2 is maintained from the basement floor throughout the building up to the sixth level

October 2015 - Camden Town, Stables Market...



The world Famous Camden stables market is enjoying a major fit out to its upper floors The main contractor Broadland Construction & Interiors, awarded BDS Fire the upgrade works to its existing Fire Alarm System BDS originally installed The Gent Vigilon Network System in 2009 The awarded works comprise of a full fit out to the 1st 2nd and 3rd floors which now completes the fit out of Buildings A&B

September 2015 - JP Morgan Bournemouth...



Bespoke Detection Services Ltd had recently been asked to supply and install a temporary fire alarm system to cover the fit out areas within Hampshire & Dorset Buildings at the JP Morgan Campus in Bournemouth

The client was concerned about false alarms etc. and therefore requested that the temporary system not be connected to their existing system but the 24 hour manned security office still needed to be informed when there was an issue. This created a problem as there was no accessible cable route from the construction area to the

Northamptonshire or Dorset building the T-Link with its high signal strength enables a signal to be sent to the security team on site prompting a quick response

August 2015 - And in further news...



On a much lighter note Kevin Blyde (BDS Managing Director) and his son George have been involved in an interesting project... Abbey Wood Primary School set their teachers a challenge during the summer to come up with a way to encourage their children to read more. The plan was relatively simple, build a reading area (with a school donated £50 budget) where the children that had done well during the day could go to, choose a book and enjoy reading it in their 'special area'. Amazing what you can do with Fifty Quid, an old pallet and some paint...

August 2015 - The children are on holiday and once again BDS are busy in the education sector making sure that school fire and life safety systems are properly maintained, and all in good order...



It's been a busy summer for us with many school systems needing upgrades, relocations and maintenance. Below is a flavour of some of the projects we've been involved in

- Greenshaw High School – Relocate fire alarm panel to temporary offices ahead of major constructions works taking place in the near future
- Robin Hood Infants School / Thomas Wall Nursery – Upgrading existing GENT Fire Alarm system to handle S-Quad as well as adjust cause and effects as per request from London Borough of Sutton Council
- Cheam Common Juniors – Modifying existing GENT system to accommodate new layouts being constructed
- Barrow Hedges Primary School - Modifying existing GENT system to accommodate new layouts being constructed. GENT System upgraded to handle S-Quad
- Stanley Park Infants School – Modifying existing GENT system to accommodate new layout in main reception. GENT System upgraded to handle S-Quad
- Abbey Primary School – Reloacte Existing Fire Alarm panel in main reception after recent building works

July 2015 - BDS have completed the Enhanced design, supply, of a Notifier ID3000 fire detection and alarm system within the newly built Henry Ford College at Daventry



BDS have completed the Enhanced design, supply, installation, commissioning, witness, demonstration and handover of a Notifier ID3000 fire detection and alarm system within the newly built Henry Ford College at Daventry

Ford is building a new training facility on its existing parts distribution site in Daventry, Northamptonshire. The new entity will merge the functions of the Technical Training Centre located in Daventry and the Henry Ford College in Loughborough. Loughborough provides training for technicians, sales staff and management throughout Ford's national dealer network. It will deliver courses to adult learners up to Diploma and Masters Degree level, as well as students taking the successful Ford Masters Apprenticeship programmes.

The building will include classrooms, a 200-seat auditorium and a vehicle showroom area, in addition to a lounge and large restaurant. The interior and exterior of the building will follow the design and style of the new-look Ford dealer showrooms, including "Hello" and "Relax" areas in the reception. Jon Wellsman, director, Ford Customer Service Division, said: "It is important that our dealer teams receive the highest quality technical and product training. This world-class new facility will enable us to do just that."

Ford is simultaneously announcing a series of engineering and business apprenticeship programmes, including a newly-established Higher Apprenticeship in IT, in addition to the Masters Apprenticeship Programme, which recruits 450 new apprentices into the Ford dealer network every year



The beautiful 100-year-old chapel in King's College Hospital, London, is now being protected with FAAST aspirating smoke detection technology. With aesthetic considerations a high priority, our FAAST LT panel has been installed out of sight in the loft above the vaulted ceiling of St Luke's chapel. A network of four barely-visible capillary pipes runs down from the panel into the chapel to monitor the air and give the earliest possible warning of fire. The FAAST panel is networked to the Morley-IAS system which provides fire protection to the entire hospital. Connection to the Morley-IAS system was achieved by extending an existing loop circuit below the chapel up into the roof space. The chapel, which is on the first floor of Cheyne Wing and is used every day for acts of worship, previously had no dedicated fire detection. The installation of the FAAST technology was undertaken by Surrey-based Bespoke Detection Services, a Morley-IAS customer. It was part of the major upgrade of fire protection being conducted by BDS across the entire hospital campus in Camberwell.

"The chapel is a space where aesthetics are a real consideration and not conducive to the use of point detectors on the ceiling," said Neil Buckfield, BDS operational accounts manager. "FAAST was the obvious choice for us, as its technology is barely visible to anyone using the chapel and its detection is second to none. It was a very easy and painless installation."

Read the [Morley Case Study here](#)

Download the [Faast Stand alone manual here](#)

May 2015 - Tom Bannister joins BDS to head up our Commercial & Home Security Division...



Tom Bannister has recently been employed as BDS'S new security account manager. He has been in the security industry for over 15 years after leaving school at 16 to commence an apprenticeship as an alarm engineer at a local security company. He has then further developed his skills to include managing teams of engineers and project management. Tom is multi skilled in all areas of the security industry and has installed and project managed both small domestic installations to bigger commercial buildings. [Find out more...](#)

Using Tom's in-depth knowledge of the security industry, we are aiming to expand the company's security account and provide a first class service for existing and new customers. Tom's extensive experience includes installing and maintaining the following security systems to a high standard:

- Wired and Wireless Intruder Alarms
- CCTV
- Zoned Security Lighting
- Video & Audio Entry
- Public Address Systems
- Nurse Call Systems
- Hearing Induction Loops
- Auto Doors
- Automated Gates

April 2015 - ICE futures level 4 Milton Gate New Communications Room and office area fit out...



BDS continue to provide services to its long-time customer Bancroft Ltd. The Scope of works was to design, supply, install, commission and handover A fire suppression system and early warning aspirating system with interfacing to BMS, Dampers and building Networked Gent Vigilion fire system. BDS have maintained Milton Gate since 2006 when Bancroft first carried out a base build fit out before fitting out the offices for Addleshaw Goddard & ICE Futures.



BDS were contracted by Benjanto projects to complete the design, supply, installation, commissioning and handover of a new build communication room, protected by a fire suppression system with interfacing to the base build fire alarm system and complete the re development of the entire 4th floor fire detection system. The comms room will be part of the operating systems when the Thames Tideway Tunnel construction commences in 2016 and will take seven to eight years to complete. The Project was completed on schedule with the client thanking all those that participated in the project which was well received by our direct customer Benjanto.

'In recognition of everybody's magnificent efforts we have all been invited to attend a live session of the training programme followed by some liquid refreshment'
Tony Rutter Benjanto

March 2015 - BDS is part of a government appointed working group for the forthcoming Trailblazer Apprenticeship Scheme...



We are proud to announce that BDS is part of a government appointed working group for the forthcoming Trailblazer Apprenticeship Scheme. BDS are participating in the Employers Group and are contributing to shaping the new Apprenticeship for lots of young people coming in to the Fire, Security and Emergency Systems employment sector. This is the first time that the employers have had a say in an apprenticeship in this way and we are striving to get it right for the prospective candidates and the future of our industry.

February 2015 - BDS is awarded The Gold Partnership status by Notifier...



Through its dedication and loyalty to the Notifier Brand BDS have recently been rewarded with The Gold Partnership status. The Notifier by Honeywell Gold Partner programme is designed to promote the very highest standards of fire safety. The new certification programme, for Notifier's top Engineered Systems Distributors (ESDs), recognises partners' commitment to the Notifier brand through their skills in engineering fire systems, training, business performance and sales and marketing activities. Qualification for Gold Partner certification includes an audit by Notifier covering a number of areas, including technical capability, independent accreditation, business management systems, commercial competence and agreed levels of sales and marketing investment and support. BDS are the only Gold Partner to have its Headquarters in a London Borough and are able to resource & support our capital city and the home counties with confidence. Concentrating on this key area of the United Kingdom enables BDS to bring quality and flexibility when providing our full range of Fire & Life safety services. [click here to see our listing](#) on the Notifier Gold Partner site.

January 2015 - IHEEM Membership Application Success! BDS commitment to working with NHS Trusts continues with Affiliation to IHEEM...



and our Certification is imminent. Our healthcare sector partners where we have installed systems and/or maintain and service fire safety equipment include: Kings College Hospital NHS Trust, London Orpington Hospital, Kent. The Royal Marsden, Surrey. Guys and St Thomas' and Croydon Clinics. We hope that our new IHEEM Membership will cement existing relationships and help build new ones going forward. Click the image above to see our certificate...

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In a nutshell, from consultancy and design of Fire & Life Safety Systems through to contract handover and planned maintenance, our company is able to provide a concise and competitive bespoke service, tailored to you (as our name suggests...)

Our policy is to fully understand our customers' needs and satisfy these by supplying products, systems and services that meet needs and exceed expectations... I look forward to meeting many of you in the near future and hope that you enjoy your visit to our new website
Kevin Blyde - Managing Director

Download our 2020 company presentation here

See our Fire Safety Legislation website 'Know Safety, No Fire' here

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RECENT NEWS

BDS are to utilise both its Electrical & Fire Alarm Division to supply new Lighting, containment and a new Fire alarm system to Waterside, Wharf Rd London N1 which is a Grade II listed period warehouse conversion, dating from the mid-19th Century converted into both business units and apartment blocks, the much-needed upgrade has come about following the maintenance services we have provided to Cooltech Environment Engineering Ltd... >> read more

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Bancroft have awarded the Cat A fitout works for No1 Poultry to 5 office floors and front of house areas on the ground floor to BDS. >> read more

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BDS has been awarded a £200K Supply & Commission of a single network multi panel graphics Fire Alarm system to the new Dragon Engine plant... >> read more

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