

Fire Safety

Fire Safety and Detection from industry professionals with over 30 years experience....

Life Safety

"Secure your business and premises with protection that never takes a break"

Integrated Security

BDS specialise in the design, installation and maintenance of multi disciplined security solutions



News 2025

All our news for the year is outlined below, enjoy! We also have a news archive going back to 2013, [click here](#) for more...

December 2025 - Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year from BDS

Service and Maintenance

Fire Alarms, Life Safety Systems and Integrated Security are things you don't really notice until they're really essential

Accreditations are vital

See out list of industry accreditations here

Fire Evacuation Alert Systems

Are you ready to comply with The new BS 8629:2019 guidance on Evacuation Alert Systems installed in blocks of flats? This will be law soon...



BDS Celebrate Christmas and reflect on the year...

What a way to wrap up an amazing year at BDS! With lots to celebrate, this year we took over Lav Kitchen restaurant for the night, enjoying great food and great company - topping the night off when a Belly Dancer hit the floor!

It's been a big year full of hard work, team effort, and some fantastic wins, including some exciting new contracts that really sets us up nicely for the year ahead. None of this would be possible without the dedication, professionalism, and teamwork shown across the business.

I would like to take this moment to send a huge thank you to our employees at BDS and also to our amazing customers for your continued trust and support. We're heading into the new year feeling positive, motivated, and excited for what's next.

Kevin Blode - BDS Managing Director

December 2025 - Stephenson and Knolly's House Croydon

The Importance of Testing

Testing your fire alarms regularly is a key part of maintenance...

Home Security

When your home is secure, you feel secure

BDS EFM

BDS Electrical EFM, a force in Electrical Installations and Maintenance...



BDS revisited Stephenson & Knolly's House, now rebranded as Mosaic East, as part of its transformation into one of East Croydon's most forward-thinking office developments.

The existing fire alarm detection system was identified as obsolete and no longer fit for purpose. A full upgrade has now been completed, incorporating a Gent Vigil Network and new loop sounders to enhance system performance in line with current life-safety requirements.

The upgraded installation ensures robust life safety coverage from the basement through to the 11th floor, including car park and plant room areas, ensuring complete and Compliant detection and alarm coverage throughout the building.

November 2025 - Kingsclere Horse Stables

BDS - Fire and Life Safety, Integrated Security

With the implementation of the Regulatory Reform Fire Safety Order from 1st October 2006 it is the responsibility of the system user or appointed responsible persons to ensure the installed fire detection and alarm systems are maintained correctly. To this end the Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA) and the Fire Industry Association (FIA) advise that companies with third party accreditation, such as British Approvals for Fire Equipment & Systems (BAFE SP203), should be contracted



There are days working for BDS that are better than others this is certainly one of those days.

Why Choose us?...

We Care...

If you don't care about the service you provide you don't care about your customers! Our enthusiasm for what we do makes us care...

Our Experience puts us in your corner...

Our Five Senior managers have over 25 Years each experience in designing, installing, commissioning and maintaining fire and life safety systems our engineers are time served and are constantly being enhanced in the latest technology attending regular training sessions

We understand Urgency and have an open book policy Never letting our customers down and being there quickly when there is a problem is a key part of our commitment to you - We also commit to support your fire and safety equipment on a 24/7 basis. Customers subscribing to this service are guaranteed a response 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

We are truly independent and offer bespoke services to exactly match your needs and budget

We have formed partnerships with the world's leading fire and safety product manufacturers. We are not tied to any manufacturer allowing us to deliver the most appropriate and cost effective products as part of our solutions.

We are able to install and maintain equipment for the following suppliers: Notifier, Gent, Morley IAS, Kentec, Advanced, Haes, Protec, C-Tec, Global, Fike/Rafiki, EMS, Apollo, Hochiki, KAC, Thomas Glover, Airense, Vesda, Fireray, plus many more...

We have the privilege of maintaining the Fire Alarms and Extinguishers at the world famous Kingsclere stables owned by the Balding family. It's an absolutely beautiful equestrian training establishment full of history showing their fantastic achievements and is certainly one of our engineers favourite places to work...

October 2025 - Vesda System Safeguarding at The Royal Marsden



The ROYAL MARSDEN
NHS Foundation Trust



Vesda System Safeguarding - The UK's first Mr linac: a revolution in radiotherapy

The Royal Marsden has introduced its groundbreaking MR Linac, the UK's first machine to combine MRI and radiotherapy technology. This state of the art equipment tracks tumours promptly enabling more precise and effective radiotherapy treatments for patients.

To safeguard this highly valuable technology, BDS are honoured to be the trusted life safety specialist to install a brand new VESDA system whilst modifying existing circuits to ensure a seamless integration with the surrounding areas.

The VESDA system, renowned for its intelligence in early smoke detection, is the ideal solution to protect the MR Linac, particularly in ceiling void areas where there are height restrictions. The system helps to draw air through a network of sampling points, that can detect even the smallest traces of smoke much faster than traditional smoke detectors.

The advanced capabilities make it crucial for early fire detection and prevention, providing peace of mind in environments where protecting cutting-edge equipment is essential.

September 2025 - Full Fire Alarm Upgrade at 17 Moorgate



Complete System Replacement

BDS have successfully completed a full fire alarm upgrade at 17 Moorgate, an 8 storey building situated in its prime, City of London location. The project included replacing the faulty wireless system with a robust L2 category wired fire alarm system, supported with brand new cabling, installed across all eight floors of the building.

Modern Panel Installation

As part of the upgrade, BDS removed the outdated EMS and Ziton panels and installed a modern Ampac FireFinder Plus panel using the Apollo XP95 protocol, designed for reliability, long-term performance, and improved building protection on a larger scale.

Improved User Experience

The newly installed system enables simple, day-to-day programming directly from the front panel, making system management straightforward, efficient, and user-friendly for our customer.

August 2025 - Schools out for Summer



This summer our teams carried out essential maintenance, system upgrades, and small works to ensure schools are fully prepared & improved for the new term.

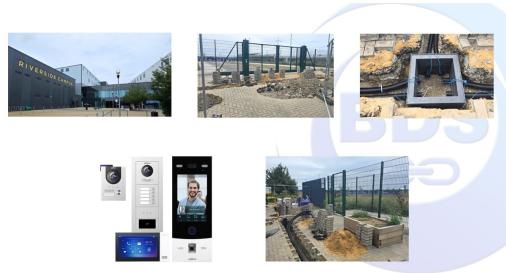
Hackbridge Primary School "Rooted in History, building for the future..."



BDS Upgrades Fire Safety at Hackbridge Primary School, which has been at the heart of our community since the nineteenth century. Hackbridge Primary recently evolved into a split-site, with its most recent London Road site becoming the UK's first Passivhaus Plus school building. A standard that combines ultra-low energy demand with on-site renewable generation, making it one of the most sustainable schools in the country.

The installation works included the provision of an Advanced MxPro fire alarm panel with XP95 devices. The project scope covered a full rewiring programme, scheduled during the half-term and summer holiday periods to minimise disruption. In addition, the works included the supply, installation, and commissioning of a new monitoring unit, ensuring London Fire Brigade (LFB) response both during and outside of normal working hours.

July 2025 - Riverside Campus in Barking.



Riverside Campus

We're excited to share.. BDS are currently installing a new Paxton access control system and Dahua video entry solution at Riverside Campus in Barking.

This upgrade will provide enhanced security, streamlined access management, and modern video entry features across the site.

Enhanced Security

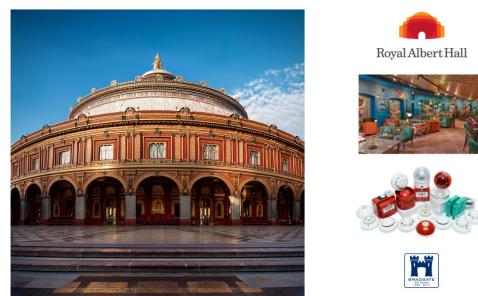
The Paxton system ensures flexible and secure access control for staff and visitors, while the Dahua video entry system offers high-resolution monitoring and two-way communication, improving both safety and convenience

DAHUA Video Entry System

Our team is working hard to deliver a smooth and efficient installation with minimal disruption to the campus.

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to enhance safety & security at Riverside Campus.

June 2025 - The Royal Albert Hall - New fire alarm detection installation within the iconic Artist Bar...



The Royal Albert Hall

BDS has successfully completed a new fire alarm detection installation within the iconic Artist Bar at the world-renowned Royal Albert Hall, home to the world famous Proms and countless global performers. Apollo XP95 Protocol devices were addressed and second fixed onto the Advanced MxPro5 fire alarm system.

Appointed by Bradgate, the in house electrical contractor and a valued long-term partner. BDS was brought in at short notice due to our trusted expertise and proven track record.

We are proud to have delivered this project on time and to be trusted to continue working for Bradgate having been awarded further work at this wonderful venue.

May 2025 - The New Inn Heckfield - Vastly improved Fire Alarm System





The New Inn Heckfield
 BDS are proud to announce a successful handover for the design, installation, and commissioning of a new fire alarm system at the beautifully refurbished Grade II listed pub with rooms. Located in the charming rural village of Heckfield, Hampshire, Family-Run since 1970 this much-loved venue has a rich family history. It was originally purchased by the current owner Laura Faulkner's grandparents, Basil and Winifred Francis, in 1970 and remained in the family until 1997. Following the end of a 25 Year Lease On the 22nd September 2022 the pub returned to family hands, now lovingly restored with a new lease of life. In 1977 the world-famous Boxer Muhammed Ali paid a visit..

Fire Alarm System Upgrade
 Our task was to upgrade the fire alarm system to L1 coverage, providing the highest level of protection throughout the building. Where possible, we used existing cables to keep the work efficient and reduce disruption. We also made changes to the wiring setup, as some of the original zones were overloaded. The system has now been reconfigured to handle the increased load safely and reliably. C Tec Cast Pro was chosen, which also included their newly introduced 4-Way Conventional Zone to CAST Addressable Zone Converter. This was the ideal choice where conventional devices are being replaced in situ with addressable devices and the existing wiring needs to be retained. By using the C Tec Loop Calculator, we also confirmed the new panel could handle the added load. This upgrade helps to keep everyone safe and ensures the system meets the latest standards... As part of this work, we've added sounder beacons in all bedrooms to ensure clear alerts in case of an emergency.

April 2025 - SOHO Estates - New Fire Alarm System | C-TEC XFP fire panel with Apollo Protocol



SOHO ESTATES
 BDS are responsible for maintaining the Fire alarms systems for SOHO Estates and as part of our working relationship we are also nominated as the preferred supplier for any new Projects or Fire Alarm upgrades. Recently we were asked to provide a fully automatic fire alarm system for Derschutz retail clothing store in SOHO's 27 Peter Street. As per SOHO's request all new systems that are installed use the reliable C Tec XFP fire panel with Apollo Protocol, ensuring optimal safety and compliance for this prestigious client

March 2025 - 10 years of NICEIC Accreditation



BDS have achieved yet another milestone in our development with the above certificate of excellence from the NICEIC... Big congratulations to all the team for achieving this

January 2025 - A Busy Month at Lords...



Every year a health check is carried out on the Gent Vigil Fire Alarm field devices. This year 120 devices had reached their expected life expectancy of 14 years so were replaced with new 5 quad Devices, this is because the light emitting diodes (LEDs) in the optical smoke detectors can lose their light output over time, making them less sensitive



ICC Indoor Cricket Centre

We supplied new fire alarm detection on the 1st and 2nd floors to suit the new café area, exercise studios and welfare facilities including coverage within the new gym and performance conditioning area.

ECB England & Wales Cricket Board
We attended site to supply new fire alarm detection on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd floor to suit the new floor layout including coverage within new offices and welfare facilities.

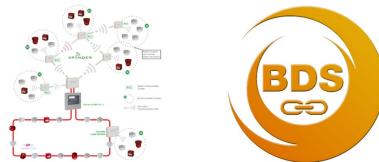
January 2025 - Beaumont House kensington village



An 82,000 Sq Ft Converted Office Building which was vacated & left without an operational Fire Alarm System has been repaired and validated by our experienced service engineers.

The Advanced fire alarm system using Apollo Protocol had a combination of hard wired and Apollo Xpander units, most of which were all disconnected and left lying around the building.

All radio devices were fitted with new batteries and reprogrammed to the system. The System was then validated to ensure the system complies with an L3 Design waiting for its new tenants to move in and fit out their designated space. BDS were also awarded the maintenance contract following the repairs that took just over a week to complete



January 2025 - Happy New Year from Kevin and the entire team at BDS!



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