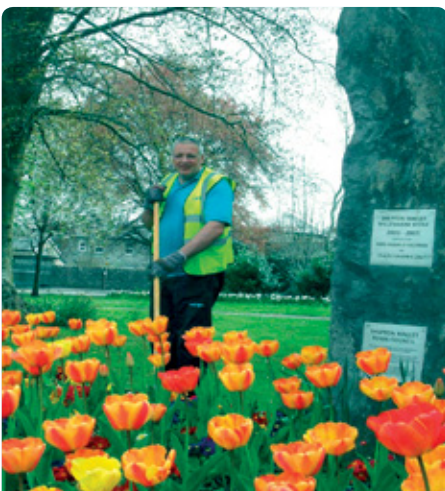


Mendip team ready for challenging forthcoming season!



Contract Manager, Wayne Frapple says: "This season will see significant frequency reductions and specification changes to the grass cutting operation on the contract throughout Mendip. I am sure my staff will rise to the challenge and provide a quality service as in previous seasons. I would also like to welcome Ben Witcombe to the team; Ben will be joining William Edwards on the Shepton-Wells team."

Carl Wright – Qualified Lantra-Awards Instructor



Horticultural Team Leader Carl Wright busy maintaining the last of the winter blooms

Recently Carl has joined 16 members of staff from various other Quadron contracts on the 11-day Lantra-Awards course in Birmingham. The Lantra-Awards scheme was set up so that each contract would have its own in house trainer to train/instruct local staff to Lantra-Awards standards in the safe use of ride-on mowers.

Wayne Frapple, Contract Manager said: "I think this has been a great opportunity for Carl and the other Quadron employees that attended the course to further their careers within Quadron as trainers. This will also ensure that our workforce here in Mendip and other contracts will be trained to a recognised standard/qualification, enhancing service delivery and performance in specific

areas identified by local managers and clients, Congratulations and well done to Carl and every one that passed."

Carl commented: "My initial view was that of dread... however it became evident that the training had been well thought out. The course was taxing but enjoyable, giving all participants confidence in how to carry out the training. It was without doubt some of the best and most interesting training I have had and I enjoyed the company of my fellow workers and trainers. Thank you Quadron"



Easthill Cemetery Extension Landscaping Project



Recently Mendip appointed Quadron to carry out the Landscaping works to their new Cemetery Extension in Frome.

Wayne said "this was a very tough project to get our teeth stuck into; the main challenge was to turn an overgrown disused agricultural field into a lawn section for burials. We encountered some ideal conditions but also those where it resembled a quagmire; however we did have a window of opportunity for the cultivation presses to take place as pictured above and the finishing touches were added by the planting of 120 meters of hedging and 20 specimen trees organised by Quadron's Tree Specialist Steve Clark of Jack Pine Tree Consultancy".

"Mendip District Council is extremely pleased with the landscaping works carried out by Quadron at its cemetery extension at Frome" said Cheryl Norton, Bereavement Officer, "not only has this given the council burial capacity for the future, the land that had been neglected over many years has been transformed into a beautifully planted area and something the council and residents of Frome can be proud of. It is sometimes difficult to remember that just a short time ago the land was very overgrown with badly damaged ground levels through years of animal grazing. The result is amazing and the landscaping will continue to improve year upon year as the trees mature."

Shaun Baker, Employee of the Month



Shaun was nominated Employee of the month for his "great work ethics and professional attitude and caring manner" said Wayne.

Mark Goodland, Contract Supervisor, added that "Shaun deserves this award, as he pulled out all the stops and worked above and beyond expectations; well done Shaun". Praise was also received from Mandy Lee, Funeral Director – "Shaun has shown initiative in problem solving and thinking quickly", and Client Officer Cheryl Norton – "we are very pleased that Shaun has been awarded Employee of the Month".

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