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## ***Burton Environmental Services Ltd wins Gold Training Award from ARCA***

BES is pleased to announce that they have won the Gold Training award from The Asbestos Removal Contractors Association – ARCA.

The award is made to member companies whose employees exceed a 90% average mark when attending ARCA training.



## ***Busy Time For BES Asbestos Training Services***

The last month has been extremely busy for BES trainers Andrea Bysh and Steve Shutler.

Our company participated in the Construction Safety & Health Awareness Day at the Britannia Stadium in Stoke on Trent which included 10 Asbestos Awareness talks, Duty Holder training for a district council in the midlands, Asbestos Management training for a major midland's university and a presentation to The Chartered Institution of Environmental Health three day "Best of The Best" conference at Nottingham University. Steve also provided asbestos screening training using optical microscopy to a laboratory specialising in monitoring soil samples for radio-activity and Andrea provided a well received talk to the IOSH branch at Telford.



A full programme of various asbestos training, including training for non-licensed asbestos work, is now available. Just drop an email to [info@bes-online.com](mailto:info@bes-online.com) for further details.

## ***Prosecutions in the Media***

Since our last issue of AsbestosNews the enforcing authorities have been busy in court.

In an unusual move the **HSE have reported that they are to take a head teacher to Court** following allegations that he used unlicensed contractors to remove asbestos at his primary school. David Dibb is the head of Westonzoyland

School in Somerset but has been on leave of absence since the allegation that he employed Dave Lee Building Contractors Ltd to remove asbestos for which an HSE asbestos licence was required. The work took place over the summer holidays in 2007 and the education authority has said that as pupils were not in the school there was no risk to the childrens' health and safety. Dibb has stated that he intends to fight the case. The building contractor is also to be prosecuted. For further details see <http://www.thisissomerset.co.uk/bridgwater/news/Head-faces-court-asbestos-school/article-323983-detail/article.html>

**Licensed asbestos contractors** LCH Contracts of Billericay have been fined £70,000.00 with costs of £13,821.00 by Ipswich Crown Court following investigations at St Francis Tower, Ipswich. The Court heard that officers visited the site to inspect asbestos removal works and found that asbestos insulating board has not been properly removed with debris on floors and in black plastic bags. R Maskell Ltd was also prosecuted and fined £150,000.00 with £30,000.00 costs. The HSE press release can be viewed at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/press/2008/coie09108.htm>

**North Tyneside Council** appeared at their local Magistrate's Court and were fined £17,005 with £3,911 costs after they allowed the caretaker of Wallsend Jubilee Primary School to work in a boilerhouse which had been "quarantined" as it was contaminated with asbestos. The previous caretaker and head teacher were aware of the problem but this information was not passed on to new staff. The prosecuting officer commented that the caretaker swept up in the contaminated area and must have received a significant exposure to asbestos. The incident was likely to occur at some time as maintenance engineers also visited the site periodically.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/press/2008/coie050908-2.htm>

**Denbighshire Council** has been served with an improvement notice following asbestos safety concerns at Prestatyn High school. The Council have also confirmed that a member of staff has been suspended in connection with the incident. A spokes person said that the notice required the Council to remove asbestos based pipe insulation.

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## ***Complimentary Entry to Interbuild 08 Courtesy of Burton Environmental Services***

Burton Environmental Services will be exhibiting at this year's Interbuild Exhibition at the NEC from 26 – 30 October and we are pleased to offer all readers of AsbestosNews free entry to the event.

The show, which is the largest construction Expo in the UK, offers specialist areas such as the Architects' Zone, Eco Products Showcase and the New Products Awards. There are also a range of seminars.

Burton Environmental Services will be on Stand 05- G115 (right by the bar!) as part of the SPV Special Services Consortium.

(SPV are a consortium of contracting companies and professional services that offer complete refurbishment of larger hotels, office buildings and other concrete structures – see <http://www.spvspecialprojects.com/> )

Normally entry is £20.00 but we would be pleased to send you a fax back form that will enable you to obtain your free entry ticket. Just give Chris Hughes a ring at our Burton Office a call.

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## ***High Court Challenge to "Toxic" French Warship***

The Friends of Hartlepool action group have instructed Phil Shindler of Solicitors PIL to launch a legal challenge against the HSE exemption which allows the French Government to send The Clemenceau Aircraft Carrier to

Hartlepool for the removal of asbestos and PCBs.

The ship is one of the largest in Europe and is infamous since the French were stopped from sending the vessel to India for breaking in 2005. Since this time the Clemenceau has been in dock in Brest. Apparently the ship was not allowed to return via the Suez Canal due to safety concerns.

The HSE granted the exemption to Able UK under the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006 but local residents are concerned for their safety particularly as the company have previously been prosecuted for asbestos related safety offences.

The solicitors are challenging the exemption as they claim that the HSE were under an obligation to consider suitable facilities available in France.

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