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## CECA SOUTH WEST PEOPLE

I'm really proud to be Chair of CECA South West, representing some of the finest civil engineering contractors there are. It's not my intention to speak here about all the enormous challenges faced by our members this past year – we all know what they are! Instead, I'd like to congratulate members in the professional way they've faced up to these challenges, worked diligently and collaboratively with their clients to get projects up and running and, above all, managed to maintain a sense of perspective throughout. And CECA South West has been there supporting members, training members, speaking up for members and helping members' businesses prosper wherever it could throughout the year.

I must say thank you to our previous Chair, Dave Ellis, who worked tirelessly for CECA South West during the previous three years. We really do have a thriving community of members and it's great to see our quarterly meetings so well represented. I've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know members from all corners of our industry and look forward to welcoming new and existing members to our meetings and engagement events in 2023.

The CECA South West Foundations Group continues to be a driving force for attracting new talent into our industry and engaging with schools and colleges all over the region. The Group's new careers video, filmed in the Summer and showcased at the Annual Lunch in October, is truly inspiring - and still available for all member companies to use in support of their recruitment programmes. If you haven't seen it yet, please do have a look - you can click on one of the following links:

**Youtube:** [https://youtu.be/Hn\\_SUX8au5A](https://youtu.be/Hn_SUX8au5A)

**CECA website:** <https://bit.ly/3K58Eep>

CECA South West continues to address skills' shortages within our region and our vision remains to provide a South West based skills training academy supported by the leading industry training provider,



*CECA South West Chairman Phil Ramsden (Milestone Infrastructure)  
with CECA South West Director Paul Santer*



AccXel. In 2022, we gained positive support from local MPs and industry leaders and are hopeful of a breakthrough in the coming months which will make AccXel2 a reality!

Finally, I would just like to thank everyone for supporting our chosen charity, Children's Hospice South West at the Annual Lunch in 2022 where we raised a record-breaking £2,500! We will continue to support the Hospice in 2023 and some of you will already know that I will be undertaking the charity's annual bike ride in July, cycling a very hilly 225 miles from St Austell to Bristol whilst visiting all three of the children's hospices along the way. As a non-cyclist, it's going to be extremely challenging just to get to the start line so please support me if you can for a hugely deserving cause (QR code, above right). Thank you.

**Phil Ramsden, CECA South West Chairman**



## SOUTH WEST ADVISORY GROUP

CECA South West is supported in its work by members of the South West Advisory Group (SWAG), who provide the Director with strategic advice, as well as feedback on regional and industry issues, enabling CECA SW to maintain its position as an informed and agile organisation that is both representative of its members and responsive to their needs.



Above: The CECA South West Advisory Group. Left to right: CECA SW Chair Phil Ramsden (Milestone Infrastructure); Past Chair Andy Pritchard (Tilbury Douglas); Past Chair Jon Benton (VolkerStevin); CECA SW Director Paul Santer; Vice Chair Andy Beech (Alun Griffiths); Past Chair Dave Ellis (Bridge Civil Engineering)



Right: Linda Evans, CECA SW's invaluable Office Manager

## TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

CECA South West delivers a diverse programme of training for its members. In total, CECA SW provided 47 training courses to members throughout 2022, mostly full day but some lasting up to 5 days each.



Trainer Bob Billbrough (above left) hosted courses on a wide range of topics throughout the year, including Quality, Risk, Management of Subcontractors, the Management Development Programme (MDP) and the New Entrant Programme. CECA SW NEC4 training sessions hosted by Glenn Hide (GMH Planning, above right) commenced in January and continued throughout 2022.

Additional CECA SW training providers included 2020 Safety Solutions and DAC Beachcroft. CECA SW also published 12 monthly NEC4 Training Bulletins, free for CECA members.



Training Hours Delivered: **7,740**.



Number of People Trained: **726**.

## QUARTER 1

CECA South West kicked off the new year with a comprehensive training programme, client liaison meetings (including Wiltshire Council) and the launch of our Management Development Programme (MDP).

We rounded off the quarter with a lively Members' Meeting at Sandy Park and a strong presence by our South West Foundations Group at the National Apprenticeship Show.



*Delegates for the 2022 Management Development Programme (MDP) at their initial session in Bristol in March*



Our CECA South West Foundations Group members hosting a stand at the National Apprenticeship Show in March.  
L to R: Mike Wilcox, Finley Craig, VR demonstrator, Katie Farrell, Jack Walker and Peter Boden



Stuart Allen from the Environment Agency was a guest speaker at the March Members' Meeting in Sandy Park

A client liaison meeting between CECA SW members and Wiltshire Council in February provided informative online engagement

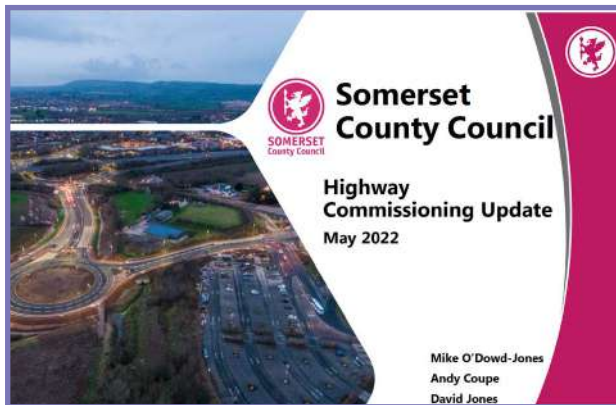


Right: Furzey Island Breakwater under construction by Suttle Projects during 2022



## QUARTER 2

Highlights in the CECA South West calendar between April and June included a wide variety of events, notably further client engagement (Devon County Council and Somerset County Council), a service strike mock trial, site visits by members (Tungsten West, Devonport Dockyard, Tamar Bridge), a visit by the Construction Minister to Accxel, Plymouth University civil engineering student support and a second Members' Meeting at Sandy Park featuring CECA CEO, Alasdair Reisner and Bristol Port's John Chaplin as guest speakers.



*Left: online client engagement with Somerset County Council in May; below - visit by the then Construction Minister Lee Rowley MP to AccXel Construction School in Gloucestershire in June*



*Phil Ramsden – taking his role seriously as judge for the Health & Safety Service Strike Mock Trial in June*



*Devon County Council Client Liaison Meeting at Sandy Park in April. L to R: CECA SW Director Paul Santer; Chris Dyer, Meg Booth and Robert Richards (Devon County Council); Phil Ramsden CECA SW Chair/Milestone*



*Plymouth University student Alana Grigg won the CECA SW Prize in May for her project entitled 'Sustainable Floating Living'*



*Hemerdon Tungsten Mine site visit by CECA South West members in May. Our host was Tungsten West plc.*



*John Chaplin, Director for the Bristol Port Company, was our guest speaker at the June members' meeting*



*CECA Chief Executive Alasdair Reisner updating members at the June members' meeting at Sandy Park*



*CECA SW Foundations Group members Finley Craig (Mace) and Katie Farrell (Kier BAM JV) join Paul Santer on a site visit to Devonport Dockyard in May*



*At the Q2 meeting of the CECA SW Foundations Group Karen Woodward, Business Partnership Manager of South West Engineering UK, gave an inspiring presentation on Tomorrow's Engineers Code*



*CECA SW site visit to Tamar Bridge in April where Richard Cole, Engineering Manager for Tamar Crossings, was our enthusiastic guide*



*Visit to 'new' CECA SW Member, Walters at Avonmouth in April. Pictured with Paul Santer is Jim Webb, SW Regional Director of Walters and one of his new CAT D6s*



## QUARTER 3

A busy quarter with client engagements (Babcock, Bristol Airport, Network Rail), site visits to member projects (Cleveland Bridge, Rock Park Bridge), the New Entrants' Practical Skills Week at Bircham Newton Construction College and a Foundations Group beach barbeque at Exmouth. The highlight of Quarter 3 was of course, filming our Foundations Group careers video which has received industry acclaim across the UK.



Q3 Client Liaison meetings included presentations by Babcock (above) and Bristol Airport (below)



Left: Cleveland Bridge refurbishment over the River Avon in Bath by Milestone



Phil Ramsden, Paul Santer and Cleveland Bridge Project Manager, Oz Demircelik

Below: Rock Park Bridge strengthening in Barnstaple undertaken by TMS





*A new screen was built by Bridge Civil Engineering for the Environment Agency in Polperro in 2022*



*The CECA SW Foundations Group beach BBQ took place in August*



*Practical Skills Week: some of our new entrants at Bircham Newton trying out their steelfixing skills*



*BAM's Dawlish Sea Wall and Dawlish Water Outlet progressed well during 2022*

# CAREERS VIDEO

Members of the CECA South West Foundations Group during filming for our ground-breaking careers video.



## CECA SW ANNUAL LUNCH AND YOUNG ACHIEVERS' AWARDS 2022

The CECA South West Annual Lunch and Young Achievers' Awards 2022 took place in October at the Grand Hotel, Torquay, raising more than £2,500 for the Children's Hospice South West. Guest speaker was the Eden Project's Sir Tim Smit.



*Our CECA South West Young Achievers award winners: L to R are James Rush (SWH), Nick Olds (Suttles), Hannah Brown (Costain/Bath University), Phil Ramsden (CECA SW Chair), Harry Blannin (TMS/Plymouth University), Amelia House (Balfour Beatty/Bath University) and Jenson Jenkins (Forest).*



*CECA SW Foundations Group members & supporters*



*The Eden Project's Sir Tim Smit was guest speaker*



*Foundations' Group Chair, Jack Walker, introducing the video (below)*



*CECA South West Chairman Phil Ramsden welcomes members and their guests*



*Members were treated to the world première of the CECA South West Foundations Group's brilliant new careers video*

## QUARTER 4

With the Annual Lunch in early October getting us off to a flying start in Q4, CECA SW also delivered another hard-hitting H & S mock trial (this time for working at height), attended the Plymouth University CivSoc Careers Fair (alongside many CECA member companies), forged links with training providers (for groundworker and plant operator apprentices) and toured Linhay Quarry near Ashburton as guests of Glendinning. The year culminated in a pre-Christmas members' meeting at Sandy Park where National Highways and Cosmic UK were amongst the presenters.



*National Highways SW Regional Director Jason Hones in full flow at Sandy Park*



*Fergus Longbottom and Katie Farrell helping out at CivSoc at Plymouth University*



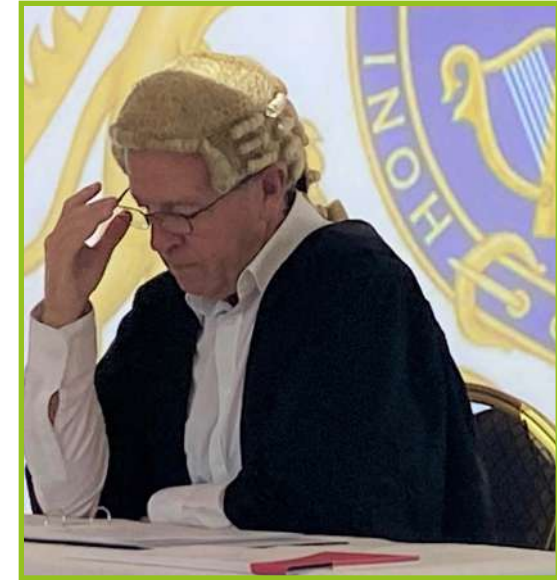
*Greenlight's new outdoor training facility at Thornbury. L to R: Paul Santer, Dan Symons (Greenlight) and Laurence Stone (CITB)*



*Our SW Foundations Group gave members an update on their busy year at December's members' meeting*



*Mike Wilcox (Kier) giving evidence at the H & S mock trial*

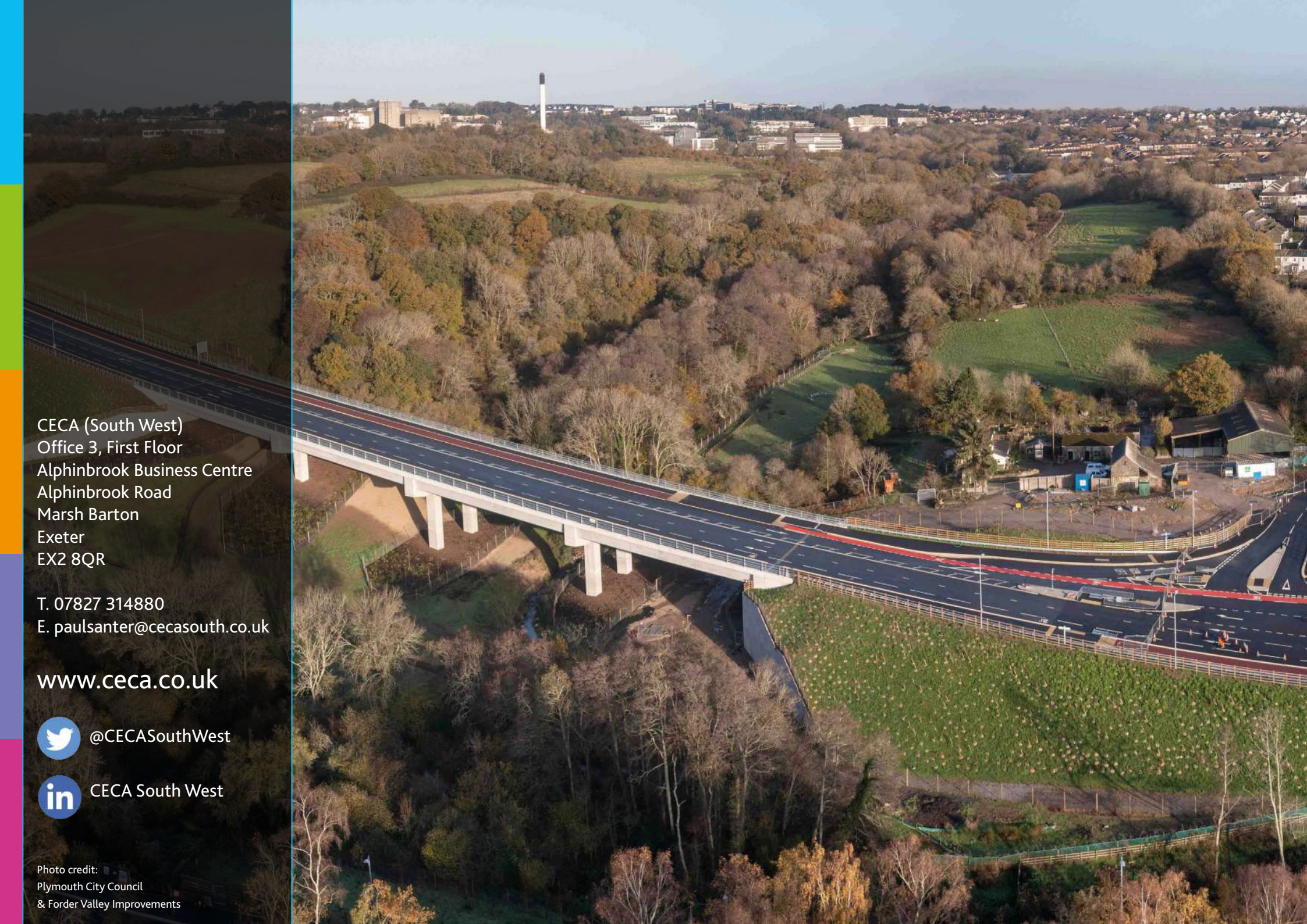


*Judge Don Higgs!*



*Above and right: CECA South West undertook a site visit to Linhay Quarry at Ashburton, courtesy of Glendinning*





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