

LTC's new Technical Office is becoming a reality

Building work is nearing completion on LTC's brand new Technical Office, in Hyde, near Manchester.

Improvements include new roof and improved foundations, as well as a completely refurbished reception, and new office spaces.

The technical office, on Commercial Brow, in Hyde, will co-exist with the current Hollins farm site, with the majority of the engineering team using the larger Commercial Brow site, which will house the technical library and a high-speed internet connection.

Once the building work completes shortly, work will begin in kitting out the premises with new equipment and furniture, followed by development of the office infrastructure and transfer of the technical resources from the Hollins Farm site.



Above: Views of the new office space during refurbishment

LTC accepts fundraising award



LTC's fundraising efforts were commended in January with a Bronze award from juvenile diabetes charity JDRF.

A team from LTC walked 5 miles around Drayton Manor theme park in October 2008. Between them and with a donation from the company coffers, the team managed to raise over £2000.

Thanks to everyone who supported the team.

Left: LTC inspection engineer Antony Mitchell receives the award on behalf of the LTC team from Colin Bryan, Managing Director, Drayton Manor theme park.

Congratulations to Josie & Mark



LTC Accounts Manager Josie Nicholls and husband Mark celebrated the birth of their new baby daughter, Isla Nicole, in February. This is Bob and Janet Nicholls' fifth grandchild. Congratulations to the new parents and the rest of the family.

Left: Josie and baby Isla Nicole

LTC 'big green tick' stickers coming soon



LTC has announced a new initiative to increase our client's guests' awareness of inspection when enjoying an amusement ride.

As the winter inspection season comes to a close, LTC clients will be approached on a mutually beneficial placement of the stickers for their devices.

The idea is to place a sticker on each of the devices that have been inspected by LTC. The rectangular stickers feature LTC's name and logo, the year of issue and a 'green tick' to symbolise the device's successful completion of the season's inspection programme.

It is hoped that, whilst increasing awareness of LTC in general, clients benefit as guests feel and understand that the ride that they are experiencing has been fully examined recently. This confers a feeling of trust on the client.

Left: A sample LTC sticker

Technical Library gets prepared for the digital age

The extensive technical library held by LTC is to go digital as part of ongoing developments to LTC office sites in 2009.

LTC's library of documentation has grown significantly over the years incorporating many detailed specifications on amusement device safety, materials, non-destructive testing (NDT), as well as quality systems and certification.

The digital library offers the business a number of opportunities to make sure our extensive resources and archives are

available to our engineering team to better help our clients.

In addition, the transformation of all the paper copies to digital format signals changes to a more 'paperless' office infrastructure, to help reduce material and energy waste in line with LTC's environmental policy.

The digital facility will also be readily searchable to enable the quick finding of information within three decades' worth of standards, technical reports and other relevant documentation.

Right: LTC's technical library



Another successful inspection season comes to a close

As the Easter break signals the start of the open season for our clients, LTC managing director Bob Nicholls has declared that yet another inspection season has been a success for LTC's valued clients.

Now the physical inspection work is in the process of being finalised,

the LTC inspection team will focus on ensuring the assessment reports and DOCs are completed and sent on time.

Bob commented "the team have done well to meet and exceed our client's expectations. We hope to continue to deliver our trademark 'safety and serviceability' going forward. Our thanks to everyone

for their co-operation over the winter months."

The summer months also give an opportunity to carry out the move from the current to newer, larger premises, and provide further advanced NDT and safety training to members of the LTC inspection engineers. Of course, all clients can expect the high

standard of professional technical support throughout the summer, despite the ongoing improvements to our services.

Thanks to everyone for the positive feedback received on the new LTC newsletter. It's also available to download from the LTC website.