

Local staff step into the spotlight

Faces from around ExxonMobil in Leatherhead are playing a starring role in the company's latest high profile advertising campaign.

The campaign, which was broadcast this autumn in the UK and across Europe as well as in the USA, highlights some of the groundbreaking ways in which ExxonMobil is taking on the world's energy challenges.

The Leatherhead-based employees who star in the TV and print adverts are enthusiastic about both the company's advancements and the need to publicise them.

Gerry Borghesi, who talks about new techniques to extract gas, said: "It's important to show that our company comprises real and ordinary people who are passionate about the work they do and the role they play in meeting community needs, such as reducing the reliance on energy imports."

Technical prowess

Emma Clark, who speaks in the adverts about developments in the handling of liquefied natural gas (LNG), said: "It's really positive that we're communicating the fantastic things we're doing in terms of using our technical prowess to ensure we manage energy needs."

Film stars

All the comments in the adverts are pieced together from the speakers' responses to unrehearsed interviews. Filming the adverts in New York gave everyone a peek into a different world.

"It was a memorable experience," said Gerry, "seeing best-in-class television production and working with people at the pinnacle of their industry. I was amazed by how quickly non-experts grasped the concepts we were trying to communicate."

They were perfectionists, added Federica Berra, who talks about the development of a floating LNG terminal in Italy in her advert. "The whole exercise was very precise. They even shortened the sleeves of the outfit I was wearing by less than half an inch to make it fit better."

"It was great to see the world of movies and to be a part of it, but I also realised that working in the film industry is definitely not for me!"

The print and TV adverts are appearing on national and regional TV, and in newspapers and magazines, as well as in outdoor locations until December.



Campaign stars:
Matt Tucker (top right),
Gerry Borghesi,
Emma Clark (below left)
and Federica Berra




Mum's the word for VIP grant

ExxonMobil is helping to fund the training of a breastfeeding counsellor in Dorking through its Volunteer Involvement Programme, which provides grants to local charities and community organisations where its staff give their personal time and support.

Wendy Ashton, who works for the company in Leatherhead, is the mother of a two-year-old child, and a volunteer at the Dorking branch of the National Childbirth Trust (NCT), where she is the treasurer.

"When I was a new mother, I wanted to know that there were people out there to support me," said Wendy. "The NCT is the UK's leading charity for parents and has been a great help to me and thousands of others."

She said she volunteers for the NCT because: "I just want to be a part of the good work they are doing. I think it's a great cause."



Wendy's voluntary work for the NCT has been recognised with a grant for the charity from ExxonMobil

Thank you for reading this latest issue

ExxonMobil is the world's largest publicly traded fuel company.

In the UK we are best known by our brand names Esso and Mobil. We have interests in nearly 50 producing North Sea oil and gas fields, operate the UK's largest refinery, at Fawley near Southampton, and serve around one million customers a day through more than 800 Esso-branded service stations.

Wherever we operate in the world, we like to play our part in the local community. We consider this to be an important part of our responsibility as a good corporate citizen.

Volunteers give a helping hand to local community projects

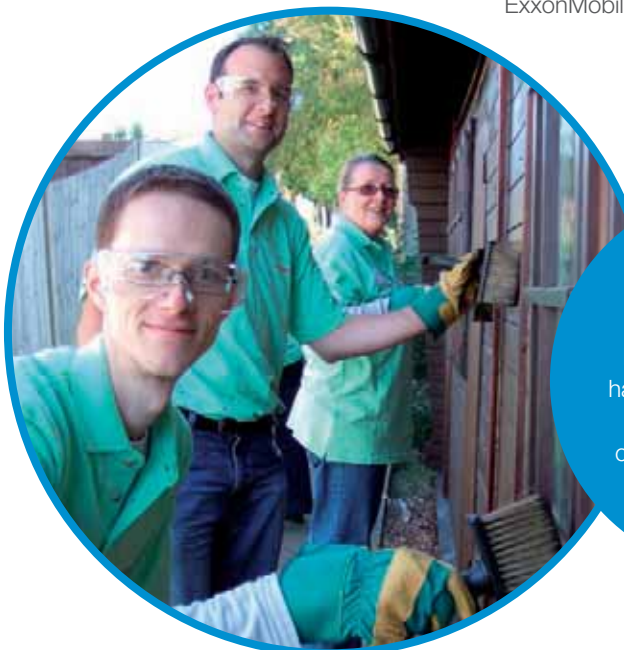
This autumn, more than 100 ExxonMobil employees have rolled up their sleeves and spent a day on community improvement projects in the Leatherhead area.

The company invited staff to take a day out of the office to work on eight different projects.

- At the new Leatherhead Trinity School to the north of the town, a team of staff created a vegetable garden and established new pots and planters for the front of the school.
- At Seeability's premises in Leatherhead, ExxonMobil staff tended raised vegetable and flower beds and weather-proofed outdoor equipment.
- Two teams worked with the Surrey Wildlife Trust to clear an area of invasive holly to help conserve Nower Wood.
- Children attending the 1st Tattenham Scouts, Rainbows or Beavers have seen a marked improvement in their timber building, which has been treated externally, and painted inside. The grounds around the building were also cleared.
- ExxonMobil volunteers painted internal doors and external areas at Fetcham Pre-School.

- A group of staff worked on Ashtead Common to cut back young birch saplings to clear fire breaks.
- ExxonMobil staff also helped the not-for-profit Freewheelers Theatre Company to prepare for a production starring disabled students at Leatherhead Theatre.
- A team of 10 staff were involved in treating the fencing and improving the grounds at a residential home operated by the Leatherhead-based Surrey Community Development Trust (SCDT), which houses and supports 850 vulnerable local people.

Paul Mitchell is chief executive of SCDT, which was chosen by the company's Leatherhead-based staff as its charity of the year for 2009. He said of this year's Day of Caring activity: "We are absolutely delighted. Such dedicated work has significantly improved the grounds and helps raise the self esteem of residents. At a time when charities are particularly under pressure, we are delighted by the generosity and commitment of ExxonMobil and its staff."



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Awards boost for business

A new awards scheme, created to recognise the achievements of businesses located in and around Leatherhead, launched in October, with backing from ExxonMobil.

Firms from the town, as well as Ashted, Bookham, Effingham, Mickleham and Fetcham, are eligible to enter the Leatherhead and District Business Awards.



A special Gala Evening that attracted representatives from dozens of local businesses was held in the town in October to launch the Awards.

As well as prizes for the small business of the year (less than 50 staff) and large company of the year (more than 50 staff), there are separate awards for marketing excellence, customer service, environmental commitment, and a prize for business personality of the year.

Delia Ponter, community affairs manager for Exxon Mobil, said: "As one of the town's largest employers, we are delighted to be sponsoring this inaugural event. This is a great initiative supported by the Leatherhead & District Chamber of Commerce, Mole Valley District Council and The Leatherhead Area Partnership, that will provide due recognition for excellence in business in the local area."

The Awards presentation will be made on 28th January 2010 and representatives from short-listed entrants will be invited to attend the ceremony.



Leatherhead wins seventh consecutive safety award

ExxonMobil's commitment to safety in its operations at Leatherhead has been recognised for the seventh consecutive year with an award from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA).

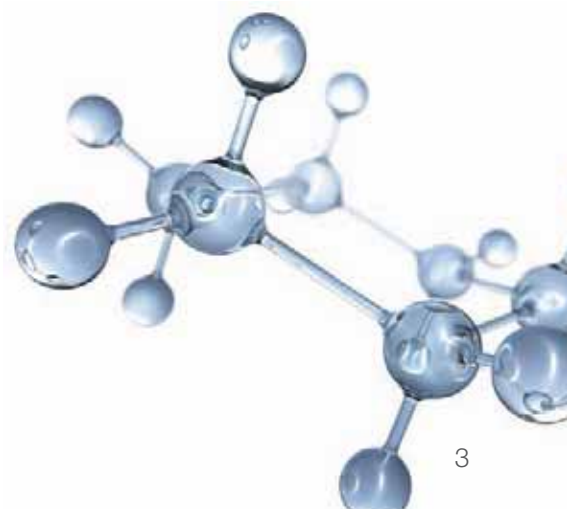
The annual RoSPA Awards applaud the business world's efforts to ensure safe places to work – and ExxonMobil is among the best.

For the seventh year running, ExxonMobil House in Leatherhead received an Order of Distinction. Oliver Wells from the company's safety health and environment (SHE) committee said safety affects everything on site. "In Leatherhead, employees are engaged through our site committee, which has raised the profile of all aspects of safety, security and environment. We learn through our successes and failures. There are always efforts to keep improving."

The Leatherhead site has now gone almost three full years without any injuries requiring time off from work.



ExxonMobil's focus on safety at its UK headquarters building in Leatherhead has been recognised once again by RoSPA.



West Hill School wins Science College status

Thanks in part to financial backing from ExxonMobil, the Leatherhead-based school has become only the fourth Special School in the UK to gain this status.

The school is set to become a centre of excellence for scientific and mathematical education, working closely with a confederation of schools in Ashted and Leatherhead to raise the standard of Science and Maths in local First, Primary and Secondary schools.

A new science block with a preparation room will be built and the school has already employed a Science/Resources Technician. The local community will be able to access Science/Maths

based learning either at West Hill School or through other outside agencies using West Hill's expertise.

To be eligible for Specialist Science College status, West Hill School had to demonstrate it had support from local business – and ExxonMobil was delighted to be able to help.

Link Schools programme

West Hill is one of seven schools in the Leatherhead area that benefit from the company's Link Schools programme, which provides classroom materials and grants for equipment and pupil resources. Andy MacFarlane, Director of Specialism at the school, said: "I am really looking forward to the next three years, raising attainment and working in partnership with our local schools and the wider community. I must thank ExxonMobil for their continued support."



West Hill School Director Andy MacFarlane and pupils at work in a science lesson.

Competition

Your chance to win £100 worth of John Lewis vouchers!



All you need to do to be in with a chance of winning, is to answer the following question (the answer is contained within this newsletter):

On what date will the Leatherhead and District Business Awards ceremony take place next year?

Send your answer, with your name, address and phone number, to:

Energy in our Communities competition
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Closing date for entries is 31 December 2009. The first correct entry opened after this date will be the winner. By sending in your entry, you agree to ExxonMobil using that information for the purposes of this competition only. ExxonMobil will not use your details for any other purpose. This competition is not open to employees or contractors of ExxonMobil.

Energy in our Communities

News in brief

Refreshed UK website goes live

ExxonMobil's UK website (www.exxonmobil.co.uk) has relaunched with a new look and feel reflecting the design of the corporation's website. The structure and content of the site has been updated and the new design includes features to make it more accessible for people with disabilities.



Running total

Dozens of runners from ExxonMobil House in Leatherhead helped raise money for SportsAid earlier this summer when they took part in the UK leg of the 33rd JP Morgan Chase Corporate Challenge. The annual running event is a series of 3.5-mile races – held in 12 cities in six countries on five continents – and ExxonMobil has long been a supporter of the two Battersea Park races in London – one for men and one for women. This year's event attracted a total of 11,700 male runners and 6,000 female runners.

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