

PARAGON SURVEYS



NEWSLETTER

WELCOME...

...to the first edition of the Paragon Surveys newsletter designed to provide information for all our staff, clients and suppliers. We have been extremely busy since the company was established in April 2001, working on a mixture of high profile contracts whilst servicing our 'bread and butter' clients on what are typically 1-2 day duration projects. We are pleased to be still working with our very first clients, although must apologise for not promoting our services better. We still get clients saying 'I didn't realise that you could do that!' We have therefore decided to try and give a brief insight into the areas of work we are involved. Please let us know what you think and do not hesitate to telephone or call in for a free no obligation consultation.

Top property accolade for paragon surveys £1¼ million project

The RICS Awards 2008 Grand Final winners were announced by Channel 4's Kevin McCloud on 17 October 2008, at a gala ceremony held at The Millennium Mayfair in London.

Project of the Year was awarded to the £800 million refurbishment and extension of St Pancras International station on which Paragon Surveys were commissioned as the Architectural & Heritage Surveyors.

Regarded as the 'Oscars' of the built and natural environment, the RICS Awards recognise excellence, value for money and a commitment to sustainability is awarded to any entry that is judged to have excelled in any, or all of the main categories.

Paragon Managing Director Steven Ashcroft commented, *'to be involved on one of the most prestigious projects in the UK was a true honour. This contract put Paragon Surveys on the map; we've come a long way and are now at the forefront of the Geomatics industry, achieving respect at the level we deserve.'*

Although initially instructed to produce detailed floor plans, elevations and conditional survey records of the former Midland Hotel & existing live station complex, Paragon very quickly had an additional two engineering survey teams undertaking setting out works on the station extension, East Side Buildings and the new Thameslink Station box works.

Project Manager Daniel Salter said *'working on a high profile grade 1 listed building like St Pancras, it was essential to supply the designers with accurate and reliable information. With a thoroughly professional approach, Paragon Surveys ensured that we consistently received survey data of the highest standard and I will be utilising their services on my next project.'*



The role of the TSA is to promote best practice amongst its members, provide a forum for members for discussion, debate and continuing professional development and, to the wider audience such as engineers, provide guidance on new methods and techniques.

Paragon Surveyors became members in January 2008 and are regularly vetted both financially and technically. By using a TSA member you are protected by a carefully regulated membership system.



THE SURVEY ASSOCIATION

GNSS replaces GPS to establish Ordnance Datum

Modern GNSS receivers access both the American GPS and Russian Glonass systems to provide an improved coverage and accuracy than possible with GPS alone.

Over the last 12 months we have purchased new GNSS equipment that will output real time 3D co-ordinates relative to the Ordnance Survey National Network.

We are confident that our customers will see the benefit of this new equipment right away as it will reduce office processing, delivery times and cost.

The Ordnance Survey's previously issued directive that 'OSBM's should not be used', is still widely unknown amongst property professionals. Please remember that if Ordnance Survey level datum is required for your project, it should be established utilising a suitable GPS method.

Our surveyors have been using GPS for nearly 20 years and are well placed to advise you if you have any questions.



The Latest Technology

From day one major investment has been made in the latest measuring equipment. Our latest acquisition is a precision total station that can measure to an accuracy of 1mm in distance & 1 second of arc angular, with the ability to measure without a reflector to a range of 1000m. This has already paid dividends on numerous engineering and dimensional contracts. More in the next issue.

Measured Building Surveys are still undertaken by traditional means, depending upon type the of building and survey purpose. However, over the last couple of years we have increasingly used an automatic system, were measurements are sent directly into a laptop via bluetooth and the floor plan is drawn in real time.

Topographical Survey commissions have remained constant over the years and we have now surveyed just about every type of site, from railway stations to motorways and a private garden to a country estate.

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We have recently completed a measured building survey of Danesgrove School in the London Borough of Barnet. Christmas maybe cancelled this year if we are successful with the next tender!

Farringdon Station

As part of the Thameslink modernisation programme, we have been commissioned to carry out measured survey works on our 5th London railway station.



APPROVED SURVEYORS

We have completed surveys on 3 motorway schemes throughout the country this year and look forward to many more next year.

M27 Climbing Lanes

A survey team recently mobilised to Portsmouth to verify the bulk earthwork volumes and undertake an as built survey for the above motorway widening scheme.

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- Please send me information on topographical surveys
- Please send me information on measured building surveys
- Please send me information on engineering surveys
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