

Designers' Initiative Of Health And Safety

Meeting Record

Date 29th June 2020 (Mon), 16:30-18:00 Video conference using Microsoft Teams Venue Chair Paul Bussey

Author

Attendees	Name	Initial	Organisation
1	Paul Bussey (chair)	РВ	AHMM
2	Phil Cornforth (speaker 1)	PC	USAG
3	Richard Broome (speaker 2)	RB	USAG
4	Aamir Shahzad	AS	Currie Brown
5	David Mulligan	DM	Metwork
6	Gary Burden	GB	PRP Architects
7	Jeffrey Tribich	JT	Tribich Consultantcy
8	Roland Reinardy	RR	Hawkins Brown
9	Graham Boyce	BG	Barton Willmore
10	Peter Hegarty	PH	Hawkins Brown
11	Mark Skinner	MS	Hawkins Brown
12	Michael Stowell	MS	SDM Services
13	Steve Copping	SC	Arcadis
14	Joshua Ovenden	JO	AHMM
15	Erica Chan	EC	AHMM
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NOTE ON COVID-19: Since the UK government impose nationwide lockdown on 23rd March 2020, all meetings will take place over video conference.

Speaker Richard Broome and Phil Cornforth

Our guest speakers are Richard Broome and Phil Cornforth from the Utility Strike Details Avoidance Group (USAG). They will be discussion utility identification and avoidance strategy. More details below:

Richard Broome is the Managing Director of the LSBUD (Linesearch BeforeUdig) service in Great Britain helping protect over 90 asset owners' networks by managing over 2.8 million third party enquiries per annum.

His role includes consultation and networking with a wide variety of utility asset owners as well as all types of third parties from Statutory Undertakers to private individuals and Government organisations.

Richard is a qualified Chartered Surveyor, with experience across a variety of utility and property projects. He leads the Data & Reporting Group of the Utility Strike Avoidance Group, producing the annual Utility Strike Report and increasing awareness of utility strikes across the UK.

Phil Cornforth is a damage prevention specialist who has worked in the utility sector in the UK, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand for more than 25 years. Phil has extensive experience with the physical implications of unwanted third-party damage to cables and pipes by excavation which can cause serious disruption and loss to the utility owner, customers and also serious harm to persons who cause damage. Phil has been with PelicanCorp for five years ensuring that users and utility members of their global 'dial before you dig' services are well aware of the health, safety and asset protection benefits of the service.

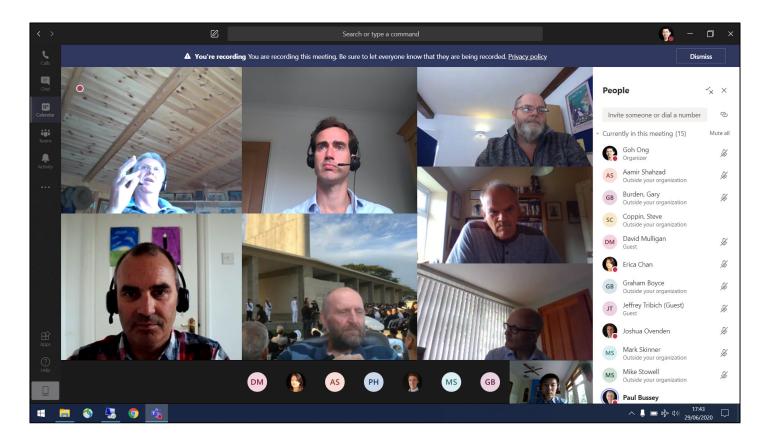
Phil sits on the USAG steering committee and is responsible for public relations to raise awareness of the group and website. This is a highly helpful free resource which includes industry best practices and procedures for safety in design and excavation to those planning and working near utility cables and pipes.



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The Utility Strike Avoidance Group (USAG)

The established body within the utility, excavation and construction industries to reduce the number and severity of underground utility strikes arising from work activities in proximity to such services



What do we do?

We provide a forum for employers and industry partners to influence and promote improved standards of health and safety within the utility sector. It has become the leading provider of industry knowledge for safe excavation around utilities and as such has been endorsed by both the HSE and IOSH. It was the winner of the Innovation award for the NJUG (Streetworks) Awards in 2012 and the USAG Charter currently has over 200 signatories.

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To keep improving safety in the pursuit of eliminating strikes, the industry needs a collaborative effort to ensure effective and sustainable change. The strike damage report builds on the findings of the 215/16 report. The data was collected from 34 USAG Members which includes over 3000 utility strikes. USAG has worked with EUSR to agree the essential training criteria to enable safe excavations near underground services. The training requirements are contained in EUSR safe excavation modules and learning outcomes and a list of knowledge criteria that must be assessed as part of any training. Courses can be assessed for compliance by the **Energy & Efficient Independent** Assessment Service.

Aims and Objectives

- To manage and oversee all information published within the USAG framework of committees;
- To ensure duties under health and safety legislation are implemented consistently by all partners and to discuss and assess the impact of and application of draft legislation;
- To promote health and safety practice throughout the utility sector via an agreed programme of work, to be kept under regular review;
- To share and exchange any other relevant information affecting the utility sector;
- To provide a forum for HSE to raise issues of operational policy that may impact on the represented industries.

To deliver these aims USAG has established a Steering Group and a number of Working Groups in order to progress its programme of work and help develop outputs in specific areas of expertise, as well as providing the opportunity to promote the principles of good health & safety management of all work activities associated with underground utility services.

- Data & Reporting
- Training & Competence
- Toolkit Development
- Web site Development
- Membership



Our terms of reference

Terms of reference for the Steering Group set out:

- The development of a consistent approach by all members to ensure that legal duties are complied with as an absolute minimum;
- The sharing and promotion of good practice in all work activities carried out in proximity of utility services;
- The support of industry initiatives and campaigns designed to reduce the incidence of utility strikes;
- The promotion of the reporting and analysis of data to identify any industry trends with a view to developing responsive actions;
- Raising awareness amongst other parties including designers, training providers and equipment manufacturers of their responsibilities for and influence on the provision of utility services;
- The development and promotion of industry wide programmes and initiatives and relevant guidance as necessary to promote training and skills related issues.

How can you get involved?

USAG is always looking for additional members so if you would like to become involved please visit:

www.utilitystrikeavoidancegroup.org

or contact us via email:

info@utilitystrikeavoidancegroup.org

On the website you can:

- Download the USAG Charter the Charter is designed to help change the way we all work around utilities and to set a minimum standard for adoption across the industry;
- View and download our Toolkit on Planning, Training and Key Risk Guidance;
- View previous strike reports and related information.





Utility Strike Avoidance Group

Resources to help industry prevent damages to utility infrastructure

Phil Cornforth – Damage Prevention Specialist

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USAG

- 25 Years operations third party damage utility experience, UK, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand
- Operations manager beforeUdig, New Zealand
- Damage Prevention Specialist for PelicanCorp UK
- Assisting USAG to promote utility strike avoidance









Who - Members

- Collaborative cross industry group of more than 220 stakeholders:
 - Utilities
 - Industry groups
 - Contractors
 - Service Providers
 - Regulators





















































Membership – The 'Safe Dig' Charter



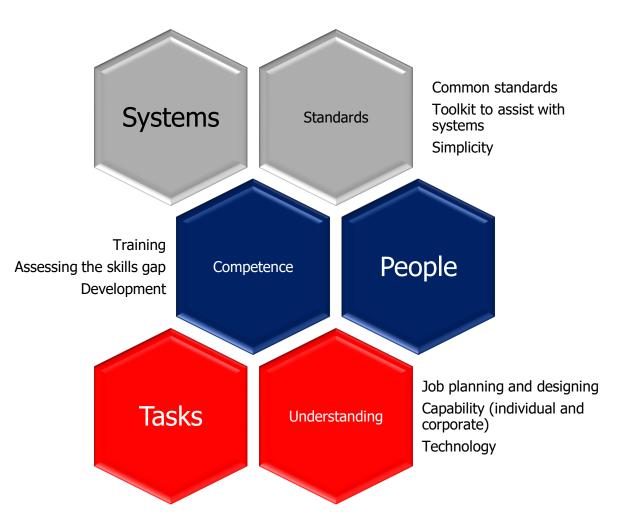
We, as signatories to the USAG Charter, will commit to:

- **Properly plan all work** carried out by us or on our behalf. Those carrying out the work to be aware of their responsibilities.
- 2. Assess all people working on our behalf, to ensure they are competent and capable of carrying out the task given to them and that at least one person in each work team is competent in the use of cable detection equipment to its full potential.
- **3.** Carry out excavations, including those undertaken by anyone excavating on our behalf, in accordance with safe systems of work, company or USAG guidance.
- **4. Provide equipment** for the detection and avoidance of services that is **inspected**, **calibrated and tested** in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements and that records are kept, including a daily check that the equipment continues to operate as expected.
- 5. Provide suitable and sufficient **personal protective equipment** to all those working, including those working on our behalf, and have systems in place to monitor its correct provision, use and maintenance.
- Provide relevant, up to date utility asset drawings to people excavating, carry out assurance checks, such as inspections and audits and keep records of those activities, including action taken.
- 7. Conduct a suitable and sufficient **investigation where damage** to an asset occurs in order to identify the cause and corrective actions and share the significant findings with USAG.
- **8. Provide utility strike information** in the format requested by USAG as part of the annual report into utility damage.
- 9. Provide the best advice to our clients regarding utility asset identification, including the appropriate type of asset investigation for their needs, promoting the process identified in PAS 128 Specification for underground utility detection, verification and location.



What is USAG

- Promote best practice and safety
- Forum for all
- The leading provider of industry knowledge
- Free of charge

























- Improve safety standards
- Reduce harm
- Reduce volume and severity of strikes
- Reduce unnecessary service outages
- Reduce consequential losses and damage





Two people suffer burns to face and hands after McDonald's incident







Birmingham Broad Street rkers damage pipe

September 2019





Bournville evacuation: 800 people evacuated near Cadbury factory after gas leak

HUNDREDS of people have been evacuated after a gas leak in Bournville in South Birmingham near the famous site of the Cadbury factory.

Why - HSG47 - Duties as a Designer

- Designers have a duty to reduce or 'design out' the risks arising from damage to underground services.
- You will need to know if there are underground services present so that you can amend the design to avoid them where possible.
- Use <u>www.linesearchbeforeudig.co.uk</u> to find asset owners.
- For building work, re-siting the services away from the work is often a reasonably practicable means of avoiding the risk.
- Permanent structures such as buildings should generally not be built over services, nor should services be encased in concrete.





Health and Safety Executive

Avoiding danger from underground services



- An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found that G&R Groundworks (South East) Ltd failed to source and refer to the underground services plans prior to breaking the ground to determine the location of any cables within the planned working area.
- They also failed to provide their operatives with cable identification equipment to further locate any cables within that area'



Return to press releases

Groundworks contractor fined for cable strike

11th November 2019



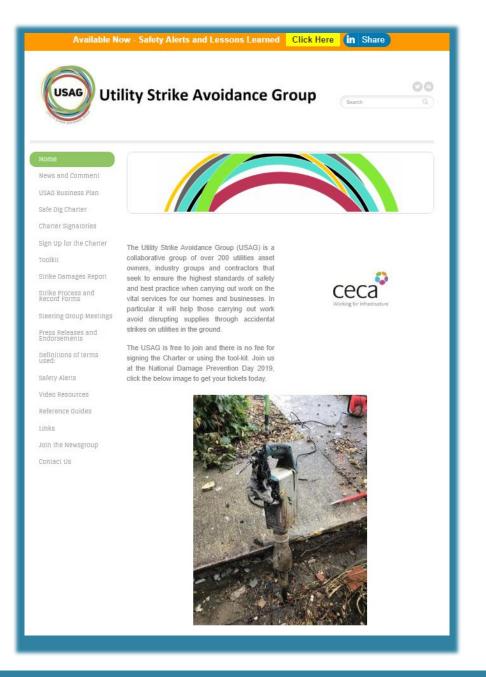
A groundworks contractor, G&R Groundworks (South East) Ltd, has been fined after an operative struck an underground electricity cable resulting in multiple serious burn injuries.

Folkestone Magistrates' Court heard that, on 15th October 2018, G&R Groundworks (South East) Ltd operatives were using an electric ground breaker to dig fence post holes for a car park perimeter fence at a Cummins Power Generation site in Ramsgate, Kent.



USAG Website

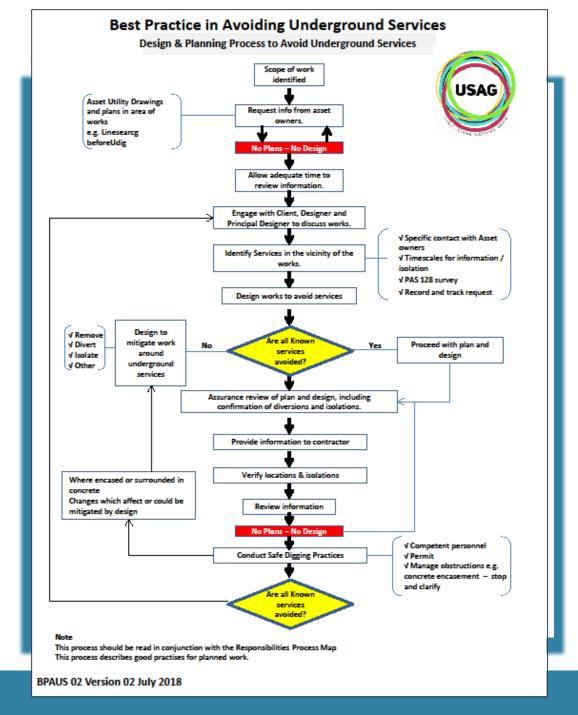
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Best Practice Toolkit

- Free online guidance, forms and best practice to ensure that contractors planners, designers and excavators have access to materials on:
 - Planning your work
 - Responsibilities
 - Training
 - Permits' calibration and daily inspection
 - Key Risks Guidance
 - Personal Protection
 - Investigation and Process Record

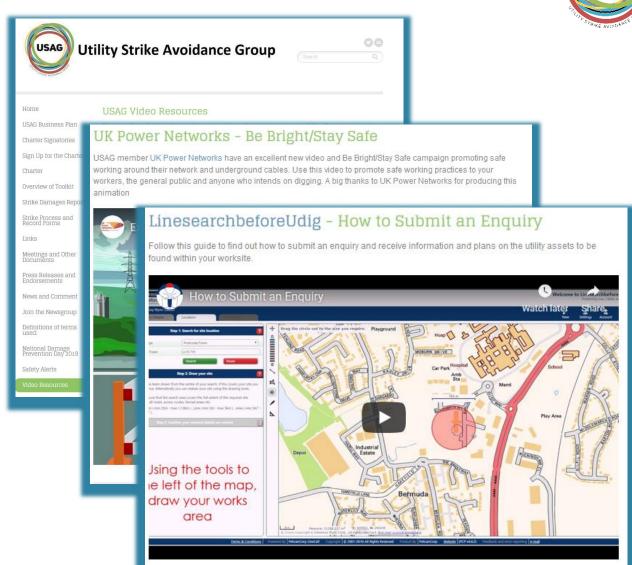




Video Resources Page

USAG

- Safety Information
- Procedural Guides
- Please liaise with your teams to provide content that may be relevant

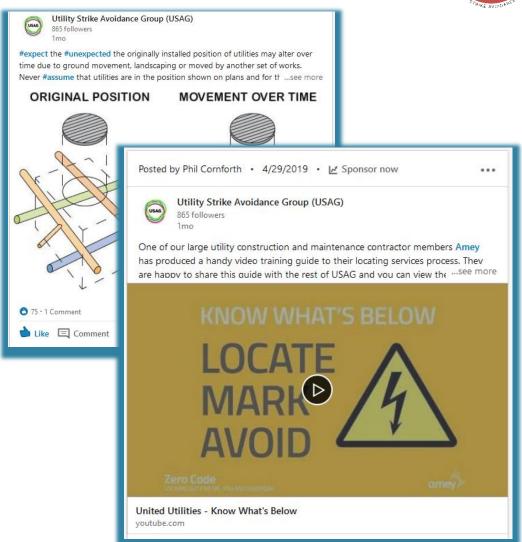


LinkedIn Page



USAG

- Damage Prevention News and Advice
- Promote Utility Safety Campaigns
- 2700+ Followers
- Please encourage your organisation to follow us and share posts so we can increase coverage and the message of working safely around utilities.



News & Safety Alerts

- Database of safety alerts/lessons learned provided by USAG members or freely available.
- Relates specifically to Utility Service Strikes
- Please provide safety alerts documents for publication

info@utilitystrikeavoidancegroup.org



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Industry Safety Alerts

These are industry safety alerts and lesson documents issued by companies and regul authorities and are published by USAG to as industry understand the root cause and contributory factors behind a specific incid

The documents will address these with less learned which may be of benefit to USAG m The documents were not reviewed or appro USAG but we do have permission from the publication to improve industry standards reduce the number of strikes.

Sellafield - 132kV Cable



SPENERGY NETWORKS

Case Study: High Voltage Cable Strike With Excavator

The above image clearly demonstrates the impact on the

underground ScottishPower network, when an excavator came

into contact with a high voltage cable, no ScottishPower cable



@scottishpower.com SP Energy Networks (South) Data Management

(Correspondence) North Cheshire Trading Estate

t: 0141 567 4155 or 0141 567 4455

e: Requestforplansscotland

All Cable Record enquiries

should be addressed to: SP Energy Networks (North) (Correspondence)

55 Fullerton Drive

Cambuslang Glasgow G32 8FD

Prenton Way

Birkenhead CH43 3ET t: 0151 609 2373

e: Requestforplansmanweb @manweb.co.uk

All Cable Deviation Requests /Service Alterations enquiries should be addressed to:

SP Energy Networks (North)

Customer Connections 55 Fullerton Drive Cambuslang Glasgow G32 8FA r- 0141 614 9997

SP Energy Networks (South)

Customer Connection PO Box 290 Lister Drive Liverpool L13 7H] t: 0151 221 2110

Emergency contact

In an emergency, or if there is any damage to SP Energy Networks cables or plant, call the appropriate number:

> SP Energy Networks Central & Southern

Scotland 0845 272 7999

Networks South Cheshire, Mersevside

Prior to any excavations taking place cable records hould always be consulted

Regular Email Newsletters

- Contain important news & updates
- Requests for information
- Damage spotlight
- Always looking for content
- Also published on website and LinkedIn
- Sign up today







Welcome to the USAG Newsletter - Feb 2020

The Utility Strike Avoidance Group (USAG) is a collaborative group of more than 220 utility asset owners, contractors and industry stakeholders that seek to ensure the highest standards of safety and best practice when working near vital utility assets.

Utility Strike Damages Report



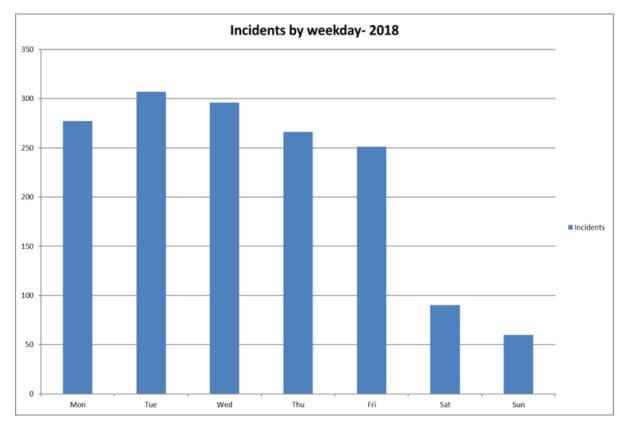
- Cross industry participants
- An agreed, consistent format
- Ability to benchmark & measure performance
- Provides direction on where to focus efforts

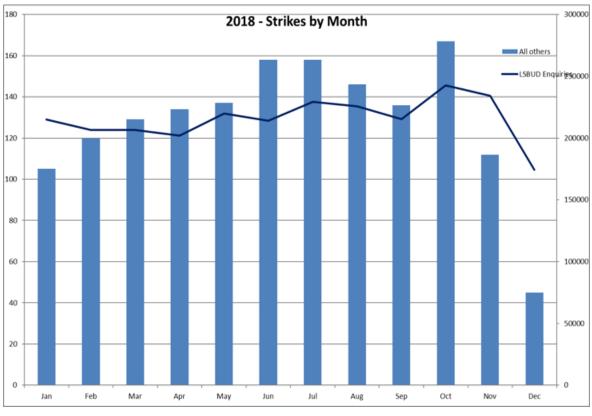




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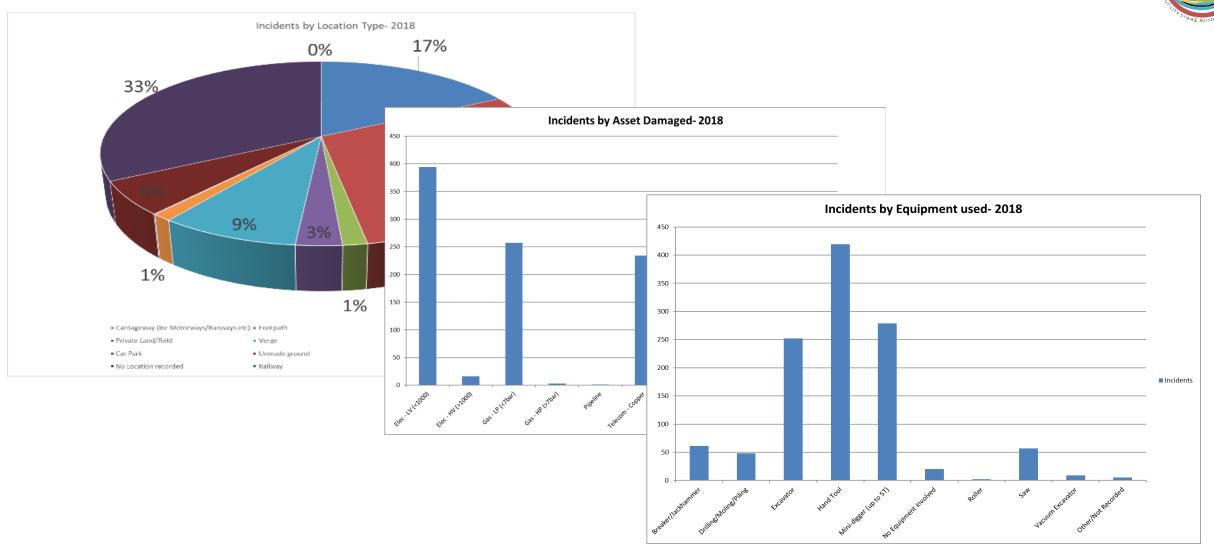






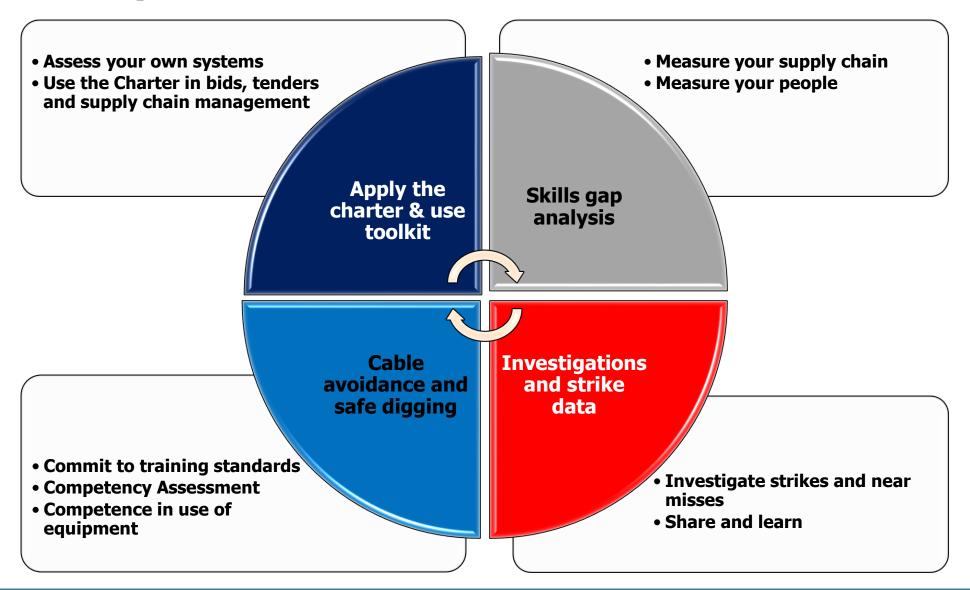
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What we ask you to do





Conclusions



- USAG exists to reduce utility strikes
- Collaborative across industry approach
- It is free to join and support
- It needs content from all to share best practice
- Sharing damages data is key
- We can learn from international colleagues that have the same issues
- We can reduce how many people get seriously injured.

Questions?





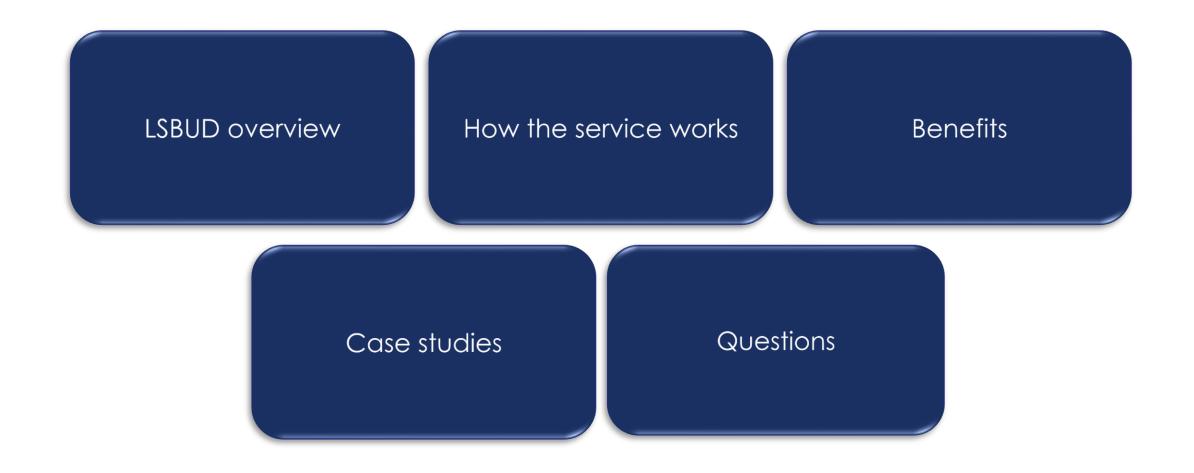
Sign Up Here www.utilitystrikeavoidancegroup.org



Protecting Lives, Cables & Pipes

www.lsbud.co.uk

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LSBUD (Linesearch BeforeUdig)

LSBUD exists to reduce the risk of deaths, injuries, damage and disruption caused by asset strikes

Over **2.8 million** enquiries per annum



Free to use portal for multiple utility plans

Over **120,000** registered Users growing by 2000 every month

90+ Members with 800.000 km of assets





LSBUD key benefits

LSBUD exists to reduce the risk of deaths, injuries, damage and disruption caused by asset strikes

Collaboration between asset owners = easier access to utility plans

Reduced network interruptions

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improved customer satisfaction



Easier access to utility plans = more people reviewing asset locations prior to digging

Fewer third party strikes = reduced network interruptions

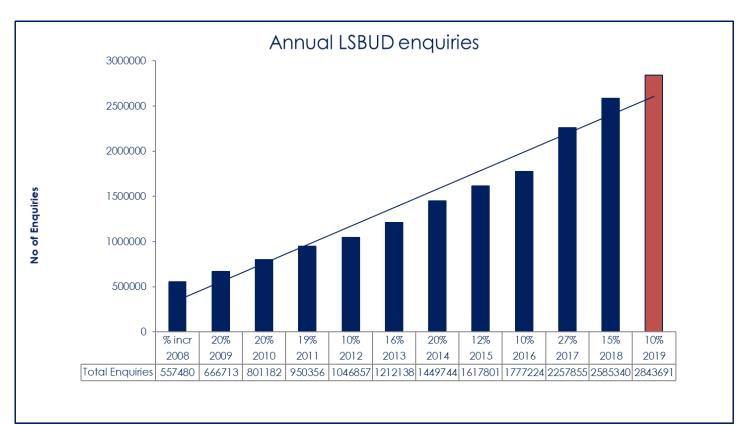
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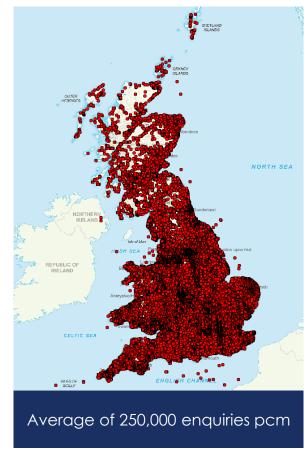


LSBUD explanation

- National safe digging service
- Free to use, online, instant, 24/7
- Over 850,000 km of assets covered







Over 120,000 Users including:













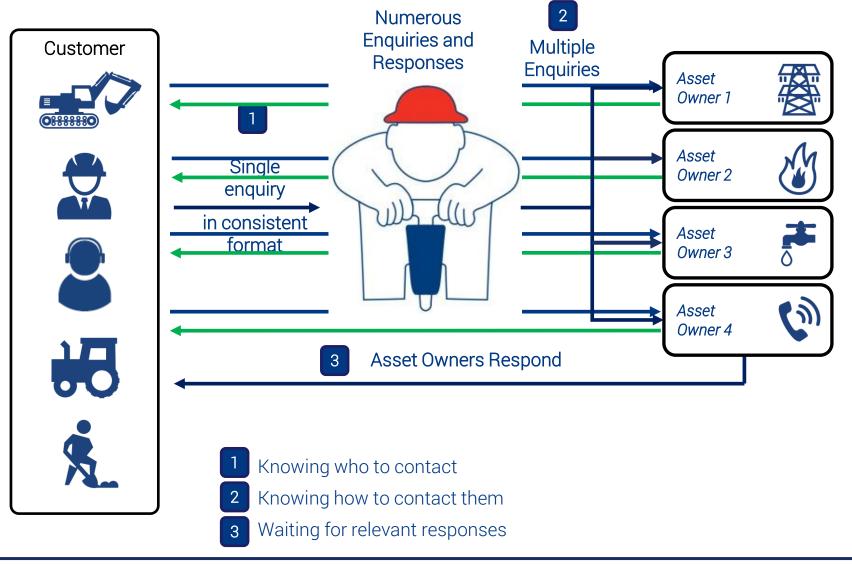








The typical and 'One Call' approaches







Our Members include...

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Our Members include...

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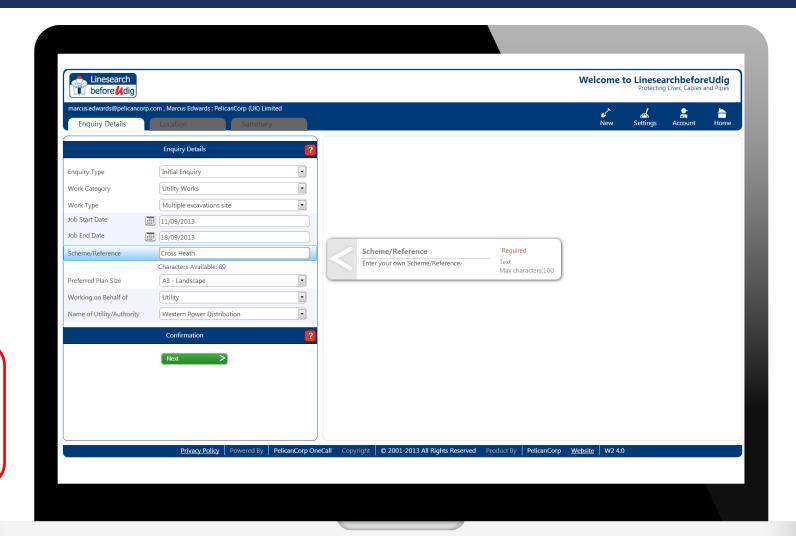
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The request process — step 1





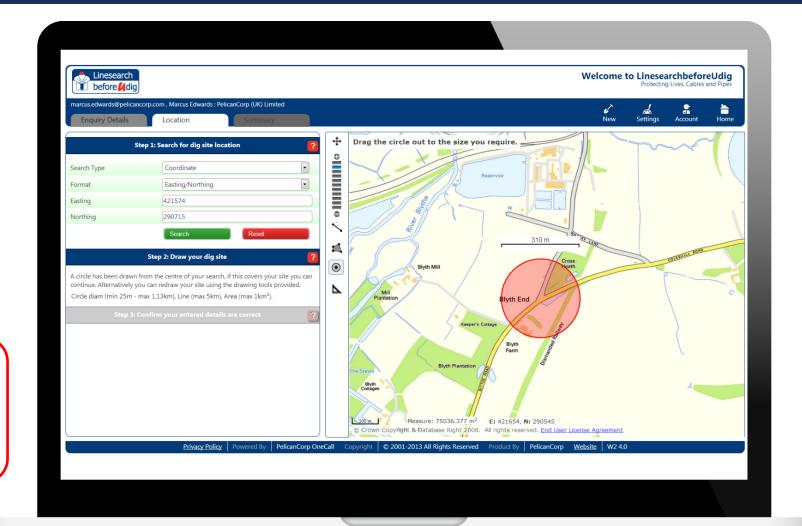


Provide details about your enquiry





The request process – step 2



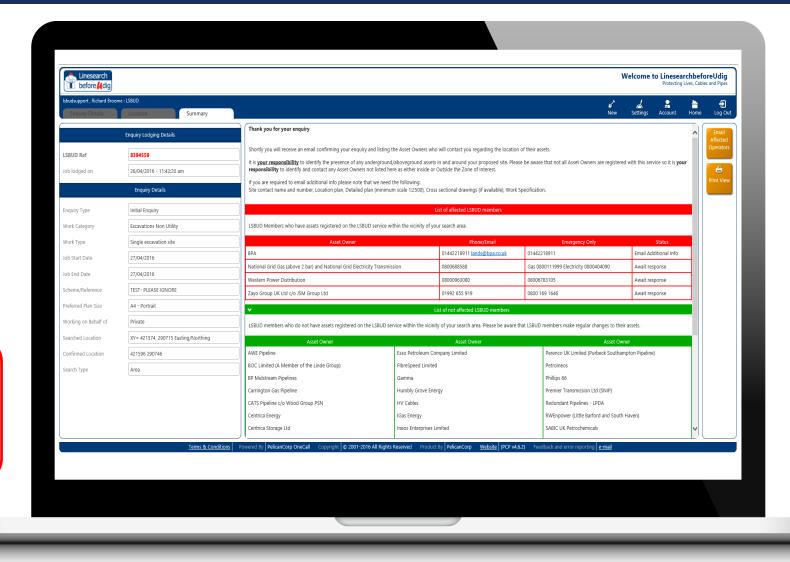








The request process — step 3

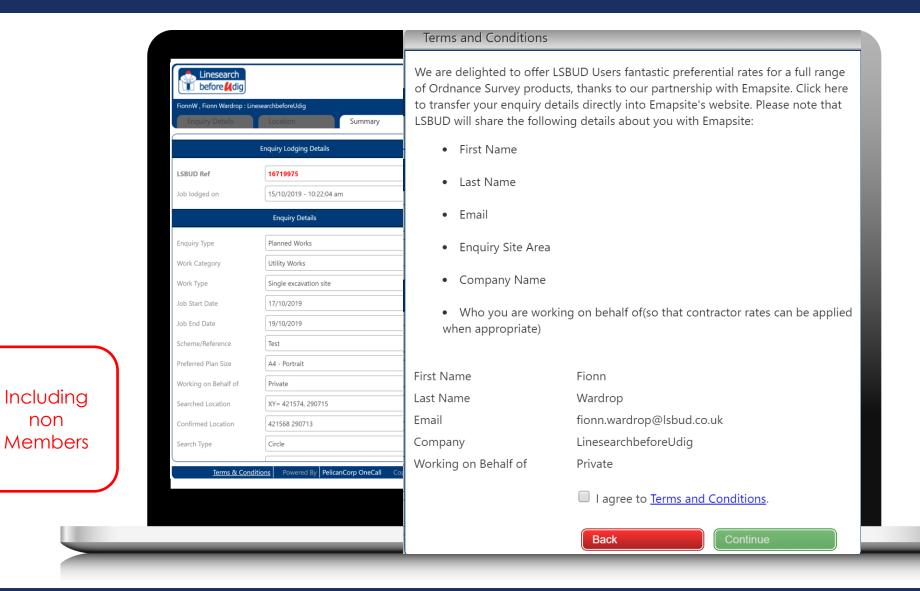








The request process — step 3







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Enquiry Confirmation LSBUD Ref: 8394559

Date of enquiry: 28/04/2018 Time of enquiry: 11:43

Enquirer				
Name	Mr Richard Broome	Phone	02476 796561	
Company	LSBUD	Mobile	07918 628986	
		Fax	Not Supplied	
Address	Eliot Park Innovation Centre 4 Barling Way Nuneaton Warwickshire CV10 7RH			
Email	support@lsbud.co.uk			
Notes	Please ensure your contact details are correct and up to date on the system in case the LSBUD Members need to contact you.			

Scheme/Reference	TEST- PLEASE IGNORE		
Enquiry type	Initial Enquiry	Work category	Excavations Non Utility
Start date	27/04/2016	Work type	Single excavation site
End date	27/04/2016	Site size	69090 metres square
Searched location	XY= 421574, 290715 Easting/Northing	Work type buffer*	25 metres
Confirmed location	421596 290746	-	

* The WORK TYPE BUFFER is a distance added to your search area based on the Work type you have chosen





Enquiry Confirmation

LSBUD Ref: 8394559

Date of enquiry: 28/04/2018

Time of enquiry: 11:43

Asset Owners

Terms and Conditions. Please note that this enquiry is subject always to our standard terms and conditions available at www.linesearchiseforeudig.co.uk ("Terms of Use") and the disclaimer at the end of this document. Please note that in the event of any conflict or ambiguity between the terms of this Enquiry Confirmation and the Terms of Use, the Terms of Use shall take precedence.

Validity and search criteria. The results of this enquiry are based on the confirmed information you entered and are valid only as at the date of the enquiry. It is your responsibility to ensure that the Enquiry Details are correct, and Linesearchbefore Utig accepts no responsibility for any errors or omissions in the Enquiry Details or any consequences thereof. LSBUD Members update their asset information on a regular basis so you are advised to consider this when undertaking any works. It is your responsibility to choose the period of time after which you need to resubmit any enquiry but the maximum time (after which you enquiry will no longer be dealt with by the LSBUD Heighdesk and LSBUD Members) is 28 days. If any details of the enquiry change, particularly including, but not limited to, the location of the work, then a further enquiry must be made.

Asset Owners & Responses. Please note the enquiry results include the following:

1. "LSBUD Members" who are asset owners who have registered their assets on the LSBUD service.

"Non LSBUD Members" are asset owners who have not registered their assets on the LSBUD service but LSBUD is aware of their existence. Please note that there could be other asset owners within your search area.

Below are three lists of asset owners:

- 1. LSBUD Members who have assets registered within your search area. ("Affected")
 - a. These LSBUD Members will either:
 i. Ask for further information ("Email Additional Info" noted in status). The additional information includes: Site contact
 - name and number, Location plan, Detailed plan (minimum scale 1:2500), Cross sectional drawings (if available), Work Specification.
 - Respond directly to you ("Await Response"). In this response they may either send plans directly to you or ask for further information before being able to do so, particularly if any payments or authorisations are required.
- 2. LSBUD Members who do not have assets registered within your search area. ("Not Affected")
- Non LSBUD Members who may have assets within your search area. Please note that this list is not exhaustive and all details are provided as a guide only. It is your responsibility to identify and consult with all asset owners before proceeding.

National Grid. Please note that the LSBUD service only contains information on National Grid's Gas above 2 bar asset and all National Grid Electricity Transmission asset. For National Grid Gas below 2 bar asset information please go to www.beforeyoudig.nationalgrid.com



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LSBUD Members who have assets registered on the LSBUD service within the vicinity of your search area.

List of affected LSBUD members				
Asset Owner	Phone/Email	Emergency Only	Status	
BPA	01442218911 lands@bpa.co.uk	01442218911	Email Additional Info	
National Grid Gas (above 2 bar) and National Grid Electricity Transmission	0800688588	Gas 0800111999 Electricity 0800404090	Await response	
Western Power Distribution	08000963080	08006783105	Await response	
Zayo Group UK Ltd c/o JSM Group Ltd	01992 655 919	0800 169 1646	Await response	

LSBUD members who do not have assets registered on the LSBUD service within the vicinity of your search area. Please be aware that LSBUD members make regular changes to their assets.

	List of not affected LSBUD members		
AWE Pipeline	Esso Petroleum Company Limited	Perenco UK Limited (Purbeck Southampton Pipeline)	
BOC Limited (A Member of the Linde Group)	FibreSpeed Limited	Petroineos	
BP Midstream Pipelines	Gamma	Phillips 68	
Carrington Gas Pipeline	Humbly Grove Energy	Premier Transmission Ltd (SNIP)	
CATS Pipeline c/o Wood Group PSN	HV Cables	Redundant Pipelines - LPDA	
Centrica Energy	IGas Energy	RWEnpower (Little Barford and South Haven)	
Centrica Storage Ltd	Ineos Enterprises Limited	SABIC UK Petrochemicals	
CLH Pipeline System Ltd	INEOS Manufacturing (Scotland and TSEP)	Scottish Power Generation	
ConocoPhillips (UK) Ltd	Lark Energy	Seabank Power Ltd	
Coryton Energy Co Ltd (Gas Pipeline)	Lightsource SPV Limited	Shell (St Fergus to Mossmorran)	
CSP Fibre c/o Centara	Mainline Pipelines Limited	Shell Pipelines	
EirGrid	Manchester Jetline Limited	Total (Finaline, Colnbrook & Colwick Pipelines)	
Electricity North West Limited	Manx Cable Company	Transmission Capital	
ENI & Himor c/o Penspen Ltd	Marchwood Power Ltd (Gas Pipeline)	Vattenfall	
E-on UK Plc (Gas Pipelines Only)	Northumbrian Water Group	Wingas Storage UK Ltd	
ESP Utilities Group	NPower CHP Pipelines	5000E0000980E0000000	
ESSAR	Oikos Storage Limited		



Clear results for which assets are covered by the service



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The following non-LSBUD members may have assets in your search area. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to contact them before proceeding. Please be aware this list is not exhaustive and it is your responsibility to identify and contact all asset owners within your search area.

Non-LSBUD	members (Asset owners not registered of	n LSBUD)	
Asset Owner	Preferred contact method	Phone	Status
BT	https://www.swns.bt.com/pls/mbe/welcome.home	08009173993	Not Notified
CityFibre	asset.team@cityfibre.com	033 3150 7282	Not Notified
Colt	plantenquiries@catelecomuk.com	01227768427	Not Notified
Energetics Electricity	plantenquiries@energetics-uk.com	01698404646	Not Notified
ENGIE	nrswa@cofely-gdfsuez.com	01293 549944	Not Notified
Fulcrum	FPLplantprotection@fulcrum.co.uk	03330146455	Not Notified
GTC	https://pe.gtc-uk.co.uk/PlantEnqMembership	01359240363	Not Notified
Hibemia Networks	info@hibemianetworks.com	01704 322 300	Not Notified
Instalcom	plantenquiries@instalcom.co.uk	02087314613	Not Notified
Interoute	interoute.enquiries@plancast.co.uk	02070259000	Not Notified
Mobile Broadband Network Limited	mbnl.plant.enquires@turntown.com	01212 621 100	Not Notified
National Grid Gas Distribution (below 2 bar)	plantprotection@nationalgrid.com	0800688588	Not Notified
Redoentric plc	plant-enquiries@redcentricplc.com	0845 200 2200	Not Notified
Severn Trent Water	https://www.stwater.co.uk/developers/request-a- water/sewer-map/	01214523308	Not Notified
Sky UK Limited	nrswa@sky.uk	02070323234	Not Notified
Tata, KPN (c/- McNicholas)	plantenquiries@monicholas.co.uk	03300558469	Not Notified
Utility assets Ltd	assetrecords@utilityassets.co.uk	4	Not Notified
Verizon Business	osp-team@uk.verizonbusiness.com	01293611736	Not Notified
Virgin Media	http://www.digdat.co.uk	08708883116	Not Notified
Vodafone	osm.enquiries@atkinsglobal.com	01454662881	Not Notified
Vtesse Networks	https://vtplant.vtesse.com	01992532100	Not Notified
Warwickshire CC (St Lighting)	streetlighting@warwickshire.gov.uk	01926736573	Not Notified
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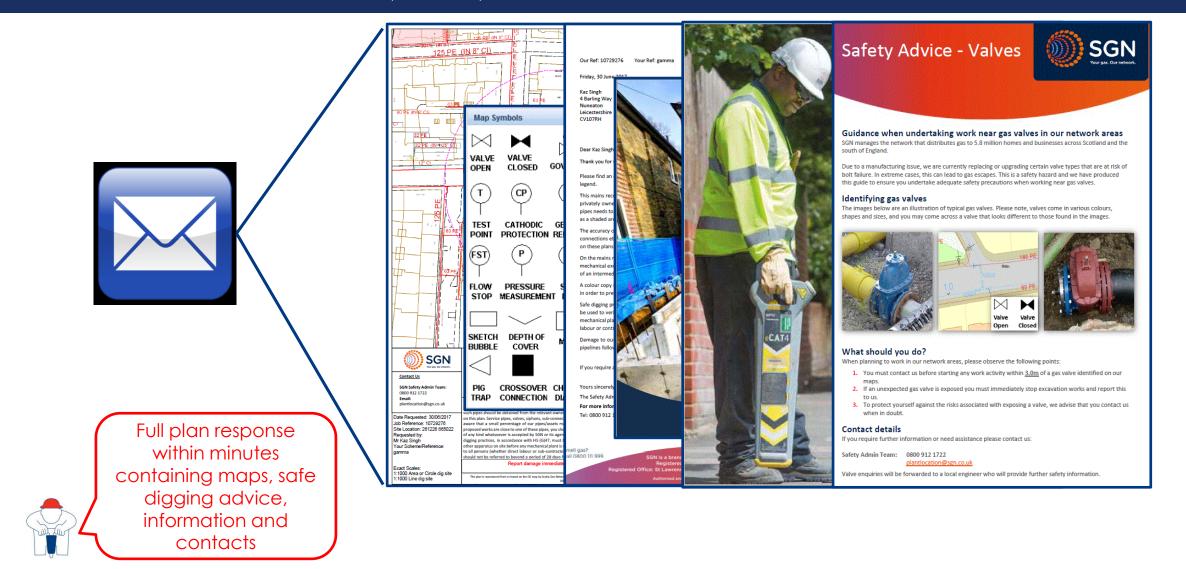
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Example response (SGN)







Further benefits of the LSBUD 'OneCall' approach



i. Safety & asset strike avoidance



i. Financial benefits of Membership



- i. Data Access
- ii. Data Security



i. Escalations and data analysis



i. Providing the best user experience



 Making it easier to search via an API, adhering to Quality Assurance Processes





Global best practice for damage prevention

Canada UK Canadian CGA-SGN instantly reduces 80% of strikes could be damages to its network avoided by using a with a 1600% increase in OneCall system responses and 43% reduction in unplanned interruptions Click Before before 4dig USA No.1 recommendation for reducing asset strike before dig risk (US DIRT Report 2019 (>400,000 stikes)). **New Zealand** DIAL BEFORE YOU DIG www.1100.com.au OneCall asset owners Chorus Telecoms reduced risk of strikes to reduces \$1.6m of <0.16% before dig damages by 30% within a year





Avoiding damage to underground assets



National Joint Utilities Group

CASE STUDY NUMBER 92: LinesearchbeforeUdig – Increasing the Accessibility and Visibility of Utility Assets Through a Single Portal

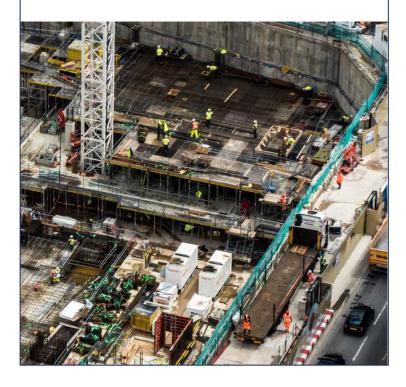
WINNER OF THE NJUG AVOIDING DAMAGE TO UNDERGROUND ASSETS AWARD 2016



Digging Up Britain:



How Vulnerable is our Utility Infrastructure?







The financial benefits

- 1. Reducing costs of damages and near misses
 - a. Including downstream costs* such as:
- 2. Automating processes
- 3. Collaborative industry engagement, including exhibitions and working with trade bodies











 * A University of Birmingham study in 2015 calculated the average actual cost of an asset strike as 29 x the cost of repair

- Back office support
- Lost production as work stops for repairs
- Contractual penalty clauses invoked
- Compensation to injured operatives
- Legal costs
- Increased insurance premiums
- Reputational damage
- Additional materials
- Programme implications
- Fines from regulators
- Payment of replacement labour
- Loss of business
- Reduced chances of future work
- Loss of shareholder value





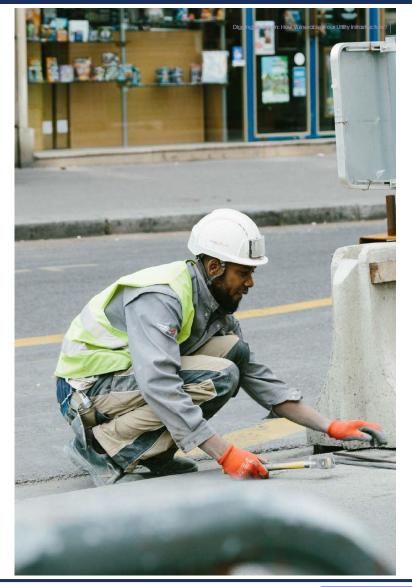




Understanding how to use the data created most effectively

Mitigating the risk of third party works and intercepting damage events before they happen:

- Using LSBUD data to
 - o Understand work near your network
 - o Who is planning work?
 - o What are they planning to do?
 - o Where are they planning to dig?
 - o When are they planning to do it?
 - o Apply **escalation** procedures and **alerts** triggered by:
 - Asset type
 - Nature of work
 - Location of work
 - Respond automatically with appropriate plans and guidance
 - o **Intervene** when high risk activities are planned.







Escalations and analysis of big data







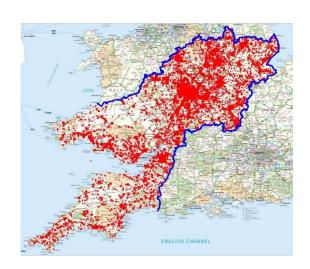


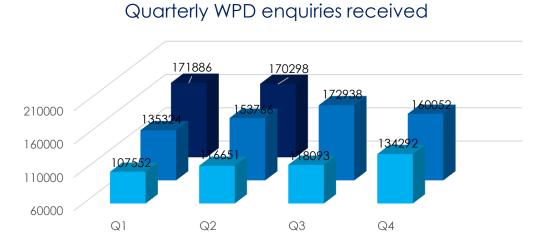
Managing a rising number of searches: WPD and SGN



Serving the Midlands, South West and Wales

- 60,000 enquiries pcm
- Fully Automated
- Authorisation
- Payment
- Escalation
- Avg 4 minute response



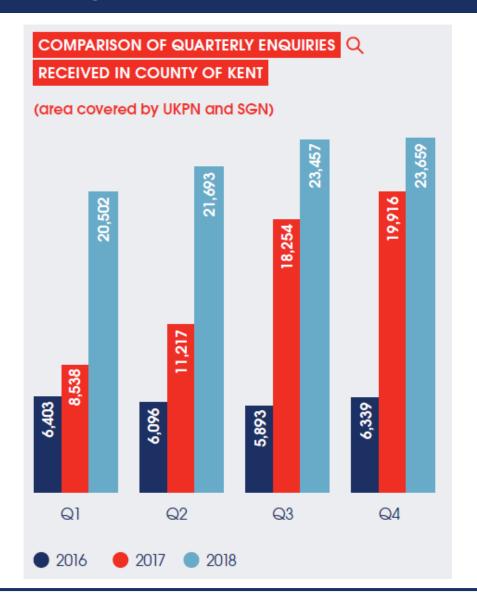


SGN	Enquiries Received	Average Response Time
Before joining LSBUD	2,500 p/month (30,000 p/a)	15 days
Since joining LSBUD	50,000+ enquiries p/month	4 minutes





Rising search numbers; a focus on Kent



There's safety in the herd. The more companies sharing their data through LSBUD's service, the more searches everyone's assets appear on – ensuring the assets and those digging near them are safer.





Reducing Damage (SGN Stakeholder Engagement Submission 2018)

Keeping the gas flowing safely our emphasis on protecting our network and preventing all forms of damage, both physical and cyber. Improving Stakeholders told us preventing damage to our network our response to emergency incidents when they do is an important objective for our focus. They also want us occur will help to minimise any impact on our to communicate and partner better with other utilities. customers. To further reduce this impact, we are finding Information and data sharing are very important to our new, smarter ways of working, innovating to reduce stakeholders. They told us they would like to be able to disruption and supply interruptions. access data about our network more easily. Preventing damage to our network We've continued with our cross-business Damage Prevention Group to introduce and co-ordinate activities and initiatives to support reduction of damages to our Partnership with Scotland's Rural Colleges (SRUC) Through our partnership with SRUC we continue to focus on helping the farming and rural community with advice on what to do when working near our pipelir The training we developed is now being delivered all six rural colleges. We have delivered training to 69 agriculture students, 10 lecturers and four Regional Health and Safety Advisors. We also driveyed the students who completed the mod le and 100% agreed the information provided had phanced their knowledge protecting them and the as pipelines UC are very pleased to be able to work with SGN in developing and delivering the Pipeline Damage Prevention Module." We've now been using Line Search Before You Dig Our stakeholders have told us ensuring security of their (LSBUD) for over a year and have been promoting its use with our stakeholders including agricultural colleges, local gas supply is very important to them and this includes authorities, National Association of Agricultural protection from the possibility of cyber attack. Contractors and the National Farmers Union Scotland We highlighted last year we were making significant (NFUS). Enquiries have increased from 2,500 a month to investment in cyber security to reduce the risk of 47,300 and response time reduced from 15 days to two disruption of the gas supply to our customers. minutes. We have seen a corresponding decrease in Recognising the vital role we play in maintaining a safe damage caused to our network as shown below and reliable network we've increased this investment further this year, agreeing in November to spend an additional £10m, as part of the £145m voluntary Continual downward trend in damage to our network We've partnered with the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) and the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) in our approach to security. 4,800 This includes a new security operation centre to improve our ability to protect, detect and respond to cyber incidents. Over the past year, we've achieved ISO27001 security framework accreditation for our Gas Control Centre and SGN Smart business. We've detected 6,170 malicious web traffic issues and managed 36 security incidents. Our security programme has been recognised as an industry leader. In 2017, we achieved. Winner of the Cyber Security Project of the Year at the UK IT Industry Awards. We're also one of the first UK utility companies to achieve Cyber Essentials accreditation 2014/15 2015/16 2016/17 2017/18



Online visibility of our pipes

We've now been using Line Search Before You Dig (LSBUD) for over a year and have been promoting its use with our stakeholders including agricultural colleges, local authorities, National Association of Agricultural Contractors and the National Farmers Union Scotland (NFUS). Enquiries have increased from 2,500 a month to 47,300 and response time reduced from 15 days to two minutes. We have seen a corresponding decrease in damage caused to our network as shown below.

Continual downward trend in damage to our network







SGN RIIO G2 Business Plan – Dec 2019



Preventing leakage from damaged pipes

Stakeholders have told us damage prevention is important to keep the gas flowing safely and to reduce our environmental impact.²

In response, during 2017 we introduced a tailored self-service website, 'line search before you dig' (LSBUD), to provide instant on-line access to our mapping data. After a year in operation we saw an increase in enquiries from 2,500 a month to 47,300 and response time reduced from 15 days to two minutes. We experienced a significant 43% drop of in unplanned interruptions caused by third parties in the first year of use, from 9,834 events in 2017 to 5578 in 2018. We have also focused on educating the farming community through our partnership with Scotland's rural colleges. We developed training about pipeline safety which is now being delivered across all six rural colleges, educating future landowners about pipe risk.

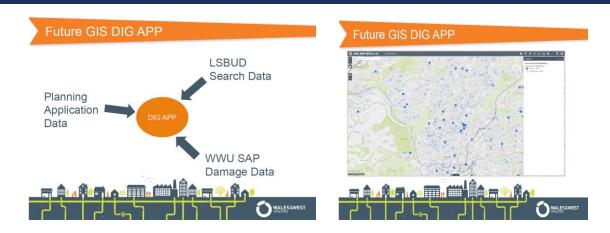
Overall, we have seen a 7% decrease in damage (unplanned interruptions) caused by third parties since 2015 through the work of our Damage Prevention Group, with a corresponding reduction in carbon emissions from gas escapes. Supporting data tables are available in the GD1 Experience appendix, section 2.2.8.

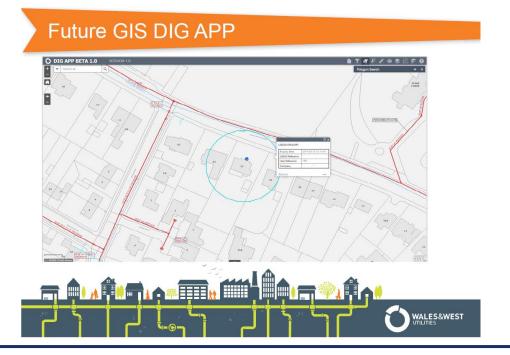




Using LSBUD data to understand damages better

These extracts are taken from Wales & West Utilities' presentation at the 2019 Damage Prevention Day, explaining the link between LSBUD search data (we provide WWU with a daily data feed), planning application data and damages data.









Questions





