

BEST PRACTICE

LOCATION: Quarry

ARTICLE YEAR: 2002

ACTIVITY: Worker Involvement

COMPANY: Hanson Aggregates

SUB ACTIVITY: N/A

COMPANY LOCATION: Vaynor Quarry near Merthyr Tydfil, South V

BEST PRACTICE No: BP137

COMPANY TEL: 01685 723355

TITLE

Safety representative™s initiative

ARTICLE

Known within Hanson as •The Vaynor Initiative•, credit goes to Colin Evans, coated stone plant operator at Vaynor Quarry (near Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales) who took it upon himself to organise, with the support of management, a full week of training as a contribution to the European Health & Safety Week.

Colin is also a T&G Union appointed safety representative and the idea emanated from a TUC mailshot. Each day, for a week, a talk was organised by Colin at 3pm in the quarry canteen. Speakers included Hanson safety specialists, the local HSE Inspector, a superintendent physiotherapist from a nearby hospital, and a speaker from the TGWU.

The success of this initiative was taken up by other Hanson units in South Wales. Hanson and Colin Evans have been presented with both a regional and national Award by the HSE for the Vaynor Initiative, and Colin has since been awarded with an MBE.

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