



# BELOW GROUND



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## Anvil - your Rapid Response team!

Very often, with the type of work undertaken by Anvil Foundations, problem-solving needs to be rapid and a quick response is essential. Foundation work is often unforeseen and its very nature makes it difficult from a planning and budgeting point of view – so everyone involved wants a quick answer and even quicker action.

Anvil Foundations is ideally suited to this type of project. As an efficient and mobile operator, Anvil can be on and off site very rapidly, whenever that quick turnround is needed – for example, to make way for other major contractors who cannot start with their work until foundation work is completed.

At the diagnostic stage – to work out the reasons for subsidence or decide how to stabilise unsure foundations – Anvil is just as efficient, with all the qualified engineering staff and experience to make technical assessments and provide a costed solution. Very often, the time between that first call and the completion of the job can be measured in days rather than weeks, thus minimising delay and stress for all those involved.

During a busy summer season like this, with a whole variety of jobs to complete, from domestic extensions to larger contracted projects, Anvil's own scheduling and planning has to be very skilful. But, whether the customer is a private client or a major site coordinator, the same responsiveness and attention to detail will be found. Just as Anvil's own site work is often invisible and largely underground, so are its operations both 'seamless' and unobtrusive. Perhaps the greatest tribute we can be paid is when a client remarks "We hardly noticed you were there"!



*Anvil at the Cheddle Glass site - for more see page 2*

But Anvil certainly is there - as a real force to be reckoned with in high-quality underground engineering. In both new-build and refurbishment projects, the story is the same – rapid response, efficient estimating and a quick turnround on site. If this is what you need, and this is what you see, it's got to be Anvil 'doing the business'.

Enjoy this latest newsletter and, whenever you need our help, just pick up that phone!

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# Pages from the **ANVIL SITE CASEBOOK** 2005

## Cheadle Glass

As a leading producer of glass and glass-related products, this client required an exhibition area to display its range of products.

A large selection of conservatories was constructed on our ground beam foundations, to set the product range off to good advantage.

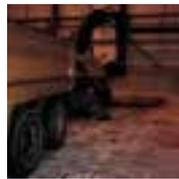
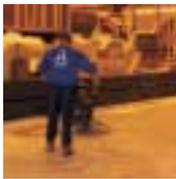


This was a turn-key project, with Anvil carrying out the works from start to finish, and one which demonstrated the abilities of both client and contractor to excellent effect. Certainly this seemed to be the case for Cheadle Glass's owner and MD, *Keith Flowers*, who expressed himself 'very impressed with the way that Anvil work'.



## NIS - The power to impress!

This job consisted of a massive reinforced concrete foundation designed and installed by Anvil to enable NIS to test a rail transportation system for moving nuclear reactive materials on behalf of BNFL. Anvil is equally at home on innovative projects such as this or carrying out conventional contracts.



## Casebook in Brief

### Bleak Hill, St. Helens

Fabrication of a solid foundation to accept domestic extension / house enlargement.



### Kestrel Drive, Bury

This underpinning consisted of minipiles to arrest subsidence in Local Authority housing stock. The new foundations involved displacement piles and reinforced concrete needle beams.



### Mossbank Drive, Droylsden

This standard domestic extension used steel-cased driven displacement piles linked by a reinforced concrete ground beam. Just the job to ensure a trouble-free home extension!



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**ANVIL SITE CASEBOOK SPECIAL REPORT**

# Highfield Road, Macclesfield

This was a very difficult, restricted-access installation carried out for *John Brown Builders*. The site could only be accessed via a twisty cobbled street and the existing neighbouring properties all had very shallow foundations.

The new piles for this project had to be driven in to around 10m depth to carry the safe working loads required. All in all quite a challenge for Anvil, but it's the demanding jobs that sort the men from the boys!



## Anvil In Brief

### Market Growth

After two quiet years, Anvil has this year experienced considerable growth in its activities, with more new projects and more new customers than ever before. Although the market is still demanding and somewhat erratic, Anvil's investment in new equipment and training staff in the quieter times is now really beginning to pay dividends. Holding nerve means more than holding on!

### Bow wow!

One of Anvil's recent projects was work for a dog food manufacturer in Dewsbury, Yorkshire. Needless to say, the work was completed very satisfactorily and on time – leaving both client and end-customer wagging their tails!

### Adding value

With the property market back in an erratic phase, many people are still deciding to extend their properties instead of opting to move. With huge experience in the domestic extensions market, Anvil will always be pleased to advise householders and their builders on all aspects of foundation work. From these beginnings, great things can be built!

### Back on track!

After the misfortunes of last year, when MD Nigel MacLean broke an ankle bone on the motorcycle track, things are now hobble-free and the man himself has been back in the saddle, at Oulton Park and elsewhere. Although not perhaps back to full form yet, it's good to be getting some race placings – even if they're not yet at the top of the leader board!

## Staff Profile: Trevor Holland

Trevor is a Team Leader now in his second year with Anvil.

Outside work, Trevor's interests lie with motor cars and, when he's not under the bonnet of a car, he can be found working around the home and enjoying quality time with his children.

Trevor is currently working towards the completion of his NVQ Level 2 in underpinning.

Picture to go here.



# Spot the Difference!

Win Champagne in time for Christmas

**COMPETITION!**



For this competition, we've made use of a photo of Anvil's day at the Rockingham racetrack to put together another devilish **Spot the difference** Competition.

There are 5 differences between the two pictures of the bikers printed here. Simply ring or mark the changes on the right hand picture to be entered in the draw for Christmas champagne.

Then fill in the Response Slip below and fax the whole page to us on **01625 522850**. We need to receive your entry by Friday, November 11th, in order to qualify. Prizes will only be awarded to participants who have fully completed the response slip.

Good luck!



## Don't forget the Anvil Website!

[www.minipiling.co.uk](http://www.minipiling.co.uk), with its ease of access and simple design, the newly updated site contains lots of information about the firm's activities and helpful hints on all things below ground. Enquiries can be made through a Quotation / Feedback form (pictured right) on the website and all enquiries will receive a rapid and helpful response.



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