



# BELOW GROUND



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## For Projects great and small - think Anvil 2006!

As we begin a new year at Anvil, with hopefully not too much inclement winter weather, we can look back on a successful year's trading in 2005 and forward to many exciting projects in the year to come.

As so often happens when the housing market goes through another of its uncertain phases, many people are opting to extend their homes rather than move and this has led to a lot of extension and structural upgrade work for Anvil, mostly involving piled ground beams and new foundations. For us, this is interesting and familiar work, which offers variety and a rapid speed of turn-round compared with some of the major set-piece projects which we handle.

For the householder or property owner, who needs foundation works to be completed quickly to permit work by other trades, Anvil offers an efficient and cost-effective service to guaranteed standards which allows builders to operate with a minimum of disruption. To contractors and site engineers on larger foundation projects, Anvil brings the same attention to detail and problem-solving expertise, born of many years site experience. So, whether your project is in a domestic house, school, pub, block of flats, office, factory, shop or showroom, you can be sure of the same skill and close support.

In this edition of *Below Ground* you will read of various such projects, large and small, all of which highlight Anvil's skills in



planning, testing and ground preparation, operating with appropriate equipment on site (often in difficult locations) and completing a job on schedule and within budget.

When a job is well done (and that's the norm with Anvil), it's nice to receive praise from a satisfied customer, and you can read some of that in this edition. And for your total peace of mind throughout the project, Anvil's extensive staff training, together with comprehensive insurance cover and fully indemnified work guarantees, ensure satisfaction from start to finish.

Join us for another successful year in 2006 and enjoy this edition of *Below Ground*.

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# Pat on the back, up on the moors!

**ANVIL SITE CASEBOOK  
SPECIAL REPORT**

## Subsidence rescue for local property developers in Mottram



When property developer Mike Tierney noticed subsidence in a mid-terrace house under development in Mottram, Stalybridge, Anvil Foundations were called in to assess the best means of rescue.

A piled raft underpin seemed to offer the best course of action, so once the floor was removed a grid of piles was inserted and a raft installed into the load-bearing walls. The job was tricky because of the very restricted access both at the front and rear of this stone property, but Anvil came through the project well and to the client's full satisfaction. In fact, despite being an experienced property developer, Mr. Tierney was highly impressed by the innovative skills being shown on site, as the accompanying letter testifies:

*'We have today received the insurance backed guarantee for the works carried out to the above property and wish to thank you for the way in which this has been conducted.'*

*'We have been in the property industry for 9 years and have come across every possible situation of renovation and repairs you can imagine, however we have never had to go to the extent of piling a property. We had no idea of the amount or depth of work involved in carrying out the procedure, but found it fascinating and amazing.'*

*'...we would like to thank everyone involved for all their hard work, but most importantly to the two guys who worked on the property each day. Please would you forward this cheque to them as a way of showing our appreciation for all their help and hard work.'*



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# Smart cars find a firm footing with Anvil

Foundation work for Williams BMW, Rochdale



Fine cars deserve fine treatment and that's exactly what Anvil Foundations delivered when working on the foundations for the new Williams BMW showroom and workshops at Rochdale. Under the direction of consulting engineers White, Young Green, Anvil drove in 12 metre piles and installed pile caps below the old factory floor. The work also included diamond coring and diamond floor sawing.



This was a fast-track piling project, which needed far deeper piling than expected, but everything was completed to the satisfaction of engineer Wes Smith and MD Tony Pilkington, both of whom were very impressed with the quality of the foundation works undertaken.



## ANVIL SITE CASEBOOK



### Anvil In Brief

#### Staying Put

Anvil's work for Housing Associations, often via project contractors, continues to expand. In particular, work for Anchor Housing, as part of their Staying Put programme for the elderly, was particularly successful.

#### Back on track

No edition of *Below Ground* would be complete without some reference to the biking exploits of Anvil MD, Nigel MacLean. After a quiet time last year following broken bones, Nigel is back in the saddle trying to improve his performance after the accident. The purchase of a new race bike has been completed, developed and tuned by Motrac Racing and the Anvil race team will be back in action. As ever, we'll keep you race groupies up-to-speed with progress as it happens!

#### Extending and adding value

Many homeowners are currently opting to extend and refurbish their homes instead of selling and moving. Anvil has consequently been undertaking a great deal of single and two-storey extension work, disabled extensions/adaptations and bathroom/bedroom enlargements. If your plans for 2006 include such plans, please contact us without delay.

# In the swim

Underpinning work for new pool at Moseley Hall, Knutsford

Out in the leafy Cheshire suburbs, Anvil has also been at work putting in the foundations for a new swimming pool at Moseley Hall, Toft, Knutsford. This underpinning work was undertaken for main contractors Baines and Ernst, whose site manager Dave Fuller, was very impressed with Anvil's input. Dave expressed himself fully satisfied with Anvil's performance both in the planning and preparation stages, and on-site during the work.

Those are the most important aspects of the work of any sub-contractor, and once again Anvil came fully up to customer expectations.



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**COMPETITION!**

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There are 10 differences between the two pictures printed above and below here. Simply ring or mark the changes on the picture below to be entered in the draw for 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 31st March 2006, 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 left) on the website and all enquiries will receive a rapid and helpful response.