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INDEPENDENT READING FOR ARBORISTS EVERYWHERE

Tracking developments from GreenMech

GREENMECH has unveiled a number of exciting developments within its EVO 165 woodchipper range. Since its launch at last year's Arb Show, it has introduced the 165DT tracked model, and more recently the 165D-45 Limited Edition (LE) model which delivers even more powerful bite from a 45 hp Kubota Turbo Diesel engine, as well as the new sub-750 kg EVO 165P.

Sharing the same 25 hp Kubota diesel engine as the road-tow version, the 165DT has the addition of a horizontally expanding track. A first for the GreenMech portfolio, the horizontal extension system provides the operator with optimal manoeuvrability for transportation and site access, together with maximum stability during operation.

While already delivering the most aggressive torque, bite and throughput within its portfolio, GreenMech has further enhanced this for a limited period only with the introduction of the EVO 165D-45LE road-tow, and 165DT-45LE tracked models.

Thanks to the more powerful engine, it can process up to seven tonnes of material per



hour, making it one of the most productive machines on the market. The LE model can be legally sold, operated and re-sold under current Stage V Emissions Regulations.

The new EVO 165P has been added to the range, for those looking for a powerful sub-750 kg machine. Retaining the popular Vanguard 37 hp petrol engine from other machines in the EVO range, the 165P features a redesigned chassis, flywheel and body panels to bring the chipper within towing weight limits.

www.greenmech.co.uk

Major contract for Maydencroft Windsor

LEADING environmental services company Maydencroft has been awarded an eight-year contract with Thames Water, the UK's largest water and waste water services company, to deliver planned and reactive arboriculture work across its 4,000 sites. The contract, controlled from Maydencroft's Windsor office, is being led by project manager Chris Fitzgerald.

He said: "We have years of experience within the water industry delivering works like this with an experienced team of contract managers, consultants and operatives.

"These include arb consultants, ecologists, INNS specialists, landscape managers, architects, forestry consultants, nine full-time arborists and a dedicated surveyor, with myself as project manager.

"We'll be supported by

wider teams of consultants and operatives. Maydencroft has invaluable transferable knowledge so we have the processes in place to hit the ground running with three dedicated teams."

Once a tree has been surveyed, the data will be uploaded onto Maydencroft's tree management software and downloaded to the relevant team.

Maydencroft is a reactive arboriculture contractor, so when a tree falls, sheds branches or poses an immediate risk, the company will make the area safe again.

Chris said: "We'll be

working closely with Thames Water on its tree-planting strategy, helping to meet its commitment – along with 11 other water companies – to plant 11 million trees by 2030."

Tom Williams, managing director of Maydencroft, is a passionate supporter of apprenticeships for young people in the field of environmental services.

He said: "I'm hoping this contract win will open up new opportunities for youngsters interested in taking up apprenticeship schemes in our field via block release study at colleges of further education."



EQUIPMENT NEWS

BLUE OCEAN RAPTOR

MARLOW Ropes has introduced its latest environmentally conscious

innovation, the Blue Ocean Raptor lowering line, made using 100 per cent recycled waste plastic bottles.

Managing director Jon Mitchell said: "When we found out about the astonishing quantities of plastic bottle waste, we knew we had to act, and sought partners who had the expertise to develop and produce quality rPET (recycled polyester) yarn.

"We hope that by introducing this new product to the arb market, it will encourage other manufacturers to act."

www.marlowropes.com



ECO CHARGER LITHIUM

ELECTRIC ATV manufacturer Eco Charger Quads has launched two new 'lithium-powered' quad bikes.

The new models are the Lithium PURE, a 72 volt, 2WD bike – the first of a planned 'work specific' range, and the Lithium POWER, an extremely robust 4WD workhorse.

Director Fred Chugg said: "Lithium power sources have most definitely come of age

and represent a natural progression for Eco Charger and although there is a small additional cost consideration for customers, there are very definite advantages that come through the resulting improvements to power/weight ratio such as extended range and increased towing capacity."

www.ecochargerquads.com

HANSA CHIPPERS

AS part of an exclusive deal with Henton & Chattell, Hansa chippers are now available in the UK for the first time.

Established in New Zealand in the 1980s, Hansa specialises in the design and manufacture of high-quality brush chipping and shredding equipment.

Peter Chaloner, MD of Henton & Chattell, said: "As ever, we've used our unique insight that we've gained from our extensive network of dealers across the country to find out what the demand is.

"Hansa products absolutely fit the bill for what people are looking for.

We believe there is nothing else on the UK market that is this powerful and efficient."

www.hansaproducts.com

