

UEPG Sustainable Development Awards 2010

Company: CRH - Roadstone Wood Ltd

Location: County Clare, Ireland

Bunratty Quarry, Bunratty, Co. Clare, Ireland

Nominated in the category Health & Safety Best Practice





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Bunratty Quarry is owned by Roadstone Wood Ltd. which is part of the CRH Group and currently employs 55 people which include employees, contractors & hauliers. Stone extraction began at the location in 1960 and its products include all grades of crushed stone fill, Blacktop, Readymix Concrete and Concrete Blocks. Bunratty Quarry is currently participating in Year 3 of the CRH Simon Safety Challenge. First launched in July 2007 the challenge is an All-Island initiative designed to assist the Simon Communities of Ireland's important work in tackling homelessness whilst also improving safety at CRH locations. Since July 2007, for every accident free quarter (3 months) achieved at Bunratty a sum of money is donated to The Simon Community. In addition a 25% bonus is paid if the Location achieves a full accident free year. There has been a fantastic response to the Safety Challenge from staff at Bunratty. The challenge has helped to keep Health and Safety in the workplace the Number One objective in Bunratty as well as helping to raise money for the Midwest Simon Community. The monetary contribution from CRH to the Simon Communities around Ireland in the first 2 years of the CRH Simon Safety Challenge is €1.62 million of which Bunratty Quarry has raised €19,000. These funds will be well used by the Simon Community to fund key projects to help the homeless in the Region. Bunratty Quarry pursues excellence in Health and Safety by operating a Safety Management Regime designed to deliver an accident free workplace. The importance of a strong Safety Culture and committed employee attitude to Health and Safety issues at Bunratty is well recognised. Excellent Safety performance is achieved at Bunratty through:

- A strong Safety Organisation
- Committed Employee Involvement and
- Continuous Review and Improvements in operational safety

By continuing to deliver a strong Health and Safety Performance at Bunratty the Midwest Simon Community will continue to benefit from the efforts of all employees on the site.