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New IHE President

Steve Spender IEng FIHE, Highways Manager, at Hampshire CC, was installed as President of the Institute of Highway Engineers on 18th June 2010 in Winchester.

Skills training and asset management are Steve's prime concerns: " I want to be remembered for helping reduce the skills shortages by not only encouraging new people into the industry but also helping more of those who have worked in the industry for years achieve qualifications which recognise that experience. "

Steve is a firm believer in the principles of good asset management and wants to promote the message that well planned proactive maintenance is much more cost effective than reactive pothole-filling programmes. "The highway network is the biggest asset an authority owns which makes investment in the network, and the people who work on it, vital. Nationally at the moment there is massive under investment in both the network and in the recruitment of staff."

Steve later presided at the Institute's Annual Dinner attended by The Mayor and Mayoress of Winchester, Councillor Richard and Mrs Izard, and the Chairman of Hants CC, Councillor Carol Leversha, and her consort, Brian Leversha.

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Notes to Editor

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