



# Charities Safety Group

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## DIARY DATES 2021 JUNE 21

How to integrate staff back into the workplace post COVID and what preparations can be taken now?

### **Group discussion and Q&A**

### **TRAINING IDEAS**

Have you thought about some extra training while many are working from home? There are a lot of courses in H&S out there many of which are free.

There is our own NEBOSH general certificate – application forms are available on our website.

Or what about taking advantage of some of the many webinars currently available from the H&S Executive? Many courses are free and don't always require membership. SGUK, SHP and Barbour offer a variety, as do IOSH which links in with CPD.

Why not take up the opportunity and book that course now?

## CLAIRE GUISE - OUR VERY OWN COVID HERO AWARD WINNER

Claire has been a valuable member of the CSG Management Committee for several years. Her advice and input has been phenomenal. She gives her time, knowledge and experience freely and generously. She has also thrown herself into a number of challenges in recent years. Not only has she trekked across Vietnam, conquered the Grand Canyon and hiked along the Great Wall of China, she's also completed her NEBOSH National Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety. Claire has been at Marie Curie 11 years (and counting) and has just received the people award for COVID hero (support services) which recognises the contribution of the health and safety function during the pandemic situation. She is hoping to do the Grand Canyon again this year but is waiting on COVID travel advice

Her achievements have been motivated by the charity Marie Curie, where Claire is employed as Health and Safety Manager. Claire has responsibility for health and safety across the business, employing more than 2,000 nurses. The West Midlands hospice was built just ten years ago. As Claire had previously taken her NEBOSH National Certificate in Construction Health and Safety she was able to make an invaluable contribution to the build through her knowledge of CDM and site safety. However, her input did not end there. Claire's Grand Canyon trek also helped raise money to support the build and she has continued to raise funds for Marie Curie ever since. Claire told us: *"The hospice here provides care and support for people living with terminal illness and their families. I'm incredibly attached to this place and immensely proud to work for such an amazing organisation."*

Like many other health and safety professionals, Claire's career began when she took on some ad hoc responsibilities as part of another role. She used to work as a Purchasing Officer for a manufacturing firm and the company asked her to deal with some health and safety issues. The business was struggling and unfortunately Claire was laid off. It was at this point she decided to use some of her redundancy money to gain a NEBOSH National General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety in the hope she might secure a full time health and safety position. The move paid off, with a role firstly in the public sector and then with a health and safety consultancy firm. Claire went on to take three more NEBOSH Certificates, in construction, fire safety and environmental management, which led to her landing her "dream job" with Marie Curie eleven years ago.

*"There are a surprising number of issues that need to be managed here,"* explained Claire. *"Besides the usual day to day risks, there's fire safety, issues around construction and contractors and, of course, all the exciting creative ideas our fundraising come up with. Taking the NEBOSH Diploma has helped tremendously with the depth of knowledge I've needed here at Marie Curie and with applying that knowledge of course. Tunnel vision is certainly not what's required here. It's also very important to keep that knowledge up to date and being part of the new NEBOSH Alumni has been really beneficial from that perspective. "Passing my Diploma is right up there with all of the big adventures I've been on in recent years. The treks themselves have been unbelievable and as well as raising money they've helped keep me motivated and increased my enthusiasm for the job. For me it's all about enabling. It has to be."*

Claire's last big fund-raising adventure was a trek to the top of Mount Olympus in Greece. This one had special meaning for Claire, who very sadly lost her Dad to cancer in 2016. *"I now understand even more what terminally ill patients and their families go through and the incredible care and support organisations like ours can give to people. I'm doing this one in his memory."*

From all your colleagues at the CSG may we say CONGRATULATIONS on your COVID hero award and thank you for your continued tireless support of the Charities Safety Group.

**TERRY  
STREATHER,  
OAKWOOD  
TRAINING**

We would like to thank Terry for taking the time to speak to members at our April meeting. In these difficult times, when one of the major concerns has been surrounding the very worrying issue of mental health resulting from some of the effects of the COVID virus, we were delighted Terry could join us.

Terry gave an insightful and topical presentation on the potential mental health effects COVID19 can have and what employers can do to help both their organisations and its employees.

Terry's presentation should be available on our website shortly.

**CSG  
ANNUAL FEE**

Under the present circumstances the management committee has agreed to postpone the request for an annual membership fee. However, they reserve the right to reconsider this decision at a later date should circumstances change

**DO YOU REMEMBER 2011?  
10 BIZARRE HEALTH AND SAFETY BANS and WHAT ELSE WAS  
HAPPENING IN THE WORLD**

Health and safety legislation exists to protect people from real risks at, or connected with, work. But it can be hard to see this from some of the stories that are reported. Below are 10 of the most bizarre health bans or restrictions spotted in media coverage by HSE 10 years ago. How many do you remember?

1. *Wimbledon officials citing health and safety as a reason to close Murray Mount when it was wet*
2. *Stopping dodgem cars from bumping into each other at Butlins in Skegness*
3. *Banning Royal wedding street parties*
4. *Removing an unwanted, bulky TV from a pensioner's home for recycling*
5. *Carnivals with fancy dress parades*
6. *Kite flying on a popular tourist beach in east Yorkshire*
7. *Stopping pupils from using playground monkey bars unsupervised in Oxfordshire*
8. *Using pins to secure commemorative poppies*
9. *Schoolyard football games banned - unless the ball is made of sponge*
10. *Children no longer allowed to take part in a sack race at Sports Day*

**AND THE REST OF THE WORLD IN 2011:-**

1. A series of [massive earthquakes hit north-east Japan, unleashing a 10-metre tsunami](#)
2. US forces [kill the al-Qaida leader, Osama bin Laden](#), in a raid on a house in Abbottabad, Pakistan
3. [The Egyptian president, Hosni Mubarak, quits](#) and the army pledges to oversee a transition to democracy
4. [President Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali flees Tunisia](#), sparking copycat protests that become the Arab spring
5. Libya's former leader [Muammar Gaddafi is killed by rebels](#) in the wake of a Nato air strike
6. [Prince William marries Catherine Middleton](#) at Westminster Abbey
7. The [English riots hit their peak](#) in London and spread to Birmingham, Bristol and Liverpool
8. Apple co-founder [Steve Jobs dies](#), aged 56
9. The [English riots begin](#) on the back of a peaceful protest over the police shooting of Mark Duggan in London
10. The [death is announced of the North Korean leader, Kim Jong-il](#), one of the most condemned leaders of recent history