



november 2011 newsletter

...MTT pipes up

...savoy hill house

IET appointed MTT as design consultants for the refurbishment of this historic 30,000 sq ft property. The project was successfully completed at the beginning of the month and now provides modern high spec offices over lower ground, ground and five upper floors.



...new appointments

MTT have been appointed as design and sustainability consultants for the conversion of an existing 16 storey building into a 320 bed hotel with adjacent retail and conference/exhibition buildings ...further details to follow next month.

Another hotel appointment, but this time in London... refurbishment of a Grade II listed building to provide a 90 room 4* hotel.

...BREEAM stars ★★★★★

MTT has assisted Grosvenor in achieving their first BREEAM Offices Excellent rating at their development 40-54 Grosvenor Hill.

RLAM's Portland Building has achieved a BREEAM Offices Excellent rating and currently has the highest rating for a refurbished building in the UK.

Generation Estates student accommodation project at Isledon Road has achieved a BREEAM Multi-residential Excellent rating (design stage).

...let us train you **breeam** AP

As the demand and requirements of BREEAM certification continues to become more demanding it's ever more important that the design team are fully aware what is required. MTT can provide BREEAM 2011 training. If you have any requirements please contact our BREEAM team on breeam@mttconsultants.com or call us and speak to Katie McGuire.

...mbc ypn



This month sees the launch of the Midtown Business Clubs Young Professionals Network which has been set up to support personal development and to provide friendly networking opportunities. If any of your young professionals involved in Midtown would be interested in future events please contact Amy Stewart on astewart@mttconsultants.com.

"...we are an enthusiastic team of professionals dedicated to delivering flexible, practical and cost effective sustainable building services designs". Paul Mott

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...fit or unfit

Recent developments with the Feed In Tariff sees yet another consultation that will inevitably reduce the rate of return for PV.



The consultation focuses on the fact that the cost of PV has reduced, due primarily to increase demand (that's a surprise) and therefore the rate of return in some cases was as high as 10%. The target figure has always been 5% and the cut in the tariff will bring this into line. This has had a significant impact on the industry and you will have read numerous articles about the loss of jobs etc.

We have a project currently underway on a <50kW array that has been a very good example of how it may not perhaps be all doom and gloom. The original payback on this array was around the 6 year mark which was incredibly good and based on 50% of the electricity being used on site, therefore the advantages of both the feed in tariff and the offset of more costly electricity provided a better return. With the change in the tariff this payback extended to 10 years, still an acceptable scenario with FITs paid for the next 25 years. The race is now on to have the system installed and commissioned before the 12th of December in order to register the site with the FIT Licensee. If this isn't possible the lower tariff will kick in on the 1st April 2012 and the overall payback extended to the 10 year figure.

It has been a very quick learning curve for MTT but we have a very good understanding of the processes and an appreciation of the impact of the new tariff, which isn't a showstopper in every situation. We would suggest that a reappraisal of proposals for PV is made with a robust cost appraisal based on the new tariff and how the system is designed for optimal performance and electricity usage on site. MTT are well placed to assist in this task.

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...MTT go karting

On a gloomy November evening our budding go-karting enthusiasts took part in a 2 hour endurance race at Sandown Park to raise money for the Berkeley Foundation. The Berkeley Foundation was set up in 2010 and raises money for a number of London focussed charities including Shelter, The Lord's Taverners, Richard House Hospice and Princess Alice Hospice.

MTT's Rob Wilshere, Peter Kirk and Tom Ward joined Joe Buxton of Berkeley Homes and were placed 3rd on the podium out of a total of 20 teams.



The evening was a great success and raised an impressive £12,000 for the foundation.



...giant leaps

A huge thank you to everyone that voted for **Small Steps School for Parents** to win the Natwest CommunityForce Charities £6,000 award last month. 🐾

This win along with your help and support has made it possible for another 2 children and their parents to benefit from the wonderful work Small Steps School for Parents do. 🐾

Thank you for your continued support.

If you would like any more information about anything mentioned in this newsletter please contact Amy Stewart

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