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JEREMY EGGA BABLIK MEDAL

Jeremy Woolridge, Executive Chairman of Wedge Group Galvanizing Ltd was awarded a Bablik medal - given to mark outstanding activities of direct benefit to the sector - at the European General Galvanizers Association (EGGA) Gala dinner in Austria last year.

He said: "It is an incredible honour to have been recognised in this way, and to be named alongside some fantastic individuals within our profession. I have immense respect for the industry, and the membership bodies such as the EGGA, and so this truly is a wondrous occasion, and one that I don't take for granted."

"For over 150 years, Wedge Group Galvanizing has been making significant advancements within the galvanizing industry, and we're proud to be huge advocates for the sector. We're committed to making a difference - not only to provide a stellar service to our clients across the nation, but to ensure the galvanizing industry as a whole continues to succeed and evolve."

Jeremy is one of only ten people to have a Bablik Medal - the first two were awarded to Professor Bablik and Mr Sendzimir (in gold) with all medals since being silver.



RARE RHINOS HOUSED FOR THE FUTURE THANKS TO STATE-OF-THE-ART ENCLOSURE



A new rhino enclosure at Knowsley Safari has been protected for decades to come thanks to two firms involved in its major redevelopment.

One of only a few fabrication companies registered as a Member with the British & Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA), CLM Services Ltd called on its long-standing partners, Merseyside Galvanizing, to galvanize the steel and ensure the structures would be protected against corrosion.

Eight white rhinos are now housed in the new enclosure, including a rare southern white rhino.

A fence line structure was part of the scope of works, consisting of over 15

tonnes of galvanized steel, which allows staff to safely access the rhinos and undertake a range of vital animal welfare activities.

Six sliding gates, each weighing 500kg, were also installed along the fence line to allow keepers to transfer the rhinos safely from paddock to paddock

"It's always beneficial to use galvanizing for an environment like this where steel is open to the elements, and often harsh weather conditions," Matt Matt Hayes of CLM Services added. "It can also be washed down with ease and without worry of damaging the structure, helping keepers to maintain a clean habitat and ensure the continued welfare of animals."

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Lyndhurst Precision was tasked to create two large cat ladders, as well as a stairwell with a landing platform to allow access to two wastewater treatment tanks. Measuring up to seven metres tall, Manchester Galvanizing were called upon thanks to their large hot-dip tanks which could safely and appropriately administer the finish of choice.

Andy Wilding, Technical Manager at Lyndhurst Precision said: "Following the completion of these steel components, we knew we had to apply an appropriate finish that could withstand the elements and ensure that the ladders were safe for many years to come, so we sought the support of highly recommended local Manchester Galvanizing.

"We were working to a very tight schedule, which was heightened more so by the slight delay due to the drilling. Yet, the team at Manchester Galvanizing worked tirelessly to meet our deadline, which was a huge relief for me. Throughout, they were so helpful, informative, and accommodating, and I very much look forward to working with them again."

Mark Waters, Commercial Manager at Manchester Galvanizing added: "It was an absolute pleasure to work with Andy and the team at Lyndhurst Precision. It was a truly great project to be a part of, and we're always eager to share knowledge and advice about galvanizing – even now after hundreds of years, many are still surprised at the ease of the process and the abundance of benefits!"

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF THE INDUSTRY

David Nobes, Technical Services Director at Wedge Group Galvanizing, is part way through a two-year course in sustainable and ethical business management.

He said: "Sustainability is deemed to be the focus of the next industrial revolution and should be a firm priority for all business owners, as they seek to make more conscious, considered and careful decisions. While the process of galvanizing itself is already incredibly innovative and sustainable, it's paramount that we're equally as advanced and novel in everything we do here at Wedge.

"I'm very thankful to the company for supporting me during my latest educational feat – studying at Derby university to complete a Master's degree in Sustainable and Ethical Business Management. It's a privilege to have access to this information and the learning opportunity. I regularly share this knowledge with my colleagues, who're all driven by the same passion and motivation to be kinder to our planet and ensure the longevity of our business."

EXCLUSIVE EQUINE SCULPTURE SET TO GO THE DISTANCE

Humber Galvanizing have jumped into action alongside local fabricators to ensure a bespoke piece of art will stand the test of time.

Driffield-based SA Fabrications were commissioned to create a bespoke life-sized steel horse sculpture by local farmer, Paul Temple.

Stephen Albinger, Founder and Owner at SA Fabrications, said: "Originally inspired by a performance of War Horse, Paul Temple and his wife, Liz, commissioned a bespoke horse sculpture to take pride of place in their garden. Spurred on by Liz's passion for the animals, she provided four horse shoes to be included in the

final framework.

"The sculpture, which took around four weeks to create, stands at an impressive 2.3m high and 2.5m long, and weighs around 450kg. After fabrication, I enlisted the support of Humber Galvanizing, who I've worked with for over twenty years, to ensure it could withstand the elements when located outside."

At Humber Galvanizing, the horse was entirely immersed and hot-dipped into a large molten zinc bath. Coating the steel completely, the process allows it to be protected from corrosion for up to 70 years.



WHAT'S THAT COMING OUT OF THE BATH – IS IT A MONSTER?

SA Fabrications was commissioned to create a bespoke dragon sculpture, designed to stand pride of place during a National Open Gardens event. Due to being permanently located outside and exposed to the elements, Humber Galvanizing was called upon to protect it against corrosion.

Steve Albinger, Founder at SA Fabrications, said: "Often I'm approached by customers to make some weird and wonderful items – with this

being no exception. It was an absolute pleasure to create the dragon, and we wanted to ensure that this magnificent creature would be protected to the very best of our abilities against weathering or rusting, able to be enjoyed by many at both this Open Gardens event, as well as any planned in the future."

Fabricated mainly from sheet metal, the dragon stands at almost two metres by two metres, and weighs an incredible 500kg.



SIKH MEMORIAL TO STAND THE TEST OF TIME

An iconic Sikh memorial in Wednesfield is set to educate generations to come thanks to a longstanding partnership between an esteemed sculptor and Edward Howell Galvanizers.

The Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Wednesfield commissioned local Artist Sculptor, Luke Perry, to craft the memorial to commemorate the Battle of Saragarhi. The piece portrays an imposing 10ft bronze cast Sikh Soldier mounted upon a six-foot granite plinth, which is engraved in both Punjabi and English to ensure all individuals can appreciate the significance of this cultural symbol.

Luke said: "As one of the most significant moments in the history of Sikh culture, The Battle of Saragarhi deserves greater visibility in British history, and I'm proud to play a role in

the positive movement to alter this with my artwork.

"As the first of its kind in the UK to give a voice to a subject long overdue its recognition, it was paramount to ensure it would possess a lengthy legacy. And so, I sent the memorial to long-time partners Edward Howell Galvanizers to ensure it would be protected against the elements for generations, and be as physically strong and permanent as the statement it makes."

The striking monument with its eight-metre steel backplate stands in Well Lane in Wednesfield, Wolverhampton, and was unveiled on the 12th September 2021 on Saragarhi Day - the anniversary of one of the greatest last stands in history - which is commemorated annually by the Indian Army's 4th Battalion of the Sikh Regiment.

ENSURING LONGEVITY OF SOLDIERS' LEGACY

Devon-based family run business, Dunn's Ploughs, sought the expertise of South West Galvanizers when tasked with designing and fabricating a memorial bench to sit within the grounds of St. Peter's Church in Dowland.

The bench was commissioned to commemorate the memory of three young soldiers from the village - Arthur Piper, William Piper and George Westcott - who did not return home following the end of World War I. Sue Dunn of Dunn's Ploughs, and Treasurer of the Church, said: "Four years ago we discovered

that three young men from Dowland did not return to their families after the end of World War I. Their sacrifice had never been acknowledged in our parish, and we did not have a war memorial or any public record of their names. We began a project to put this right by making a unique and meaningful new war memorial in the form of a metal bench."

Remarking it as one of the 'most beautiful' they've seen, the Imperial War Museum has formally registered the bench as an official War Memorial, resulting in the soldiers' stories being officially - and permanently - recorded.

And the 'Brothers in Arms' organisation based in Flanders, Belgium, has also asked to record their stories - enabling their legacy to reach far and wide.



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GALVANIZERS DONATE TO WAR MEMORIAL GARDEN

Following a call for support from a member of Bilston Royal British Legion, Edward Howell Galvanizers offered to provide the soil required for two brand-new timber planters installed at their War Memorial site, situated at the gateway to Bilston Town Centre.

Many local volunteer veterans from Wolverhampton Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club (AFVBC) donated their time to assist throughout the project, allowing the site to blossom into a peaceful and poignant place.

Wendy Binder, Royal British Legion member, said: "Once the planters were fitted, we began shopping around local merchants for soil to be able to fill them. However, I then received an email from Edward Howell Galvanizers who'd seen our latest project in a local magazine, and they offered to donate the soil in full.

"It was an absolute pleasure dealing with Edward Howell Galvanizers - they were kind, supportive and accommodating. We are tremendously grateful for their incredible generosity, and to commemorate this, we will be installing a plaque on the planters to thank them for their support."

Originally made by Messrs Dove & Co of London, and designed by Sir Richard Blomfield, the War Memorial at Bilston is made of Portland stone and decorated with an elongated bronze cross. Names of the fallen are recorded on separate plaques on the brick wall at the rear of the gardens, along with a memorial stone to Victoria Cross recipient Lance Corporal George Onions VC (later Major George Onions VC).

BESPOKE ELEPHANT MEMORIAL PRESERVED FOR GENERATIONS

North Yorkshire-based artist blacksmith, James Wilkinson was commissioned to create an elephant sculpture by Guildford High School to remember a past pupil, Emily Oliver, that recently passed away.

James said: "Due to Emily's distinctive initials - ELMO - and her love for elephants, she was often linked to the famous Elmo the elephant. We decided to immortalise her in this way and create a bespoke elephant with a patchwork construction.

"The memorial is due to be located in the school grounds as a space for friends, family and school peers to visit. Being exposed to the elements, however, it was paramount that we enhanced its longevity and so I called upon my trusted partners, Metaltreat Galvanizers. Having worked with them for almost 20 years, I knew they were reliable and professional - with the specialism to cater for the intricate detailing of the piece."

After her diagnosis, Emily raised over £40,000 for The Brain Tumour Charity, and her family and friends are continuing to fundraise for this charity in her honour.



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