

Members Monthly *June 2010*

News

Record levels of cleanliness recorded in Britain's beach survey

A record number of beaches in England and Wales have been graded at Europe's "excellent" standard – the highest possible – according to the annual cleanliness survey conducted by the Environment Agency.



The survey, which tests the water quality and litter levels at 494 designated bathing sites, revealed that Britain is now enjoying its cleanest beaches for 10 years. The latest findings are a 2% improvement on 2008, continuing the trend which has seen beach cleanliness increase for the past 20 years. The monitoring of Britain's coast found that 97% reached "excellent" standard, a tally put down to dry weather with limited run-off into the sea, and a sustained drive against farm chemical and sewer pollution.

ABCD hold annual conference; 'What are the Neighbours Up To'

The Association of Building Cleaning Service Providers ([ABCD](#)) held their annual conference at Nottingham's Crowne Plaza Hotel. The day was united by the theme, 'What are the neighbours up to', reflecting the changes and developments in FM.

One of the keynote speakers on the day was BCC Chairman Steve Wright, who gave an update on the organisations activities and plans for the coming year. A section was then led by Rob Bailey of the APSE who spoke of the political implications of the coalition government formed in recent weeks. Ian Fordham then spoke about the [Healthy Schools campaign](#)



The day was ended with a charity raffle in support of a charity school in Sierra Leone with over £600 raised thanks to the generous donations made by ABCD's members.

Diary

CIEH: Cleaning in Food Premises Workshop, Jul/Sep 2010

Two new one-day workshops have been announced to support the delivery of the new CIEH Level 2 Award in Cleaning in Food Premises qualification. Further details on becoming qualified to deliver this vital qualification are available [here](#).

- Tuesday 13 July – Manchester (postponed)
- Thursday 23 September – Birmingham

Building Cleanability Awards Ceremony: 12th July 2010

The Building Cleanability Awards will take place on Monday 12th July 2010 at Guildhall in the City of London. The event includes a lunch, stand-up from comedian Barry Cryer followed by the Awards themselves. Limited tickets are still available; please contact the [BCA](#) for further information.

Keep Britain Tidy, Green Britain Day: 17th June 2010

Green Britain Day is a focal point for people to take action towards a more sustainable lifestyle. The day forms part of the wider Eco-Schools partnership, which is supported by Keep Britain Tidy, and is encouraging thousands of schools to take up their mission to becoming sustainable.

Further information on Green Britain Day can be found [here](#).

British Cleaning Council/LOCOG Advisory Board: 28th June

The British Cleaning Council members are due to meet with LOCOG for the second time to discuss preparations and strategy for the 2012 Games. With only 6 months until the closing date for tender submissions, representatives from each council member are encouraged to attend. Please [contact](#) the BCC for further details.