

BEST PRACTICE

LOCATION: **ARTICLE YEAR:** 2010
ACTIVITY: Access & Egress & Working at Height **COMPANY:** Hanson UK
SUB ACTIVITY: N/A **COMPANY LOCATION:** Needingworth Quarry
BEST PRACTICE No: BP720 **COMPANY TEL:** 01487 849026

TITLE

Restricted access platforms

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Description

Servicing, repair and maintenance and inspection of the two feeders within the feed tunnel had always been very difficult, not least due to the fact that the wall was curved, the walk-way was narrow and access to work at the required height was very restricted. A floor-standing trestle did not take into account the curvature of the tunnel. It also left unprotected space at the rear of the person working and, as a portable item of access, it was not as stable as a rigid fixed structure.

A simple solution was found whereby an easy-to-erect, collapsible working platform was fixed to the wall, whilst still allowing it to swivel up and outwards. It also included drop-down floor supports and removable hand rails.

Benefits

The platform reduces the typical manual handling issues that go with portable equipment. It also reduces falls from height and increases the safe working area. It is now used for all access issues and is considered by the site staff and maintenance contractors to be a welcome improvement.

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