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Crowland Cranes two day 'open house'



Crowland Cranes is the leading crane recovery and repair company

Last month UK based crane sales, rental, service, repair and testing company Crowland Cranes held a two day 'open house' at its head office facility in Crowland, Lincolnshire. The first day was a 'Crane Awareness' event aimed at the back room staff from some of the UK's mainstream equipment insurers, staff that handle claims but never get the chance to get close up to the assets they cover. Crowland held a similar event four years ago and has been repeatedly asked by the insurers to repeat it.

The visitors were given the chance to operate two types of All Terrain crane - a new 40 tonne two axle Liebherr LTM1040-2.1 and new three axle 60 tonne Grove GMK3060 - completing simple operational tasks. They also tackled a working at height challenge which involved operating both boom and scissor lifts.

If you have never visited Crowland Cranes you are almost certainly in for a surprise because the facilities are far more extensive than you might imagine, and have expanded substantially over the past few years, as it has tried to keep pace with the increasing demand for its wide range of crane services.

Managing director Peter Issitt said: "The event allowed us to show off our new workshop and test area, demonstrating the big improvements since we last did it in 2014, when we were limited to a four acre site. We were also able to invite some of our key suppliers, enabling them to display and

demonstrate their products to the visitors, in addition customers and insurers were able to work in our engineering training rooms which currently host both Allianz and Bureau Veritas UK. Both of these companies utilise the Crowland training centres for their engineering teams, including drone pilot training and a wide range of Augmented and Virtual Reality training tools."

The second day was more of a general or traditional open day for its customers, with a number of end users that have worked with the company for many years but never had the opportunity or the time to visit Crowland and tour the facility. As the week of the event kicked off the announcement was made that Crowland had been appointed UK service partner for Spierings mobile self-erecting tower cranes and the event was therefore a good opportunity to launch its new working relationship with Spierings owners able to view the workshops and parts facility and check out the new service.



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Crowland Cranes has a rolling road and maintenance pit capable of taking the largest AT cranes



One of two paint shops



There was a wide variety of equipment and demonstrations



SmartDS demonstrated its Mixed Reality software and 3D content for use with the Microsoft HoloLens headset. The software allows trainers to bring holographic assets such as cranes into training environments and enable immersive, safe, fast and realistic training experiences at any location, reducing risk while bringing cost and time savings



(L-R) Peter van Schijndel and Koos Spierings of Spierings with Pete Issitt of Crowland Cranes