



Behind The Scenes at JET Plant Hire Limited

JET Plant Hire Limited is one of the UK's largest planing contractors with an ambition to increase market share over the coming months and years. Behind the scenes there are areas of the business that our customers don't see. But we can now shed light on what it takes to keep a planing company of this size and complexity running smoothly.

Around 30 planing shifts are completed daily; operating through the day and night, weekdays and weekends. The job of scheduling those planers and operators to match the requirements of our customers falls to our Operations Managers: Richard Lovell, Nick Drewry, Lisa Matthews and Allan Potter. The planning process begins when we receive a request from a customer – this could be a month in advance or sometimes the day as it is needed on site. To work alongside the planers we also hire in over 10,000 extra tippers and sweepers each year, making sure they meet our own standards of health and safety, environmental and operational performance.

Once the programme has taken shape we have to get all the planers to the right place at the right time and this responsibility rests with our Transport Co-ordinators: Ruta Tarvyde, Simon Wills and Ben Cotton. With a fleet of over 30 low-loaders, tipper trailers and roll-on roll-off skips covering over 3 million miles annually, this feat of planning is supported by our scheduling software, tracking and telematics systems and good old geographical knowledge.

Another crucial aspect to the business is finding a home for the 1.2 million tonnes of planings we generate each year. Jo Turner is our Planings Co-ordinator and not only does she source tips for recycling, she also ensures each location has a valid permit or exemption, all waste transfer notes are completed and collected and we are compliant with environmental legislation.

And of course in addition to these operational pressures our priority is to work safely and this means meeting the standards set down in our OHSAS:18001 accreditation; training operators and drivers on a monthly basis; fulfilling FORS and CLOCS requirements and maintaining our plant and equipment to high levels. Tina Greenhill, Steve Phillips, Mark Stanley, Claire Hooper and Sally Witheford all work tirelessly behind the scenes to make all these things integral parts of our operating culture.

It is a huge undertaking, but one which the JET team complete cheerfully every day.