

# M J Carter Associates

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# 30th Anniversary Issue



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## Anniversary news from MJCA

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In 2013 MJCA celebrates its 30th Anniversary having been formed in 1983. A 30th Anniversary is traditionally known as the Pearl Anniversary and we like to think that we have been and will continue to provide pearls of wisdom for our clients. We thought we would use the occasion to share with you a brief history of MJCA as well as to remind you of what was happening in 1983.



## A short history of MJCA

M J Carter Associates was formed in 1983 to provide consultancy advice to the waste and minerals industries. Our staff of three provided predominantly hydrogeological and hydrogeochemical advice, reflecting landfill practice in the early eighties.

By 1985 our nine staff had outgrown the accommodation in various kitchens and dining rooms and we moved into part of Station House, Atherstone, our first commercial premises. The Grade II listed Victorian building has significant architectural features and the lasting quality and high standard of workmanship associated with the building reflected the principles of the Company.

By 2003 we occupied all of Station House and additional premises in Atherstone. This accommodated our staff and the ever increasing technology that is now an integral part of environmental risk assessment, report and drawing production and data management.

Our physical expansion reflected the growing awareness of environmental issues by business and the public. Our staff encompass a wide range of disciplines and our client base has expanded well beyond the mineral and waste industries. What has not changed is that we continue to work hard to remain at the forefront of technological and legislative development.

We endeavour to provide a consistently high level of service and professionalism not only for our clients but also for our input into the development of guidance, legislation, research and professional bodies.

In 2003 we left the premises in which we grew up to take our place in the refurbished former colliery offices at Baxterley. The move to a redeveloped former colliery was in keeping with the familiar concepts of remediation and reuse, reflects the longevity of the company and provides us with a peaceful working environment with room for expansion.

We have successfully completed 30 years in the environmental consultancy business. In 1983 few people offered this service, but now several hundred companies list environmental consultancy as a major part of their business. Despite many tempting offers, we remain committed to our independence, which guarantees continuation of our principles and standards. In technical terms, our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary is marked by significant changes in environmental legislation and the knowledge that future direction from Europe will bring further challenges and opportunities for us and our clients.

We are proud of our achievements over the last 30 years. We have taken an active part in startling changes in the technical and legislative issues associated with the protection and management of the environment and we look forward with enthusiasm to the developments and challenges of the future.

Then (1983)	Now (2013)
	
 <p>Reports prepared using a typewriter and plans prepared using colouring pencils, Letraset, Rotring pens and stencils.</p> 	 <p>Amazing technology of all sorts.</p>
<p>IBM PC XT released with 128kb of RAM and 10MB hard drive. DOS 2.0 running system.</p> <p>Microsoft Word first released.</p> 	<p>Mini Tower with 32GB SuperRAM and TB memory hard drive and Eight Core CPU processor. Windows 8 running system with touch screen and fingerprint security access.</p> 
 <p>360kb 5.25 inch floppy disc.</p>	 <p>USB memory stick. The Cloud.</p> 
<p>UK number 1 songs included: Let's Dance - David Bowie Every Breath You Take - The Police Karma Chameleon - Culture Club</p> 	<p>Top songs (so far) include: Gangnam Style - Psy Diamonds - Rihanna Clown - Emeli Sande</p> 
<p>World Population - 4.72 billion.</p> 	<p>World Population - 7.2 billion.</p>
 <p>Camcorders are introduced. Compact discs first released. The first mobile phones introduced to the public by Motorola Co and cost \$3,995.</p>	 <p>British scientists unveil the first mobile phone powered by microbial fuel cells.</p>
<p>Breakfast time changed forever with the launch of TVAM.</p> 	<p>24 hour television on an endless number of channels as well as everything that can be streamed over the internet to your computer, tablet or mobile phone.</p>
 <p>US President Ronald Reagan announced that the Global Positioning System would be made available for civilian use.</p>	 <p>Hand held GPS, satnavs, hand held maps and satellite images in mobile phones.</p>
<p>M J Carter Associates provides technical advice on environmental issues in a world of emerging technical knowledge, guidance and legislation.</p>	<p>MJCA provides technical advice on environmental issues in a world of evolving technical knowledge, guidance and legislation.</p> 