

# Newsletter

## Balvac Completes Further Work at Meadowhall Centre, Sheffield

### Balvac returned to Meadowhall Shopping Centre for Flood Remedial Works on Hadfield Footbridge

This contract award followed on from successfully completed works for Meadowhall Centre Ltd where Balvac has been principal contractor for the repair and refurbishment of the vast shopping centre car park and link bridges over many years.

Hadfield Bridge over the River Don dates back to when the Hadfield Steelworks, built in 1897, stood on the site where the Meadowhall Centre now stands. Hadfield Bridge now provides access to the busy shopping centre.

Balvac was on site to commence grit blasting and re-painting works in 2007 but this had to be abandoned due to the freak summer floods. The works that had been completed were damaged during these floods and our attention switched to an environmental salvage operation at the request of Meadowhall Centre Ltd.

On our return in late 2008, a mobile suspended platform, as opposed to a fixed scaffold system, was used. This enabled the bridge to remain open for use and the platform could be moved to the high end of the bridge where there was least chance of damage during times of flooding.



All surface preparation and re-painting works were completed 3 weeks ahead of programme, with no weather or flood related delays encountered this time around.

Congratulations to Site Manager Steve Williams and Contracts Manager Ian Rishworth, who lead the Balvac team.

*Keith Barrow*

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Director and General Manager

There is direct access to the Meadowhall Shopping Centre via Hadfield Bridge over the River Don.

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