

Press Release

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200 Lives Saved, Thanks to Interventions by Land Sheriffs



Thursday 4th April saw an important day for Harlow based security company, Land Sheriffs Ltd as they were visited by Jackie Doyle-Price MP, Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention and Rt Hon Robert Halfon MP for Harlow to mark their achievement of 200 Interventions since 2013.

Land Sheriffs Ltd are a security company that works within the rail industry where they protect their client's staff, customers, property and infrastructure; an industry leader with a proven track record.

Land Sheriffs - Key Points

SIA pacesetter scoring 161 placing Land Sheriffs in the top 5% of security companies in the UK

ACS Pacesetter Security Officer of Distinction 2016/17/18

Living Wage employer

Railstaff awards winners 2017/8 – Samaritans Life Saver/Customer Service

Army Covenant – Bronze Award

Investors in People Gold

Time for Change, mental health pledge to our employees

Jackie Doyle-Price, Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention (here with Tyler LeMay Left and Steve LeMay right) spent time talking to staff who had carried out the interventions.

Ms Doyle-Price was greeted at the head office of Land Sheriffs, based in Harlow by Steve LeMay, CEO and Tyler LeMay Managing Director together with Robert Halfon MP.

Thirty members of operational frontline staff were there to greet Jackie and they were spoken to about their interventions and experiences.



Time for Change

We also signed out 'Time for Change' mental health pledge for our staff, which was co-signed by Jackie, to promote mental health awareness and offer training and support throughout the company.



Jackie Doyle-Price spoke to all those that attended the event and said

“Instinctively, you wouldn’t think that this (security) is the culture that was understanding of mental ill health and emotional wellbeing.

The atmosphere here is just so positive and warm, and that comes from leadership at the top and having spent time with you I can see how much you care about this agenda, but the real team ethic here is just really apparent for all to see. It just goes to show that with the right leadership and once we actually start breaking those taboos, it’s actually really good for all of us.

It seems to me that this is a really nice place to work. Congratulations on all that you have done, please continue that good work. I am going to preach to the world about what you have done here because it is so impressive, thank you very much indeed”



Sir Peter Hendy CBE, Chairman of Network Rail sent a video to personally recognise and thank all the staff at Land Sheriffs (still below).

Sir Peter Hendy said *“I think saving 1 life is tremendous, but saving more than 200 is just fantastic, and the attention of all of you (Land Sheriffs) every day on our railway, is making it safer, saving people’s lives and is making train travel better and more attractive for our passengers who really matter.*

I wanted to say thank you, thank you very much indeed for what you have done, please keep on doing it, it has been 14 years since Land Sheriffs started its partnership with Network Rail, we both support the Samaritans and every life we save is fantastic and more than 200 are down to you (Land Sheriffs)”



Dave Ward OBE, Network Rail (below right)



He expressed his gratitude to Land Sheriffs and the fantastic work that they do. Throughout the 14 years that Land Sheriffs have worked with Network Rail they have accomplished a great deal.

Mr Ward said “Land Sheriffs were the only organisation nationally that was able to sort the cable theft problem that they were facing and get that under control”

Mr Ward explained that the relationship with the Samaritans that both Network Rail and Land Sheriff work with is vital that this continues.

Mr Ward said “we can never stop, I just hope that we can get over that this organisation is much more than a security company. I am immensely proud and honoured to be part of your journey because you have taught me so much”

Key quotes

“Only organization, nationally, who sorted cable theft and got on top of it”

“216 interventions is the tip of the iceberg”

“This organization is much more than a security company”

Rt Hon Robert Halfon MP, was also in attendance



He spoke of his pride of Land Sheriffs, not just, as a local company but a national company and that Land Sheriffs have a great ethos to look after and help people.

Mr Halfon commended our operational team and the work they do 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

He told the team about someone he knows well, who was taken ill at a station and a Land Sheriff was on hand, ensured they were ok and arranged a taxi to get them home, going the extra mile to make sure they were safe.

Key quotes

“Save a life and you save the world”

“What you guys do is extraordinary”

Neil Peters, Strategic Programme Manager of Samaritans/Rail Partnership



Neil also made a speech about the joint working between the Samaritans, Network Rail and Land Sheriffs; and how Land Sheriffs have been at the forefront of changing the culture of discussing mental health.

He also presented 'Life Saver' recognition letters from Samaritans and Network Rail to Shaun Yates (bottom left) and Trevor Newman (bottom right)

Key quotes

"We love working with you guys"

"Land Sheriffs have been at the forefront of changing the culture... talking about feelings"

"The ripple effect is incalculable; you're into the thousands for those that have been affected by your fantastic work"

"You give us fantastic support for us at charity events raising funds"

Robert Findlay, Harlow Town Chaplin



Robert made an impassioned prayer that sums up a lot in just a few words, which is below.

*Today we reflect
That compassion, love and kindness
Help people who are in despair
Because they think, they have no purpose
And nobody cares*

*These divine qualities
Of compassion, love and kindness
Bring a light of hope
To those who are in a very dark place*

*We are thankful
That 200 people
Have received a hand of friendship
From the staff at Land Sheriffs*

Key quotes

"You bring a light of hope to those in a very dark place"

Notes to editors:

Land Sheriffs are a dedicated professional security task force providing protection and safety of our client's staff, customers, infrastructure and assets.

We provide security services to our clients that exceed their expectations, enforce respect for the lives and property through the power of the law and to strive continuously to provide our clients with a safe, reliable and efficient service.

We are dedicated to offering only the best people, innovative solutions and nurturing long-term partnerships.

Please visit www.landsheriffs.co.uk to find out more.