



ADP Security Systems Ltd

Case study: Construction site security solution



The challenge

Midas Group is one of the largest independent property service providers in the UK, with offices throughout the South West of England and South Wales.

Midas Group managed a re-development project on a brownfield site near Southampton that demanded complete site security including health and safety support for specialist contractors. A permanent management team attended site daily to oversee the project, with deliveries and external contractors visiting at regular intervals. All visitors or delivery vehicles had to be logged in and out of the site, with access through a secure, manned gate.

The ADP Security Systems solution

ADP's first step was to carry out a comprehensive site survey and risk assessment. Whilst the client had expected a proposal for a 168 guard at the gate-house, ADP advised on a more efficient and cost-effective solution using a combination of manned guarding and security technology that would save money against the budget.

A traditional gatehouse security guard was supported by remote monitored CCTV and alarm monitoring. He used a computerized access control system to monitor and manage visitor access. Out of hours, mobile security patrols and 24/7 remote CCTV monitoring took over, with the guarantee of a rapid human response when required.

The site was a busy building project so the regular security officer and the trained back-up team had to learn a variety of responsible tasks for the role. The work included managing a professional access control software system for people and vehicles, checking day passes for contractors, electronic barrier control, lock and unlock, checking windows and heaters; fire drills and alarm

system checks, CCTV system usage. Certain specialist contractor tasks required the area to be cleared of other personnel for health and safety purposes, checked once the task has been completed and before other workers were allowed back into the area. The security officer also took charge of certain areas in terms of health and safety.

ADP Security's officer also updated daily the information white-boards in the Gate House, checked for hazards on site, patrolled the overflow car-parks, kept his area tidy and patrolled inside the building site to show a security presence when required. A second gate was also monitored. In summary, the security officer was responsible for the site's access control system, entire site security, gate house and health & safety in certain areas.



The outcome

By implementing this mix of technical and manned security, the client saved around one third off the budget, compared with a traditional guarding solution.

David Preston, director of ADP Security advised:

“Guarding has changed and, as a guarding company with monitoring facilities, we are able to integrate the best of manpower and technology in the most cost-effective way for our clients.”

Award-winning security personnel

One of ADP Security Systems' security officers at the site was praised by the site manager and put forward for the British Security Industry Association (BSIA) Security Personnel Awards 2013. Ben Easterbrook, just 19 years of age when he joined ADP in 2012, won “BSIA Best Newcomer, South East”.



Ben Easterbrook, security officer

Mark Law, site manager for the Midas Group at Portswood said:

“Ben is very conscientious and helpful. He often telephones us if he is concerned and has found something untoward on site after we have left for the day, so that we can come straight back to make things secure. We are really pleased with this level of security service. We do not want an intruder roaming around the site at night, so we are grateful for Ben’s attention to detail.”

“Ben also writes up the high risk safety activity board for us. This is something that he volunteered to carry out one day when I was particularly busy. Now he regularly writes up the information on the board as an extra service, in between dealing with visitors and deliveries. Ben is very conscientious and professional and we are over the moon with him.”

Site completion and future security

Once developed, the site was handed over to the tenant company, which has retained ADP Security Systems Ltd as their security provider, so impressed were they with the work undertaken during the construction phase.



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