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Manchester, 1948: Frank Shepley creates Frank Shepley (Engineers) Ltd

Windscale, 1948: Work commences on stainless ducting systems on Windscales Reactors

Calder Hall, 1953: Commissioning begins on the world's first commercial nuclear power station

London, 1985: Shepley complete major iron restoration project on the Grade 1 listed Dorchester Hotel

Springfields, 1992: Shepley begin their first project at Springfields, decommissioning Beryllium Laboratories

Dublin, 1995: Shepley begin their first restoration project at the Curvilinear Range

London, 2002: Renew Holdings purchase Shepley Engineers

London, 2002: Renew Holdings acquire West Cumberland Engineering

London, 2003: Shepley Engineers begin restoration of St Panras International

London, 2006: Renew Holdings purchase PPS Electrical

Sellafield, 2007: Work begins on Evaporator D, the Shepley Group's largest project to date

London, 2008: Shepley begin work on Houses of Parliament cast iron roof restoration

Lillyhall, 2016: Shepley Engineers acquire Nuclear Decontamination Services Ltd

Somerset, 2021: Shepley begin work on the first nuclear power station in a generation, Hinkley Point C

Workington, 2023: Shepley Engineers subsidiary WCEL acquire T.I.S. Cumbria Ltd

## 1948

Frank Shepley (Engineers) Ltd were founded in Minshull Street, Manchester on 8th January 1948. The same year that...



The NHS is created, giving the right to universal healthcare, free at point of use



The Government end rationing of bread and flour following limitations after World War II



The Summer Olympic Games begin in London, the first since 1936



HMT Empire Windrush arrives in the United Kingdom, carrying 492 Carribean migrants



The first astronaut monkey, Albert, is launched into space in a V-2 rocket



The UN General Assembly create and ratify the Universal Declaration of Human Rights



The 1940's saw some of the worst atrocities known to man, in both World War II and the Cold War. A post-war boom saw the United States exit the Great Depression, Europe and Asia saw unusally high economic growth, and on 8th January 1948 in Manchester, Frank Shepley (Engineers) Ltd was born.

Fearing that war was not yet over, a British atomic bomb project was starting at Windscale, Cumbria. Following the second world war, people were fearing a third was on the horizon, and after collaboration with American scientists, Britain was forced to develop its own capability following the Congress signing of the McMahon Act. The existing munitions factory at Windscale was chosen as the location to produce the plutonium needed for a hydrogen bomb and the site became a nuclear facility. As such, Britain started producing weapons-grade plutonium for use in nuclear weapons. Two air-cooled, graphite-moderated nuclear reactors, known as the Windscale Piles, were used.

Shepley Engineers were responsible for the HVAC systems on these Piles, making us the longestserving continuous contractor on the site.







By the 1950's the threat of war had seemingly diminished, and attention had turned from atomic weapons to electricity, which was previously considered just a by-product. Queen Elizabeth II ascended to the throne, and the first commercial television broadcast on ITV takes place.

Moving in to the fifties with a focus on new nuclear potential, the workforce on the Sellafield site successfully built Windscale Reactors 1 and 2, Windscale Pile Chimneys 1 and 2, First Generation Reprocessing Plant, Pile Fuel Storage Pond and the Pile Fuel Cladding Silo. All in all, it took 5,300 construction workers, engineers and architects less than five years to design and build a fully operational nuclear facility.

Shepley Engineers played a helping hand during commissioning of Calder Hall - which became the world's first nuclear power station to export electricity on a commercial scale to a public grid, and was opened by the late Queen Elizabeth II on 17 October 1956.





The swinging sixties was one of the most tumultuous decades in history. England won their first and only World Cup, President John F. Kennedy was assasinated, Apollo 11 landed humans on the moon for the first time, and Beatlemania was spreading around the world.

The 1960's saw various teams on the Sellafield site design and build reprocessing buildings that would be able to separate uranium and plutonium from fuel that was being used in the other ten new Magnox stations that followed the design of Calder Hall. This added buildings such as the Windscale Advanced Gas-Cooled Reactor, Magnox Reprocessing Plant, First Generation Magnox Storage Pond, Magnox Swarf Storage Silo and the Fuel Handling Plant on to the site.

Shepley Engineers were engaged on the site throughout the sixties, helping to construct the much needed infrastructure.







The 1970's saw Corporation Tax hit an all time high of 52% under Ted Heath, and Margaret Thatcher became the first female Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. The Fall of Saigon marked the end of the Vietnam War, and Elton John blasted to the top of the charts with his hit Rocket Man.

The Windscale site was split into two parts in 1971, with the main complex renamed Sellafield, and the original weapons, power station and advanced gas-cooled reactor retaining the Windscale name.

Following an inquiry in to the use case of fuel reprocessing in 1977, planning permission was given to construct a new plant to reprocess irradiated oxide nuclear fuel. This plant was the Thermal Oxide Reprocessing Plant (THORP), and construction began on this in 1979 at a build cost of £1.8 billion.

The seventies was a busy period for Shepley Engineers, who were still busy with the site team engaged on Sellafield.



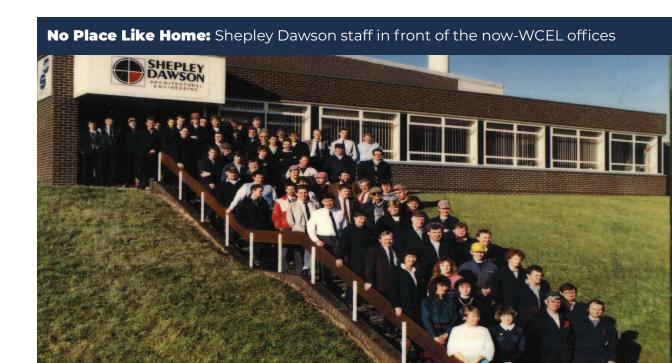




The 1980's saw a tech revolution; Windows was invented by Microsoft, over 50% of homes had a telephone, and mobile phones were bursting on to the scene. Shortly after Prince Charles married Lady Diana, Argentina's invasion of the Falkland Islands started a war that would last two months.

In 1988, a plan had been made to try to diversify our service offering, and become less dependent on Sellafield. Through the connection with Sir Robert McAlpine, who were also on site at Sellafield, Shepley Engineers were asked to complete major iron restoration work on the Grade I listed 5-Star Dorchester Hotel on Park Lane, London.

This established us as a specialist restoration and conservation contractor, and not long after this diversification strategy Shepley Dawson Architectural Engineers was born. This saw the company travel far and wide creating decorative ironwork pieces, in Singapore, France, United Arab Emirates, as well as closer to home in Scotland and London.





The nineties saw some key developments in the world, with the World Wide Web opening up to the public, the world population grew to over 6 billion people, and Europop was taking the world by storm.

Following the diversification plan of 1988 and the successful delivery of the Dorchester Hotel project, we were engaged on several architectural engineering projects thoughout the nineties, manufacturing and installing all infrastructural ironwork in Fantasyland at Disneyland Paris, as well as all structural ironwork on Canary Wharf's edge balustrading. All components were manufactured at Lillyhall, before being transported and installed on site.

In 1992 Shepley Engineers brought the first wind farm to Cumbria, being responsible for project management, coordination and install of the wind farms in Haverigg and Oldside, appointed by Windcluster.

Our first glass house restoration project was completed in 1995, seeing us restore the Curvilinear Range at the Botanic Gardens in Glasnevin, Dublin. This was shortly followed by glass house restoration projects in Liverpool, Sheffield and Glasgow.

In late 1995, with an uncertain economic outlook and banks not being supportive in the current climate, the architectural division of Shepley Engineers was sold to a London construction company. Shepley Engineers were looking for new backers in the absence of the banks support, and on 20th April 1995 VHE Construction Plc acquired the Company, for £1.6m. In 1998, a full restructure followed

By the end of the 1999 financial year, Shepley Engineers had 135 employees, a turnover of £9,255,000 and a profit of £183,000.





As expected, the turn of the millenium saw lots of change. The Euro was introduced, the Y2K bug threatened computer systems worldwide, and the world was facing its biggest ever economic crisis.

In December 2001, Montpellier Group (now known as Renew Holdings) acquired the remaining shareholding of VHE, then consisting of Shepley Engineers and West Cumberland Engineering, for £8,825,000. On 2nd June 2006, Shepley Engineers acquired PPS Electrical Ltd for £662,000, further developing the Shepley Group and expanding our service offering.

In 2003, Shepley Engineers were responsible for the ironwork repairs and roof dismantling of St Pancras International, the Grade 1 listed train station and terminus for Eurostar services. At its peak, 110 Shepley operatives worked on the project and were responsible for conducting surveys, design development and all aspects of implementation within strict conservation and heritage constraints. In total more than 12,000 wrought iron rivets were replaced by Shepley, with the project value totalling over f17m.

By 2007, work had began on Evaporator D, the largest nuclear decommissioning project in the UK at the time of construction, to reduce the volume of Sellafield's highly active liquor. Shepley Engineers were responsible for all aspects of ME&I work for the entire project, our largest ever project resource.

In 2009 Shepley Engineers were appointed on the roof refurbishment project to the Speakers Court at the Palace of Westminster.

By the end of the 2009 financial year, Shepley Engineers had 229 employees, a turnover of £26,294,000 and a profit of £1,303,000.





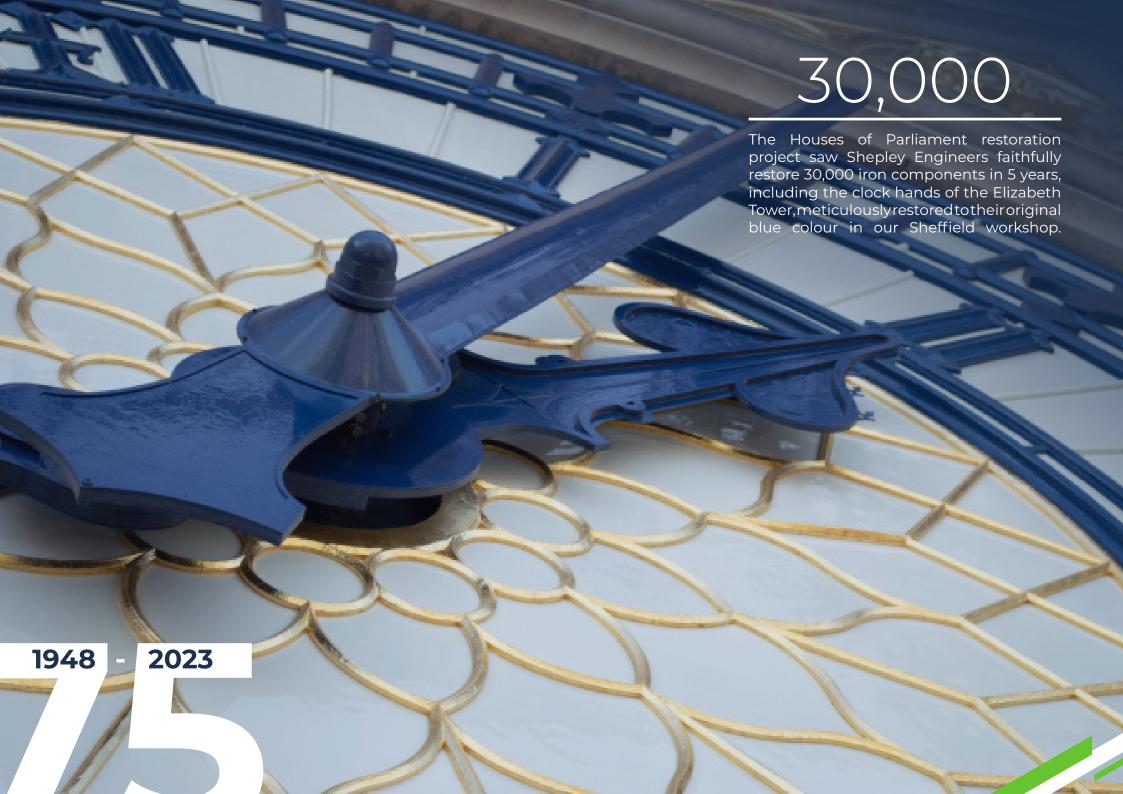
The 2010's saw digital sales overtake CD sales for the first time ever, and Minecraft became the best-selling game of all time. Within the space of just 6 weeks in 2016, both Roy Hodgson and David Cameron were responsible for England exits from Europe!

In 2016, in order to increase our delivery in nuclear decommissioning, Shepley Engineers acquired Nuclear Decontamination Services Ltd, a small specialist nuclear services business, for £235,000.

Shepley Engineers were appointed as Main Contractor for the Cast Iron Roof Works on the Houses of Parliament. The works consisted of restoring approximately 30,000 iron components across 5 years, averaging 1m<sup>2</sup> each.

By the end of the 2019 financial year, Shepley Engineers had 295 employees, a turnover of £59,162,000 and a profit of £2,616,000.

Signed, sealed, delivered: Shepley acquire Nuclear Decontamination Services



#### The Future.

Shepley Engineers, as well as the wider Group companies, are in several long-term frameworks, with work secured for several years to come.

The acquisition of T.I.S. Cumbria will support this and help us deliver our current workload, expand our capacity for new and existing clients, supporting nuclear decommissioning, nuclear new build and SMRs

We plan to build on thie experience as we shape a new era of success. This era will include preserving our relationships with our clients and create long-lasting solutions that reduce cost but maintain efficiency. It will include further development to our highly-skilled workforce, ensuring they maintain ambitious and motivated to give us the best chance at retention. It will include looking after our local communities and the most vulnerable in them. It will include environmental sustainability, creating a legacy that we will be proud to leave behind, that works with the environment, not against it. It will build upon our fantastic safety record, ensuring that everybody still goes home safe at the end of the day, every day.

Most importantly, it will aim to add to the exceptional reputation we've been building for decades. Strengthening our actions to ensure our clients, partners, employees and stakeholders have the utmost

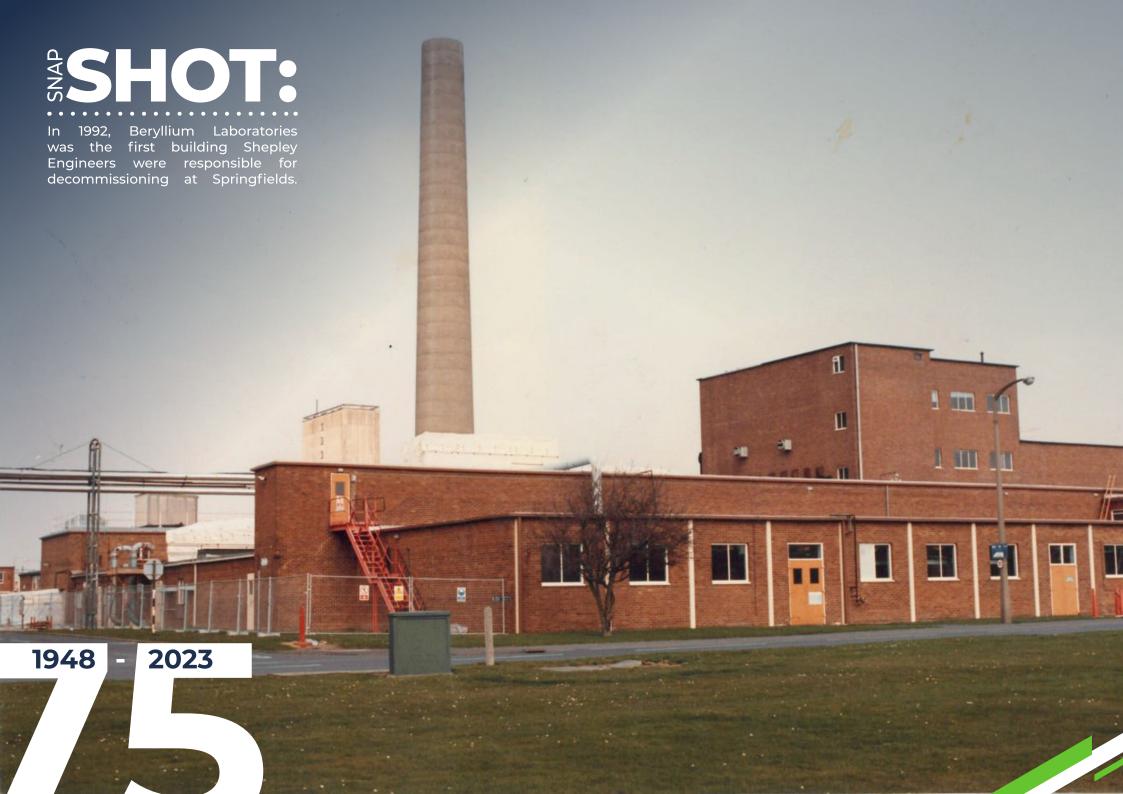
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West Cumberland Engineering were acquired by Shepley Engineers in 2002

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