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Bright sparks to expand horizon

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A FYLDE electrical company is celebrating a decade in business by expanding its firm.

DES Electrical Contractors already have a number of high-profile contracts with household names.

But bosses have bucked the national trend during the recession and added more contracts to their books.

More staff have also been taken on at DES's Poulton headquarters.

Over the past 10 years DES has carried out a number of projects with telecommunications giant O2, Vue Cinemas, Fitness First, Spire Healthcare and Legoland Theme Park.

At present the company is carrying out a £1.8m installation at Guildford Civic Hall, which is due to be completed in 2012.

Its expansion has brought in 10 new jobs over the past weeks.

Bill Dugdale, managing director, said: “We are pleased to celebrate 10 years of being at the forefront of electrical contracting.

“With our ongoing commitment to providing the highest standards of service and value to all of our clients, we look forward to years of future success.

“These values have helped the company expand at a steady rate over the last 10 years.

“Every contract is unique and, as a result, needs to be treated accordingly.



CELEBRATION: Staff from DES Electrical in Poulton are celebrating a decade in business by expanding

Picture: ROB LOCK

“Each project must be properly planned so we can hit the ground running and keep to programme.

“Our experience helps in that regard and we have implemented various in-house systems to ensure that we can carry out our work as effectively and safely as possible.”

The company was formed in August 2000 and has supported more than 40 apprentices on its in-house scheme.

It carries out a wide range of electrical installations, including CCTV, voice and data installing,

lighting and inspections across a range of different businesses.

The company employs 45 people at its Sovereign House headquarters on Poulton Industrial Estate.

There are plans to expand the staff numbers at DES as they embark on a recruitment drive.

Mr Dugdale said: “We are seeing an opportunity to take business to the next level and that’s a great achievement considering the economic climate.

“Our success to date has been down to developing a driven team

of dedicated people who have focused on our client’s needs.

“We are passionate about providing long-term employment opportunities to the communities on the Fylde.

“We recognise the importance of recruiting local people and how this can stimulate economic regeneration within the community through wealth circulation.”

The firm works also with Blackpool and the Fylde College.

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Woolies stores still empty despite upturn in retail

MORE than 300 former Woolworths stores are still empty more than a year-and-a-half after the retailer went under, Woolies stores have been taken over by TJ Hughes and Home Bargains, which also has the Cleveleys store,

