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**WORLD
ENGINEERING
DAY** FOR SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT

A DAY IN THE LIFE

World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development
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On 4 March 2026, World Engineering Day recognises the vital role engineers play in shaping a smarter and more sustainable future through innovation and digitalisation.

At Powers, that future is delivered on site - and Kevin Hayes has been delivering it for over four decades.



FROM APPRENTICE TO SITE ENGINEER

Kevin's engineering career began in 1978 at just 16 years old, when he started an apprenticeship with ICI. Over five years of day release study, he gained an OND in Mechanical Engineering followed by a HND in Civil Engineering.

After qualifying, he moved into a technical design role, designing concrete and steel structures. But after three years behind a desk, Kevin knew he wanted to be closer to the practical side of construction.

He took an internal vacancy as a Site Civil Engineer covering the North West - and, as he puts it, "the rest is history."

Kevin joined Powers in February 2014 and has been a key part of the team ever since. Bringing decades of site engineering experience, he strengthened the company's on-site capability and continues to play a vital role in delivering projects across the UK.

He describes Powers as a "happy, busy family-run company delivering quality services across the UK" - something he values highly after many years in the industry.

STARTING THE DAY - PRECISION FROM THE OUTSET

No two days are the same on site, but precision always comes first

Kevin's mornings often start early - especially when concrete is involved. On a recent reinforced concrete slab pour for a substation near Blackpool, his day began at 6:00am and didn't finish until 11:30pm. The slab had to be poured monolithically for structural strength, meaning Kevin remained on site throughout to ensure levels and positioning were exact.

Before setting out begins, he establishes site control and locks onto the project grid. Accuracy at this stage is critical. Every measurement must align precisely with the construction drawings.

Translating those drawings into physical assets is where experience counts. Getting it right at the start of the day sets the tone for everything that follows.

