

### Fire Safety

Fire Safety and Detection from industry professionals with over 30 years experience....

### Life Safety

"Secure your business and premises with protection that never takes a break"

### Integrated Security

BDS specialise in the design, installation and maintenance of multi disciplined security solutions



## News 2024

All our news for the year is outlined below, enjoy! We also have a news archive going back to 2013, [click here](#) for more...

December 2024 - Kind words from another satisfied customer...



It's always lovely for the whole team at BDS to hear from our customers, especially when they're so happy with what we do for them, and there are more kind words to be found [here](#)...

From: Andrew King IT Facilities Delivery Manager – Ford Motor Company Europe

Thanks Paul, and in case I don't see you in person this week just wanted to thank you and your team for the hard work and quality of what you have all delivered over the last few weeks, I'm blown away by how much has been achieved in such a short period of time despite the many headwinds we have faced, so thank you, hope you have a great Christmas and look forward to working with you and your team in 2025

Andrew

November 2024 - William Morris (Sixth Form) Fire Alarm Upgrade



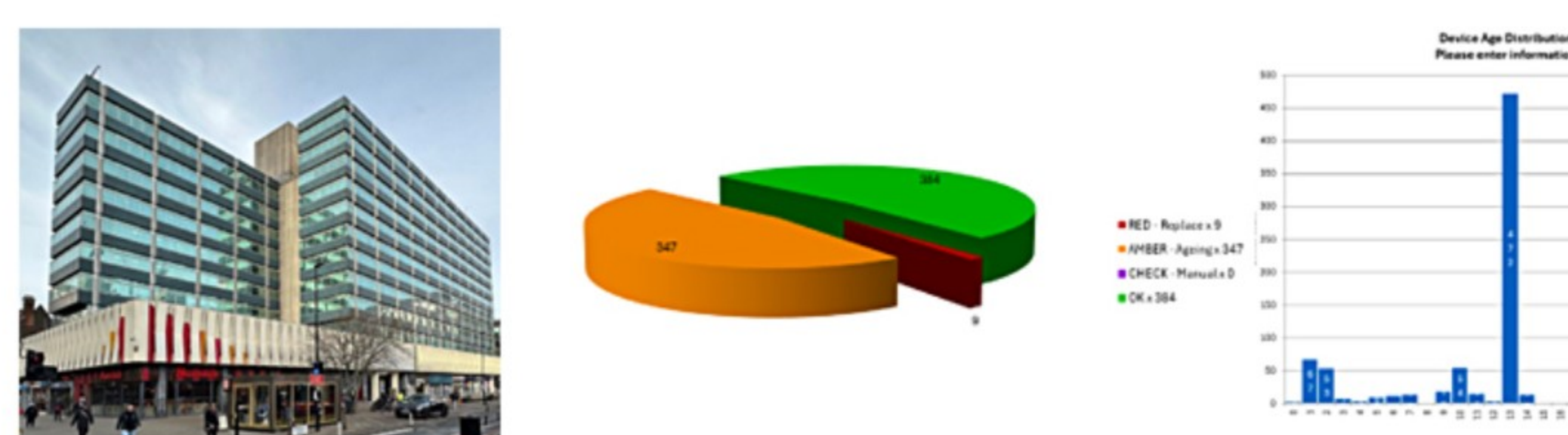
BDS have secured the fire alarm upgrade to William Morris School West Kensington partnering with Cygnus using Three SmartNet Control Panels and over 300 MESH radio-controlled field devices. The tender process required a full site wide radio survey which was successfully carried out proving the systems strength and versatility. The order for the equipment has been placed and we will be commencing work early in 2025

November 2024 - Sutton Tuition and Reintegration Service



The Drapers Centre in Sutton also known as STARS required an access control solution for their site during a mini refurbishment. We recommended and installed Paxton net2 access control to provide a comprehensive event log of individuals entering and moving around the building. This system also integrates seamlessly with their existing inventory system.

November 2024 - AMP HOUSE Croydon GENT Vigilon S Quad UPGRADE Following Health Check



### Service and Maintenance

Fire Alarms, Life Safety Systems and Integrated Security are things you don't really notice until they're really essential

### Accreditations are vital

See out list of industry accreditations [here](#)

### Fire Evacuation Alert Systems

Are you ready to comply with The new BS 8629:2019 guidance on Evacuation Alert Systems installed in blocks of flats? This will be law soon...

### The Importance of Testing

Testing your fire alarms regularly is a key part of maintenance...

### Home Security

When your home is secure, you feel secure

### BDS EFM

BDS Electrical EFM, a force in Electrical Installations and Maintenance...

## BDS - Fire and Life Safety, Integrated Security

With the implementation of the Regulatory Reform Fire Safety Order from 1st October 2006 it is the responsibility of the system user or appointed responsible persons to ensure the installed fire detection and alarm systems are maintained correctly To this end the Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA) and the Fire Industry Association (FIA) advise that companies with third party accreditation, such as British Approvals for Fire Equipment & Systems (BAFE SP203), should be contracted

Why Choose us?...



We Care...

If you don't care about the service you provide you don't care about your customers! Our enthusiasm for what we do makes us care...

Our Experience puts us in your corner...

Our Five Senior managers have over 25 Years each experience in designing, installing, commissioning and maintaining fire and life safety systems our engineers are time served and are constantly being enhanced in the latest technology attending regular training sessions

We understand Urgency and have an open book policy Never letting our customers down and being there quickly when there is a problem is a key part of our commitment to you - We also commit to support your fire and safety equipment on a 24/7 basis. Customers subscribing to this service are guaranteed a response 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

We are truly independent and offer bespoke services to exactly match your needs and budget

We have formed partnerships with the world's leading fire and safety product manufacturers. We are not tied to any manufacturer allowing us to deliver the most appropriate and cost effective products as part of our solutions.

We are able to install and maintain equipment for the following suppliers: Notifier, Gent, Morley IAS, Kentec, Advanced, Haes, Protec, C-Tec, Global, Fike/Rafiki, EMS, Apollo, Hochiki, KAC, Thomas Glover, Airsense, Vesda, Fireray, plus many more...

The Gent Fire Alarm System at AMP House Croydon will have all its field detection upgraded to the latest S Quad Devices following a recent health check although Gent offers a 14 Year life expectancy the existing devices are now 13 years old so coming up to their expected operational working Life span as a responsible Landlord the decision was made to carry out these works in good time.

### November 2024 - BDS & The Community

Kevin Blyde MD & Founder of Bespoke Detection Services alongside our Compliance Manager Arif Hasan have started a Sponsored Social Community participation where we set up a food stall and offer complimentary snacks to the community. These include Church Events, School Fairs the next one being the Christmas Tree Lights Switch on at Wallington Old Town Hall on Friday 29th November at 4.30pm to 7pm. If your local, please be sure to come and say hello and try our Complimentary Vegetable Samosas and Chef RF's Well! ARD! Chutney



### October 2024 - Riverside School Barking: Fire Safety Enhancements Completed

BDS recently undertook important fire safety upgrades at Riverside School Barking, working on their Protec Algo-Tec 6500 System, improving the safety and connectivity across their school. BDS installed new cables in the existing ducts to link the fire alarm system from the changing block to the main system, enhancing the coverage and response capability.



New fire detection was installed in the external exam store, with cables routed through existing ducts to connect back to the main school building.

This ensures full coverage and protection for these important facilities. While on site, our team also completed firmware upgrades on all 5 6500 Algo-Tec Protec fire alarm control panels across the school.

This ensures that all units are operating with the latest technology, optimising reliability and safety. With these improvements, BDS and Riverside School continues its commitment to safety and the well-being of students, staff, and visitors.

### October 2024 - West Thames College Full System Validation and new Maintenance Contract



BDS has recently been asked to carry out a Validation test of the fire Alarms systems at WEST Thames College and their satellite site at Feltham. Our works also provided a health check of the Notifier Fire Alarm System and Hy Fire Wireless Systems, Reports were provided to the client so budgets could be set for necessary upgrades due to their age and condition Orders were also raised for urgent repairs which were duly carried out.

BDS are please to have been awarded the maintenance contract to offer 24hr/365-day support to enable us to work with the client while the systems go through these important upgrades.

### October 2024 - Royal Hospital for Neuro-Disability:



BDS entered and won a new tender to provide services for an enhanced maintenance contract to include Weekly Fire Alarm Testing, Monthly Emergency Light Flick Testing, Quarterly Fire Alarm Inspections, and an Annual Emergency Lighting Test.

This new contract ties us in to a three-year deal and strengthens our working relationship even more having provided system upgrades to their main Advanced Network fire alarm system.



### September 2024 - Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust



BDS have been awarded the Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust contract for the management and consultancy for the upgrade of the existing fire detection and alarm system to BS5839, Part 1:2017 Category L1 at the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2.



The installed system is recognised as being one of the largest fire detection and alarm systems in Europe consisting of 97 Gent Vigilon Networked Control Panels.

The contract includes assisting Trusts Fire Safety Team and appointed contractors with the upgrade of 70 Gent Vigilon control panels from BS5839 to BS EN54 Standards, design for automatic detection and sounder operation to HTM 05-03, and the testing of the new cause and effects, with an estimated project period of 3-5-years

#### September 2024 - TFL Cranbourne Street 5 Loop ZXE to Advanced



BDS have been awarded the fire alarm upgrade to redesign the new floor layouts following a new fitout we are also replacing the old Morley ZX5E fire alarm panel. The system replacing the existing is an Advanced MX Pro 5 using XP95 Apollo Protocol the design is to L1 standards and is expected to be completed 1st Quarter of 2025

#### August 2024 - Wood Field & Oak Field Primary School Fire Alarm Upgrade



BDS were appointed by the Greenshaw Learning trust to upgrade their existing fire alarm system over the summer school holidays due to condition and age concerns. BDS replaced the system with an Advanced MX 5Pro three panel network which allows for future expansion including Graphics The protocol for the field devices was Apollo XP95.



#### August 2024 - Schools Portfolio Expanded



BDS Has expanded its Portfolio of Schools it maintains after being awarded the Coombe Academy Trust. We received the maintenance contracts for the Fire Alarms, Emergency Lights, Intruder alarm and 24/7 monitoring for the below schools: Following a recent risk assessment. We have also carried out the installation of Lockdown and class change works...

Coombe Boys- New Malden



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Green Lane Primary School- Tolworth



Knoll mead Primary School- Worcester Park



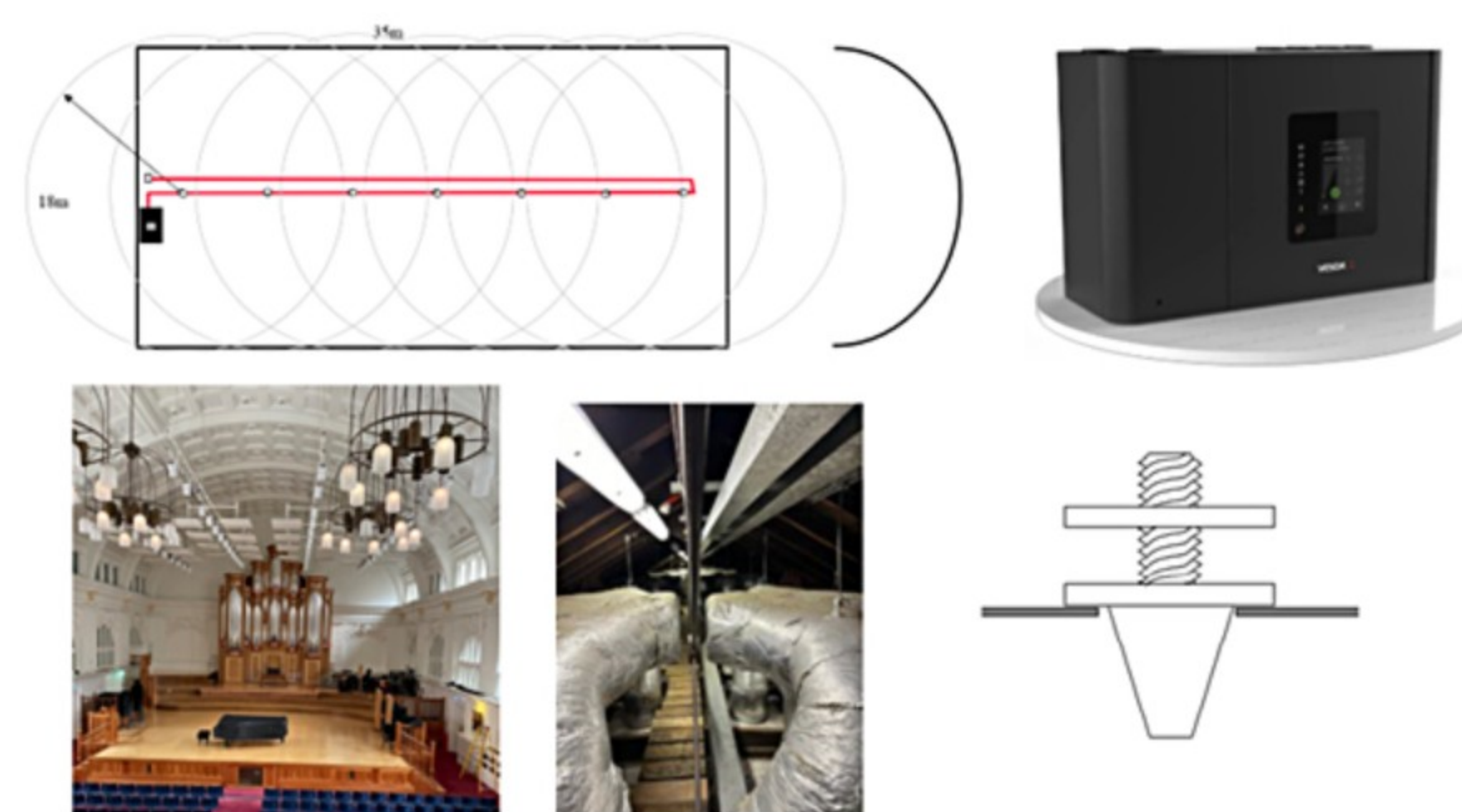




Although BDS has supported its engineers to undertake the competency requirements of BAFE SP101 covering the servicing maintenance of portable fire extinguishers, it has taken a huge extra push with our compliance team to meet the BAFE audit requirements & register our company with this Scheme.

BDS are pleased to announce we now hold this Certificate to enhance our Life safety qualifications...

July 2024 - The Royal College of Music



The Amaryllis Fleming Concert Hall at the Royal College of Music required their fire detection system to be upgraded from their inaccessible fire beams located above their Flentrop Orgelbouw Organ, forming the stage's backdrop which was installed in 2018.

Requesting a meeting with the client and the manufacturer Honeywell to determine a workable solution we eventually agreed to use a Vesda VEP Aspirating system using seven sampling points via capillaries that would give the right amount of detection.

The old beams which were originally wired from the attic were isolated and new cables were diverted to incorporate the Vesda control panel and add this the Gent by Honeywell Fire Alarm Loop, although access was tight the pipe work was successfully installed, and the system tested, protecting this most prestigious of venues.

July 2024 - The Royal Exchange



We are proud to announce that BDS have been awarded the Annual Maintenance contract for their Fire Alarms, Life Safety Systems, Extinguishers, Smoke Vents, Emergency Lighting, CCTV & Access Control systems.

The Royal Exchange, an iconic and historic building in London. The building has twice been destroyed by fire and subsequently rebuilt. The present building was designed by Sir William Tite in the 1840s. The site was notably occupied by the Lloyd's insurance market for nearly 150 years. Today, the Royal Exchange contains restaurants and luxury shops. The building holds a special place in history, and we are honoured to be entrusted with the responsibility of looking after their fire, Security and life safety systems.

In addition to this exciting opportunity, we are thrilled to expand our portfolio by partnering with Polyteck Building Services Ltd

We are committed to delivering a first-class service to all of their clients and look forward to the collaboration ahead.

June 2024 - Latymer School  
Notifier Fire Alarm Network L2 Upgrade Secured over the Summer Holidays



400 years ago, this year Edward Latymer paid for local poor boys to be educated, and so through the centuries & with private funding the school that is named by him continues to ensure it stays among the very best in the country.



The school is located in Hammersmith and although it has buildings along the banks of the River Thames, it also is set along Kings Street meaning it uses its own private pedestrian tunnel to link its buildings where the great West Road Runs through it.

BDS were asked to carry out a validation of the schools fire detection to ensure it met with the requirements for BS5839-1: 2017 L2 Design, this meant Automatic Fire Detection must be installed in escape routes and rooms opening onto these routes as well as areas defined as a fire risk.

Locating & plotting risk areas BDS also conducted load tests and loop calculations to ensure 24-hour battery backup and all the fire detection loops were not overloaded and still leave enough spare capacity for future development. This major investment by Latymer School ensures its pupils and staff are protected as well as these important London landmarks...



As a Notifier Gold Partner our client will also have the added value that all equipment is under warranty for 5 Years

BDS are the only Notifier Gold Partner with a head office actually in London

#### June 2024 - 21 Bloomsbury Street £300K Fire Alarm Contract Secured

BDS have secured the shell and core with cat A fit out for 21 Bloomsbury Street.

The area of protection covers lower ground floor to level 8, the fire detection and alarm system incorporates Seven Advanced Electronic MXPro5 networked fire control panels with the addition of Advanced Electronic special builds Sprinkler indication panel and fireman's control/override panel.

The system will comprise of Hochiki protocol for field devices. BDS will also be installing the disabled Refuge and toilet alarm systems utilising Baldwin Boxall Omnicare. The installation starts in June 24 and completes in February 2025...



#### May 2024 - Watling House Cannon Street

BDS were tasked with upgrading the existing 3 Panel Kentec Syncro Fire Alarm system to the latest Kentec Taktis fire control system which has just recently passed BS7273-4 Category A Status which means the system WILL give failsafe actuation of any fault that impacts on the ability of the door mechanism to actuate on a fire event. Including an Open or Short Circuit or a power failure.



#### May 2024 - Castlemaine House Ground Floor AOV

The Horizontal Smoke Vent at Castlemaine House in Battersea was reported faulty following recent vandalism. A cage was fitted for Security and BDS supplied and installed a new motorised window vent manufactured by Sertus that interacted with the AOV system that protects the building all works were successfully completed in one day and witness tested by the client.





See our video of the finished installation below



April 2024 - £200K Fire Alarm Fit out at Project Edward begins...

BDS have now started to carry out the installation works for Project Edward (29 Carlton House Terrace, St James, London) where our remit is to supplement the existing fire alarm system (Advanced Electronics with Apollo XP95 devices) to suit the newly proposed floor layouts on levels 6,7,8,9, ground, and lower ground floors. Along with the detection being provided to the project floors we are also installing new aspiration systems within the SER rooms on each floor utilising Xtralis Vesda equipment.



April 2024 - Spring Day Meeting, 3 Generations attend and a Fire Extinguished...

BDS held its regular annual Spring Day customer event at Epsom Downs and was pleased to have three generations of Blyde's looking after some of our valued clients. We even had the opportunity to extinguish a Bin fire that had somehow caught alight! Luckily a water extinguisher was close at hand and the fire was put out by Mitchell before it could take hold.



See the short video of how that played out below...



April 2024 - LORDS Nursery Pavilion

BDS has carried out a new Gent Vigilon Fire alarm Installation upgrading the existing wiring and field devices. The System used to be part of the indoor cricket centre but following the installation of new armoured network cabling the site wide system has now been expanded to 16 nodes. BDS continue to support Lords the Home of Cricket providing annual maintenance and 24hour emergency cover with special arrangements and cause and effects for match day cover.





March 2024 - 4 New Nacoss approved Intruder Alarms installed

A long-standing client of ours, Galliford Try, provided BDS with a wonderful opportunity to upgrade the Intruder Alarm systems across our managed Portfolio. The works included a total of 4x site upgrades whereby we used the Galaxy equipment range consisting of control panels, keypads and PIR's.



March 2024 - ICHIKOKUDO Ramen Restaurant

Soho Estates has rented out space for a new Japanese restaurant in Wardour Street... BDS was asked to Design install & Commission an automatic fire alarm system based on the C Tec XFP platform using Apollo XP95 protocol the system needed to interface to Sound Systems Gas shut off valves and Lifts BDS also provided all Fire extinguishers for the premises.



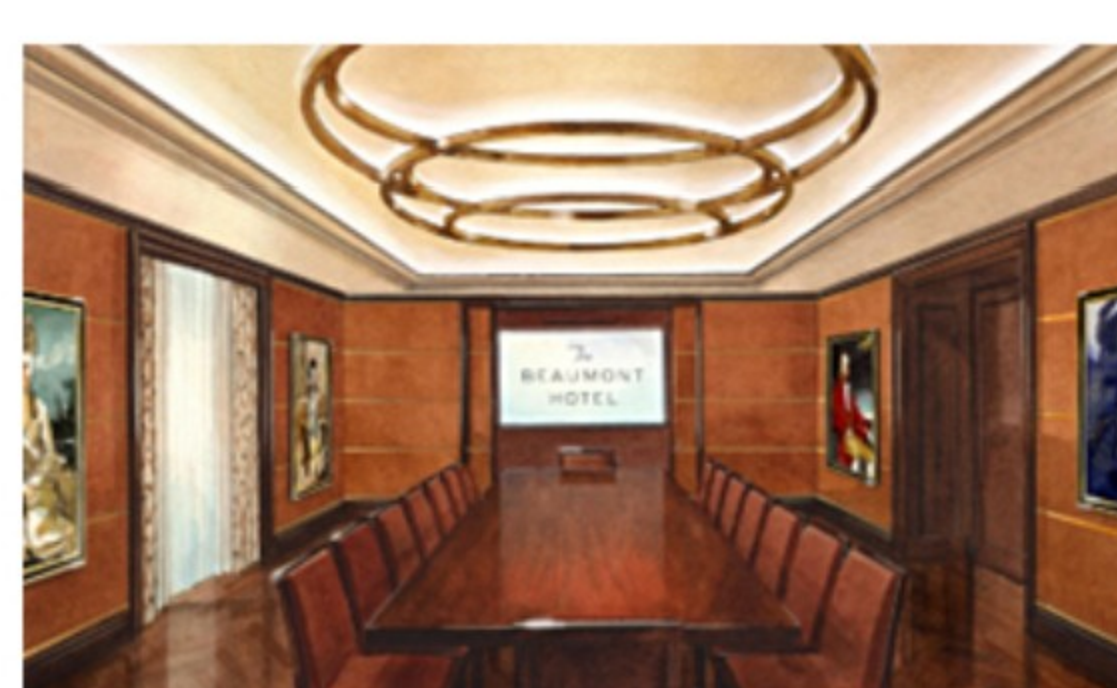
Febraury 2024 - It's all in House...

Our engineers are constantly updating the latest programming software to their own engineering laptops. By having our own training facilities with most Open and Managed Protocol systems on display, we ensure our engineers are competent and professional in their service delivery.



Febraury 2024 - 5 Star Luxury at the Beaumont Hotel

BDS has completed the integration of the Gent fire Alarm System to the 5 Star Beaumont Hotel Extension. Aswell as the design and supply of new Fire Extinguishers and signage. The Hotel has recently been renovated and extended, with a new 29-bedroom wing and the addition of two further private dining rooms. Our works included seamless cause and effects programming and testing ensuring all networked panels operated within the design parameters agreed with the local building control and the London Fire Brigade when the Hotel was first opened.



January 2024 - Great start to the year with our Hotel Clients





The Beautiful Tylney Hall Hotel part of the Elite Hotel Group has now had its Notifier 7 Loop ID2000 Fire Alarm control panel upgraded to an 8 Loop ID3000 system. The works were planned for the second week of January following a very busy festive season and was successfully upgraded over 4 Days part of the works were to split one off the overloaded loops and then verify this 1,000-point Notifier system. As a Gold Partner the client will now enjoy a 5-year trouble free warranty.



We have been servicing the Fire Alarm and Emergency lighting for London Bridge & Tower Bridge Residence Inn Hotels for a number of years, Building on that working relationship we have now been awarded the rest of their life safety assets and are now also looking after & servicing the AOVs, Dry Risers and Extinguishers

#### January 2024 - Passive Works for The Royal Borough of Greenwich & RAFA



Following the fire risk assessment at Ravens Way, London SE12, BDS's passive fire team were appointed to carry out the passive fire compartmentation and fire door surveys. Following the submission of our reports we were assigned to carry out the remedial repair works to the buildings fire compartmentation penetrations and the installation of nine FD30s fire door sets to communal area. The works were scheduled for a 3-month period, commencing November 2023 with successful handover in January 2024.



Following a request to survey the Fire Doors at RAFA Housing, we successfully carried out the installation of three replacement Fire Doors, this was carried out swiftly and without too much disruption to the residents.



January 2024 - Happy New Year to all our Customers, Suppliers and Friends...

Kevin Blyde & The Team at BDS

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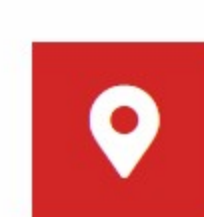
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