

Ivan Taylor

'A Safe, Healthy Workplace 2005'

The Workplace Wellbeing Group was established by a group of individuals from various agencies throughout Orkney with an interest in issues surrounding Health —d Safety at work. The members' backgrounds vary from having statutory duties to provision of training to raising awareness amongst employers and employees.

Due to the large number of national and local agencies providing Health and Safety information and schemes to workplaces, it was agreed to produce a leaflet to clarify the situation for local employers and employees. 'A Safe, Healthy Workplace 2005 -A resource guide to free services for Orkney's employers and employees' was produced by the Workplace Wellbeing Group and distributed throughout Orkney in one of the local weekly newspapers..

Born in Orkney, Ivan has worked and lived in Orkney ever since. On leaving, school he trained at the Flotta Oil Terminal as an Electrical Technician. There he remained for over twenty years in various roles including Electrical Controller, Maintenance0 Supervisor, Modifications Co-ordinator and Electrical Engineer.

During Ivan's last few years at the Terminal, much of his time was taken tip with Health and Safety issues. After the operators of the Terminal changed hands, he took voluntary redundancy and studied, through open learning, the National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health (NEBOSH) Diploma.

During this period he was contracted by the Health Board to carry out Fire Risk Assessments on all their properties and produced a Fire Policy and Fire Training package. On completion of the work, Ivan carried out Risk Assessments and COSHH Assessments for a large department within the Local Authority.

In July 2002 he was appointed to the post of Community Safety Officer, a new post within the council, based within the Community Social Services Department of Orkney Islands Council working closely with the Local Authority Liaison Officer from the Northern Constabulary.