



Annual meeting highlights: 2010

Steve Spender was installed as the Institute's 21st President / Chairman at Winchester on 18 June.

Outgoing President Tony Sharp, presented Steve with the new IHE Chain of Office and thanked Atkins for their financial support for the jewel.

The evening's annual dinner was attended by both the Mayor of Winchester, Councillor Richard Izard and Mayoress Elaine Izard, and the Chairman of Hampshire CC, Councillor Carol Leversha and her consort Brian Leversha, with Colin Taylor, Assistant Director, Hants CC representing Steve's department. You can read Steve's address to the Dinner [here](#).

The dinner was one of the best attended of recent years with guests from Amey, the event's Main Sponsor, *Highways Magazine*, JPCS, Rocon Contractors and Swanwick Construction. Guests danced the night away with music from the Hit Squad – as the photo show.

On the technical side, festivities followed on from a very successful Southern Branch seminar "Highway Engineers: investing in the Asset" where speakers looked at delivering improved value in a time of declining budgets. The opening speech by Councillor Mel Kendal Hants CC's Cabinet Member is [here](#).

By contrast, the AGM heard a presentation from Paul Arnold on one of the UK's big capital programmes – the A3 Hindhead Tunnel under the Devil's Punch Bowl a site of special a site of special scientific interest.

Steve is an Incorporated Engineer with over 20 years engineering experience predominantly in highway maintenance and design, but more recently in Network and Asset Management. Initially, he worked for Bournemouth Borough Council for over 10 years, then spent two years with a National Contractor before joining Winchester City Council as Head of Engineering Services. He has been with Hampshire County Council since 2005, where he lead on the development and implementation of the Authority's Highway Asset Management plan. Current chairman of the UK Footways Group, and hence a member of the UK Roads Board, he also chairs South East Service Improvement Group (SESIG) asset management forum, and is a member of HAMFIG.

Steve's professional commitments on behalf of IHE members are impressive even before he assumed the presidency. He sits on the Joint Board of Moderators and its Further Learning group, serves on one or two JBM visit teams to universities a year, is an active Reviewer for IEng and EngTech applicants, contributes to IHE's Asset Management and maintenance training and acts as climate change champion. He says: "The IHE is here for its members – to support and speak for them and assist in their professional progression. I'll always spare

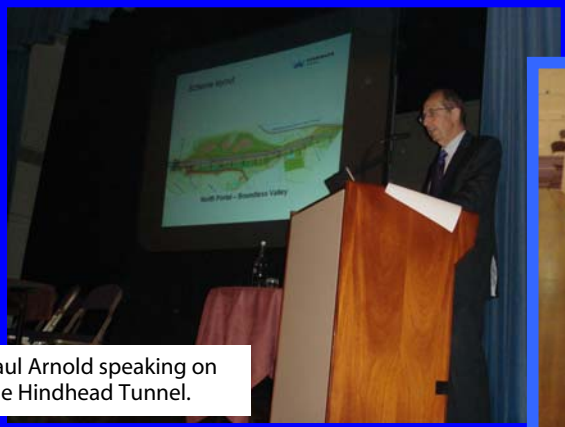
time to give someone advice and a leg up in their career because we need to encourage people to learn more about the industry and the vital role that highway engineers play in keeping the country moving.”

Read the President’s Blog: www.theihe.org/about/09-ihe-presidents-blog/

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Some photos from the evening



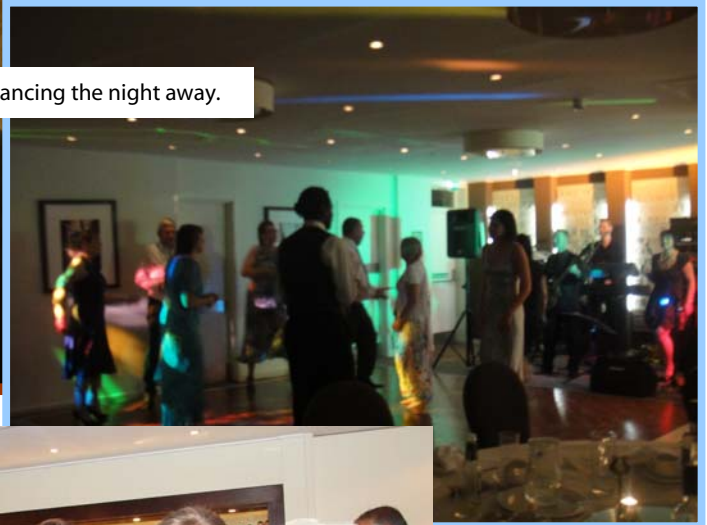
Paul Arnold speaking on the Hindhead Tunnel.



The Institute's 2010 AGM in session.



President's Tony Sharp and Steve Spender shake hands at Steve's inauguration.



Dancing the night away.



Mayor and Mayoress of Winchester on the right with the Thurston's and Chairman Carol Leversha and Brian Leversha with Tony & Janice Sharp on the left.