

Sewell makes a splash as key service launches on World Water Day

Sewell Group's facilities management business has launched a standalone water hygiene service.

The Hull-headquartered company has brought forward the division after finding many building owners were unsure of legal responsibilities over the provision.

And it was unveiled on World Water Day, with initial assessments in the coming weeks to trigger donations to charity Water Aid. Water hygiene and protecting people from Legionnaires disease is a statutory responsibility for any building owner under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, but many aren't aware of what this entails. It has been part of Sewell's hygiene inspection provision for many years, but has now been brought to the fore.

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Sewell FM is an extension of the construction operation, looking after the built environment. That element is closing in on 30 years of operations.

Sean Henderson, Sewell FM managing director, said: "Water is one of life's most essential commodities, but can cause problems if not managed properly. We know that many building owners are uncertain about their legal responsibilities in managing things like water and fire safety, so we wanted to launch a tailored service that can meet these needs and offer the advice that people need.

"To launch the new service on World Water Day gives us an opportunity to help raise wider global awareness too, about

the challenges many people across the world face in not having access to clean water. If we can do a small thing to raise money to help the cause, then we're glad to be able to."

A pledge to donate £50 for every risk assessment booked until May has been made by the Geneva Way team.



Water safety is at the fore for Sewell FM.

(Image: PA)

One of the clients Sewell FM currently works with to support their water safety responsibilities is Hob Moor Primary School in York.

Hayley Wilkinson, school business partner, said: "We've worked with Sewell FM for many years, which includes them looking after all of our water systems, risk assessments and weekly testing to make sure the water used across the school is safe school is safe for our staff and pupils to use. We also have a hydrotherapy pool, so there's added considerations for us to

take into account when dealing with water at these warmer temperatures.

“Sewell FM take all the worries away, as we know they’re on the case and would quickly pick up on any issues to make sure we’re fully compliant, and more importantly, that our school is safe, so we can concentrate on making sure pupils have the best possible education.”

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