

**With a proud history stretching back some 80 years, Syd Bishop and Sons is one of the UK's premier demolition contractors and is a regular user of Pirtek's services.**

Like many UK demolition contractors, Syd Bishop and Sons is a family-owned concern that is today run by descendants of the original founder who gave his name to the company. Recognised as one of the UK's foremost demolition contractors, Syd Bishop and Sons operates a large, modern equipment fleet that ranges from high reach excavators and mobile crushers to wheel and skid steer loaders, each bearing the familiar "watch it come down" slogan. These are backed by an extensive equipment fleet at a facility near Dartford where the company operates a combined quarry and construction and demolition waste recycling centre.

### **Specialised Equipment**

"The days when demolition meant men with jack-hammers has long since passed. The modern demolition industry has pioneered the use of highly specialised equipment to help isolate workers from potential danger," explains director Steve Bishop. "Virtually every aspect of our work today is dependent upon equipment from the excavators and attachments that demolish the buildings to the crushers and screens that process and segregate the rubble. And in turn, those machines are dependent upon hydraulic power."

Syd Bishop and Sons is a longstanding Pirtek customer, entrusting all emergency on site hose replacements to a local Pirtek Centre. "When a hose fails on a high reach machine, it can bring an entire contract to a standstill. And with late completion penalties now commonplace, we simply cannot afford to wait for a repair to be made," Bishop continues. "Pirtek are the experts in their field and we would rather entrust such hose replacements to a recognised expert."

### **Just a call away**

Bishop reports that although his company has an account with Pirtek Erith, the Hose Centre located closest to its construction and demolition waste recycling facility, his team regularly calls upon support from the Thurrock and Docklands Centres and some even further afield. "Our work is normally in and around the Kent and London areas but, as a national company, we can find ourselves working just about anywhere," Bishop reports. "It is reassuring to know that, wherever we go in the country, the same reliable Pirtek service is just a phone call away."



*Director Steve Bishop overseeing the final stages of the demolition of the old University of East London*

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