This year VHE secured its 500th remediation contract, the remediation of the front and rear gardens of 31 residential properties and public open space in Littleport, Cambridgeshire. Partly constructed on the site of a former gas works, investigations revealed the presence of arsenic, benzene, lead and polyaromatic hydrocarbons. Although not all properties were affected, East Cambridgeshire District Council opted to remediate adjoining premises to provide a long-term solution.

Over a 16 week programme VHE excavated and removed nonhazardous and hazardous soils. A geotextile membrane was laid to seal the area which was then backfilled to a depth of 1000mm. Residents remained in occupation throughout the contract, which also included the restoration of turf, paving and fencing.

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