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Dear Steve

Many thanks for your letter of 10 August.
I am pleased you managed to hear our output. We do not issue QSL cards, but I can confirm that your reception report is accurate (from memory!).

I am enclosing a car sticker for your usage as a logo in any magazine reports you may do.

Radica came to put up the permanent mast on 7th Aug as the mast concrete base was well and truly rock-hard. I assisted them in the lifting of the base plate as it was extremely heavy. There were no snags and it was in place by late afternoon on the 7th. The threading of the co-ax through the ducting started off very easily as this was a new route. However, the last 30 yards was the problem at a corner junction in the routing. There were 4 previous ducts in place, presumably when the East Stadium was built, two of these were unused but appeared to have no exit from the concrete roadway. The other two had previously been used for co-ax and mains feeds to a former security camera pole [which had been stolen]. Although there were draw-cords through them, not a lot happened when they were tugged! After 3 hours of trying various ideas and running out of options and a suggestion to get Dynarod to blast out blockages, the route was freed and as it was getting dark, we decided to abandon the work, leaving the final connector at the Tx to be soldered on the 8th!! [We went out for a well-deserved meal to celebrate and recover.]

Friday 8th work started at 09.30 with the final connections and testing from 09.50 The freq. counter revealed 1575.006 kHz, well within specification.

It was decided to make up an "automated" tape to play through the night of the 9th prior to programming at 08.00. The Tascam reel machine has a memory which can replay tape over and over, with a break for rewinding. It was strange to drive into Barnsley, from home in Wakefield hearing our output!

We've now had two home games and everything is going well on the technical side and programmes. Response from listeners is excessive and both phone lines on 2 1575 2 are always overloaded with callers.

The coverage of the 1 watt is very good, as you agreed the signal gets out well. Typically about 10 miles from Barnsley on a car radio and about 4 miles on an ordinary portable. [The areas which were poorly served on the temporary trailer mast last season, are now perfect.]

If you do put anything in Medium Wave News about us, please send me a copy as we like to keep press cuttings.

Best wishes



Stuart Cocker
Station Engineer