

**2009 Diamond Award Winner  
Ian Ward  
EMCOR (UK)**



With 52 years in the construction industry, Ian began his career at the age of 17 as an apprentice electrician. Throughout his career Ian has been in a variety of positions from supervision, through to engineering, design and construction on control systems, then back to construction on engineering, estimation, cost control to engineering from small through to multi- million projects.

Ian was reticent in talking about his charity work - describing himself as “merely a cog in a wheel”. However, this “cog” spends 5 nights a week dedicated to his charity work. A “cog” that has spent over £20,000 of his own money to ensure that those that fall below the poverty line have the means to turn their life around.

Ian was part of a charity organization that provided and funded a home based in Milton Keynes for those in desperate poverty and on the streets to live, to give them a chance of integrating back into society and to find work. In fact, even attending work on site in London is like running the gauntlet for Ian and one occasion on coming across a homeless man at the station on his way home from work, Ian took the gentlemen he had found sleeping rough back home with him and secured him a place at the charity house in Milton Keynes.

Ian is also a member of the Knights of St Columba, It is made up of 365 Provenances and Ian is one of the 23 members of the Milton Keynes and Bletchley council. It is a world wide charity that runs numerous fund raising events to raise the money it desperately needs to help those less fortunate.