

**28<sup>th</sup> November 2008**  
**Career Development Seminar – West Sussex County Council**

Following on from the success of two similar events held earlier in 2008 for Surrey County Council, Branch Vice Chairman, Chris Stark was keen that his colleagues in West Sussex should have a similar opportunity to improve their prospects.



Held in the magnificent Richmond Room in Edes House, County Hall, Chichester IHE national Secretary and Chief Executive, Judith Walker made a presentation to a very good turn out of interested delegates drawn from across the County Council Highways area.

Helen Currie, a recently qualified IEng. (Incorporated Engineer) also attended and gave a first hand talk on her experiences and preparation for the Professional Review. Accompanied by her 2 year's old son, Sam (who remained remarkably attentive despite his young years) Helen's message was that despite the demands of her work and family commitments she was able to achieve the qualification and that delegates should "go for it". With plenty of help from mentors and colleagues it was not a daunting process and there was tremendous satisfaction on achievement.

Southern Branch Secretary, Tony Suter, provided a brief input to the work that Southern Branch does to inform and benefit its members so that they get value out of their subscriptions. The event closed with Judith offering 'one to one' guidance for individuals that wished to obtain further information.

The Branch is extremely grateful to Chris Stark for arranging this event and to the Managers at West Sussex County Council for kindly hosting it.