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## **Employees celebrate 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of supporting our Armed Forces**

Employees from SELEX Communications and BAE Systems gathered together on 24 November to commemorate the thirty years of the site's operations as a supplier of defence systems, initially focused on the Ptarmigan digital communications system.

Logos of all predecessors and current companies were on display.

2009 represents the 30th anniversary of the occupation of our Christchurch site by Plessey employees transferred to the facility, or recruited in, for the development and production of the Ptarmigan area communications system. The site was previously occupied by the Signals Research & Development Establishment.

Ptarmigan only went out of operational use earlier this year, having successfully supported military operations in the Middle East and Balkans. The system pioneered many technologies, such as cellular communications for mobile subscribers, now employed in the commercial world.



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