

IMPROVING WORKFLOW, SAFETY AND SECURITY FOR WORLD'S SECOND LARGEST GIN DISTILLER



ABOUT

The G&J Greenall distillery was established in Warrington, North West England in 1769 and has been producing quality gin for over 250 years, making it the oldest gin distillery in England. The business changed ownership in August 2011 and is now part of the international drinks group Quintessential Brands, where it continues to provide world-class distillation and bottling services under the name of G&J Distillers.

As the world's second largest gin distiller, G&J Distillers has a worldwide reputation for quality and first-class service for both branded and own-label products.

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MEETING THE REQUIREMENT

To secure the substantial warehouse contents, whilst also allowing for the free flow of staff and vehicles, G&J Distillers employs a STANLEY NT500 access control system.

The NT500 access and alarm server, manufactured by STANLEY, features an expandable controller that provides secure, high speed access whilst also being extremely easy to use - an important factor for the company. Security is in part attributed to the Secure Socket Communications and a built-in Firewall for 'data centre grade' protection. System downtime is negated through the use of Distributed Intelligent Controllers so that even if the main communication lines are lost, the on-site security is maintained at all times.

In addition to the NT500, G&J Distillers benefits from STANLEY's Astrow Time & Attendance system. Astrow provides a solid Time and Attendance solution with the emphasis on ease of use and attractive design, which makes it a good fit for most organisations. Astrow makes management of overtime, flexitime, holiday and absence tracking, rounding and automatic hours and overtime calculation a breeze.

G&J Distillers has recently upgraded to the latest version – Astrow Six – which is web based and provides enhanced features to improve the way key data is processed and presented.

In addition to the Astrow system upgrade, the customer has also changed from using cards to fobs. Sarah Holgate, HR Business Partner explains the decision behind this move: "Because of our industry we have some very specific requirements this includes work wear requirements which do not allow pockets. As a result we have swapped to using fobs as these can be easily attached to lanyards, plus they are far less likely to break, which could present a contamination problem, as well as a cost one, if they did. Using fobs is more cost-effective and safe for our operations"



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THE RESULT

NT500 access readers are used by around 160 people.

The Astrow Time & Attendance readers are installed on the distillery entrance and are used by up to 120 staff who work across shifts.

G&J Distillers are well used to using both systems, but the latest version of the Astrow Time and Attendance system is seen as adding a number of key benefits. Sarah outlines these: "The new version allows for more users, provides better, easier reporting as it supports Excel export formats and is really simple to use, especially for the user. It's also more flexible as being internet based we no longer have to rely on using specific laptops and upgrading software".

As Sarah points out, the latest version of Astrow has moved from a traditional Windows application to a fully web browser (Google Chrome, Microsoft Internet Explorer etc.) based solution. This makes installation

quicker and easier with less disruption whilst requiring less resources on the end-users' computers. Upgrades are near seamless because only the server needs to be upgraded and all the end-users will automatically receive the latest version.

Astrow Time and Attendance systems can be used for a wide range of staff and business monitoring, although G&J Distillers have historically used it for payroll services. However, with the new Astrow version Sarah intends to get the most out of the system: "we will use it more proactively in the future to show compliance with the Working Time Directive, for example, and to address issues of absenteeism."



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