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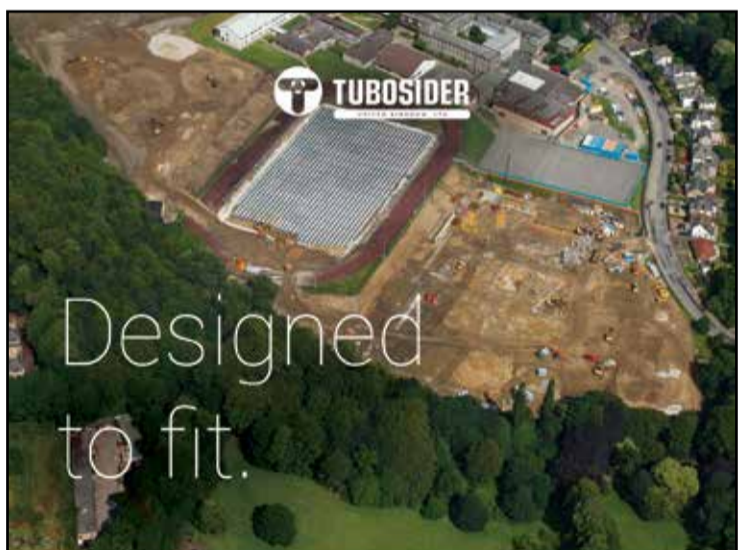
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Sewage problems? Allerton is your answer



Allerton UK is a leading off mains drainage company, covering sales, servicing, commissioning and repairs of all types of septic tanks, sewage treatment plants, sewage pump stations and soakaways. Working across the East Midlands and beyond, Allerton boasts a team of dedicated and experienced workers, all trained with British Water to ensure they are in the best position to properly assess a situation and correct it.

Established in 1974 by Jon Allerton, the company was originally concerned with draining farmers' fields, after the government provided grants to farmers with the aim to get the country drained. Once this was completed in the late 1980s, Allerton needed a new direction, and so began its work in off mains drainage.

As well as its sewage treatment plants and sewage pump stations which are made on the premises, Allerton also makes the ConSept. This

the treated water to the surface, disposing of the treated effluent is a lot better than other methods.

The ConSept uses the existing septic tank, removing the need to install a heavy plant or new tank, and it is quick to install to save time, money and disruption. The tank has no moving parts inside, and it maintains the water at the correct level, keeping your drains clear right up to the house. Moreover, it is manufactured using high grade composite materials and non-ferrous components, meaning the ConSept does not corrode, offering a long and trouble-free life.



Installation inside your existing septic tank also means that the ConSept cannot be seen or heard, and the air blower remains outside the tank for easy maintenance. The equipment also has low maintenance costs, requiring servicing just once a year and desludging and emptying



their work. The final effluent is discharged into a watercourse or soakaway, and installation and commissioning by Allerton's British Water Accredited engineers is included in the package.

Not only does Allerton install high quality units, the company also focuses on continual service of the equipment. This means that units Allerton has made and installed, of which there are over 1,200, are all still working efficiently across the country. Indeed, Allerton often receives regular customer feedback which emphasises how happy they are with the service they have received.

"In particular, we make sure everything is explained to the customer from the beginning and throughout the process, and we always do what we say we will," said Jon Allerton, Director. "Minor problems are sorted out by engineers on site, and all the initial customer worries are dealt with in advance. We offer initial onsite advice, help with all paperwork such as planning and Environmental Agency permits, installation and ongoing servicing, including repairs. Every aspect of what we do is to please the customer.

"We used to manufacture our own sewage treatment plants, until the EU decided they

needed to be tested for two years in Germany. However, the experience we have of making a unit and then constantly improving it becomes second nature to everything we do. Now, we use WPL, one of the top two or three manufacturers of sewage plants, and they listen to us when we suggest improvements," Jon explained.

In line with its ongoing expansion, Allerton has been taking on more staff and training them all to British Water standards. "I'm 78 soon, and



converts septic tanks into sewage treatment plants, and can be fitted without excavations, apart from the shallow cable and air pipe trenches. This means customers can save around £3,000+VAT by avoiding excavators on site. What's more, because the ConSept lifts

once every two years. While the local desludger can empty the tank or sewage plant, Allerton will of course service and maintain all their own equipment and that all other manufactures units too, in fact servicing, repairs and surveys of sewage treatment plants is a major part of



the company has been recently restructured and is now Allerton Bradley Ltd. Jason Bradley has been a large shareholder for several years, and has worked for the company for most of his life. His knowledge of all things sewage is vast, and at 36, he ensures the company can look forward to another 50 years of good service, and pleasing people!"

Indeed, despite the current setbacks caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Allerton is continuing to expand, thanks to the real and immediate need of the company's services. Whether it's a school, hospital, factory or housing estate, Allerton's capabilities are helping people across the country save money, maintain their compliance with regulators, and ultimately protect the environment.

If you would like to find out more information on everything Allerton does, head to the website or get in touch using the contact details below.

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Go paperless with CheckedSafe

CheckedSafe, established in 2014 by co-Directors Gary Hawthorne and Darran Harris, was developed to provide simple and inexpensive compliance solutions that could be adapted for any industry. Now, CheckedSafe provides compliance services across several different platforms, notably commercial and plant hire vehicles, utilities, and many other service sectors that are monitored for compliance.



Overview

- Quick and effective risk assessment reporting with photographic evidence as a tag.
- Date, time and GPS stamped.
- Each check is time tagged providing 100% proof that the check has been done and time is taken, this CANNOT be emulated.
- Tailored Risk Assessment checks.
- Add time through the day populating them with photos.
- Individual and group notifications.
- All reported data available in real-time.
- Works On and Offline.
- All data stored securely.
- Risk Management Reporting.
- Secure your corporate management liability.

As a SaaS platform, CheckedSafe has developed multiple apps and a web-based reporting system that is multi-functional and secure, offering organisations complete solutions to manage and protect their workforce as well as comply with legal and commercial requirements while reducing cost and liability. The system is also fully compliant with the regulatory bodies and has just achieved ISO 9001 and ISO 27001.

CheckedSafe has grown impressively over the years, from the beginning of an idea six years ago to now approaching 7,000,000 checks and 300,000,000 data points over 3,000 companies, including Kier, Amey, and Scottish Water, as well as being the preferred partner for Hitachi, Northgate and QBE.

"We are award-winning and innovative, and we are continuing to develop the product with new ideas," said Gary. "We've done well during the COVID-19 pandemic and we have made full use of online platforms like Zoom to deliver demos and meetings to our clients, both existing and new."

CheckedSafe's defect reporting, compliance management and fleet maintenance solution boasts a range of features. Compliant with DVSA, HSE and Border Force, as well as LOLER, PUWER and ADR, it allows for a quick and effective driver walk around with pre-use or first user checks. It also has the option for customised checks tailored to the user's requirements, and all reported data is available in real time and cannot be manipulated. What's more, there is a full audit trail with user interaction at each time.

For fleet management and maintenance, CheckedSafe offers scheduling, notifications and planning to enable 100% fleet compliance. The solution also provides a Full Workshop

Management feature, as well as the ability to upload paper or carry out digital PMI checks.

CheckedSafe also uses the GPS on the driver's mobile device to pin point their location when they carry out the daily walk around check, and this map location is included in the resulting report. The system also has several DVSA recommended checklists, and all checks can be made bespoke for any vehicle or piece of equipment. What's more, checks can be carried out regardless of Wi-Fi connection or phone signal. The checks are stored on the device and uploaded to the CheckedSafe Compliance Management System (CMS) when the driver regains signal.

The software is designed for Android and Apple

so searching folders has gone and storage of information has gone – it's all in the cloud tagged directly to the vehicle.

"We've also used bespoke templates to suit the tasks, which is all DVSA compliant. The data is real-time and cannot be edited so you cannot fail to be compliant – CheckedSafe is definitely the product that has allowed me to streamline and grow my business.

"The system stores, schedules and notifies of all tasks required, which gives me and my client the ability to react quickly to the demands of busy operations and minimise downtime."

If this sounds like something you could benefit from, you can test drive CheckedSafe for 30 days

Checkedsafe CMS Features
Smart, Simple And User Friendly!

- Clear End To End Audit Trail**
Full compliance process audit from defect reporting through to repair. Add notes, serviceable remarks and clear defects.
- Tamper Proof**
Once data is recorded on the CheckedSafe App, it cannot be altered in any way as it is a fully secured service.
- Easy Access To Data**
24/7 access to records for both management and enforcement purposes from any internet compatible device... and manage your fleet with ease.
- Inspection And Servicing**
Quick and effective inspection, service and PMI Templates for HGV, PSV, (PCV) LDV which can be used by internal or external engineers.
- Schedule And Notifications**
Schedule important service dates and intervals, see notifications to be reminded and see upcoming events.
- Document Storage**
Enables you to upload vehicle details, inspections and driver records, which are securely stored online and accessible 24/7 from any location.

CheckedSafe Features
Smart, Simple And User Friendly!

- Geo Tag**
CheckedSafe uses the GPS on the driver's mobile device to pin point their location when they carry out the daily walk around check. The map location is included in the resulting report.
- Bespoke Checklist**
CheckedSafe has several DVSA recommended checklists however, all checks can be made bespoke. In fact, a checklist can be created for any vehicle or piece of equipment.
- No Signal-No Problem**
Checks can be conducted regardless of Wi-Fi connection or phone signal. All checks are stored on the device and uploaded automatically to the CheckedSafe CMS (Compliance Management System) when the driver is in signal areas.
- Platform Availability**
Designed for Android and Apple mobile devices, CheckedSafe also runs on tablets (Android) and is also available on the TomTom platform.
- Monitor Movement**
We use the mobile device's motion sensors to track the driver's movements as they undertake the checks, which ensures that the checks is accurately being completed and you can see the driver moving around the vehicle.
- Tamper Proof**
Once data is recorded on the CheckedSafe App, it cannot be altered in any way as it is a fully secured service.

mobile devices, so can run on mobile phones and tablets, as well as being available on the TomTom platform. The driver's movements can also be tracked using the mobile device's motion sensors as the driver undertakes the check, ensuring it is being accurately completed as you can see the driver moving around the vehicle.

Ellisons Technical Services experience the benefits of CheckedSafe first hand, saving in the region of 15 minutes per job.

Owner Stewart Ellison said, "We are saving easily 15 minutes per inspection sheet. We also make other savings in the fact that everything is in the cloud and all data for the fleet is a fingertip away,



with no restrictions. The trial will give you full use of the App and CheckedSafe CMS – all you need to do is fill out the online registration form or download and complete the form and upload it back to CheckedSafe's website: <https://www.checkedsafe.com/free-30-day-trial/>

You can also request a demo before the trial, where CheckedSafe will have a chat with you about your business and current procedures, before running through the key features and benefits of CheckedSafe and any questions you might have. These demos usually take about 30 – 45 minutes, and CheckedSafe is very flexible with demo times and will work around your timeframe as much as it can.

If you would like to find out more information on CheckedSafe's full range of features and benefits, head to the website or get in touch using the contact details below.

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Co Founder, Director and Solicitor

Darran is a Solicitor and Commercial Mediator with over 20 years experience specialising in Litigation (specifically Road Traffic issues) and Employment law. Darran has worked with major logistics companies and large blue-chip clients dealing with Litigation, Compliance and Road Traffic Incidents. Darran has successfully represented clients at Public Enquiries with Gary Hawthorne.

Gary Hawthorne
Co Founder, Director and Transport Consultant

Gary is a Transport specialist with over 20 years experience as Operator level, local and national Government (including overseas) and as driver Operator of a successful commercial operation. Gary is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, a Member of the Society of Engineers, a Member of the Institute of Road Traffic Engineers and a Commercial Mediator.

Step closer to your dream staircase

Stairkraft is the home of innovative, bespoke staircases created to complement a room and provide a unique design with a sleek flawless finish.

"We think that we stand out from the crowd because as a small business with over 40 years' experience in the industry, we offer a bespoke and personalised service with unmatched attention to detail. Our designers form a partnership with the clients to ensure their ideas and visions develop into the luxurious and unique custom-made staircases they expect." Pete Housley, Stairkraft Founder. Specialising in design, Stairkraft draws from a variety of influences inspired by contemporary designs which embrace traditional manufacturing skills, as well as the latest technology and engineering.

A few noteworthy developments for the company, Stairkraft has recently launched its innovative 'Faux Cantilever' stair system. Pete expanded, "This type of staircase creates an impressive floating illusion just like a standard cantilever stair but at a significantly lower cost and with less disruption, since it does not require a substantial support wall or any additional steel support frame."

Another notable project, Stairkraft is currently building its own purpose-built factory. A great development for the company the factory will enable Stairkraft to complete all of its products in-house, utilising the latest technology and engineering.

With industries all over the world recognising a significant impact on business during the on-going

COVID-19 Pandemic, Stairkraft is maintaining a positive outlook. Pete told us that, "During the lockdown, we felt the effects of a noticeable downturn in business due to projects being put on hold. However, as the lockdown has eased we have almost been able to resume business as normal alongside the implementation of the government's recommended guidelines. We are moving forward by following the government's advice to ensure our employees and clients' safety. All of our team members wear face masks and adhere to social distancing measures when on-site, so that we can carry out installations in a safe manner."

With an emphasis and passion for consistently developing innovative products, Stairkraft has continued to develop its products and has started



experimenting with using different materials. "Alongside our most popular materials such as oak and stainless steel, we have been further developing



products and materials that will be incorporated in our Faux Cantilever stair system." Pete continued, "We have recently completed trials with solid surface acrylic materials that allow us to emulate stairs constructed with materials such as concrete, granite and marble. These materials are competitive in price, making these 'statement' staircases more accessible across the spectrum of home build and renovation. In addition, we are in the process of finalising the design of Faux Cantilever complete with glass treads and a glass balustrade to create a unique and

spectacular staircase."

Indeed, it is clear to see that Stairkraft is looking forward to its future despite the impact of COVID-19 and has many new designs and developments in the pipeline.

For any more information, please see the details featured below.

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Outdoor Building Services Company of the Year 2020

A green way to improve wellbeing in the workplace



Building and Construction Review is proud to announce that USP Creations Ltd, trading as Wonderwall has been chosen to receive our Outdoor Building Services Company of the Year 2020 award. Wonderwall was chosen for its outstanding range of innovative garden products which are helping to breathe life into places and spaces across the country.

Established in 2016 by Rick McKeever, Director of UPS Creations, Wonderwall produces high quality and unique decorative garden products. With a team that is always thinking outside of the box, creativity is woven into its company culture, focusing on designing and developing products which will transform environments inside and out. The team comprises passionate and knowledgeable horticultural specialists,

combining their wealth of experience to produce some of the UK's most stunning features and living wall designs.



Rick said, "We pride ourselves on providing reasonable prices without sacrificing quality. We also look after our customers throughout the whole process; we offer on-site visits and provide our clients with consultancy and services across the whole journey."

With Wonderwall's vertical planters, the only limit is your imagination. Providing an excellent opportunity to create diverse and bespoke garden designs, they are perfect for

producing living wall designs for a stunning internal or external feature. Not only are they aesthetically pleasing, but they can also help reduce your carbon footprint, save energy, improve air quality, and boost staff morale and wellbeing.

And the need for addressing mental health and stress concerns in the workplace has become even more noticeable during the COVID-19 pandemic. Rick added, "Mental health is even more relevant now than ever! Mental health and wellbeing are a big focus for us going forward, as well as the environmental benefits and increase in biodiversity a living wall can bring."

Wonderwall certainly has some exciting plans to look forward to next year, after a successful 12 months despite the challenges of COVID-19. Rick added, "We have been



heavily involved in the Ignition Project at Salford University, for which we were chosen as a partner. The project is looking at ways of implementing green infrastructure, how companies can reduce their carbon footprint, and become more environmentally friendly. We will also be working on a project with Bentley Motors at their manufacturing plant in Crewe."

Rick continued, "We've got some big projects coming up, so watch this space – not just in the UK but around the world! There is also a brand new product that we have been developing over the past years that will be launching in the new year. There are numerous different developments going on for green infrastructure, and we've got plenty more to offer the market in addition to living walls, such as green roofs and water retention products – there's lots of progress going on behind the Wonderwall!"

If you would like to find out more information, head to the website or get in touch using the details below.

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Hadspen Quarry Ltd is a supplier of British Blue Lias Limestone used traditionally for walling, Hadspen Quarry has now launched a range of Blue Lias flooring, worktops, wall tiles, cobbles and much more. Excavated directly from one of their two quarries in Somerset, Hadspen Quarry is a family run business with a keen eye for attention to detail ensuring you get the quality needed for your project.

The versatile and luxurious qualities of British limestone means it can be combined with an array of other materials throughout any project to create spaces that are unique, organic and well designed.

Natural stone can be used as a finish not only on the exterior as a walling or cladding stone but also lends itself incredibly well to interiors.

It never goes out of style and the recent boom in the return to the use of natural British stone is the proof in the pudding. Hadspen Quarry's range of Blue Lias Flooring, Wall Tiles, Flagstones, Walling Stone and Cobbles have been used extensively at the prestigious new development The Newt In Somerset, as well as other projects both big and small. They supply and deliver custom-made Blue Lias flooring for customers across the UK.

For a rustic cottage look the leathered blue lias is a good match for time worn flagstones, while the flamed & brushed finish is a new flagstone look. For a modern aesthetic the two honed options, either our marble bed or fossil bed of Blue Lias provides a contemporary finish while retaining the classic timeless look of a British Limestone floor.

If you need expert advice to help choose the perfect stone for your project, don't hesitate to get in touch with the team on 01963 351205 or email info@hadspenquarry.co.uk



Stairkraft: Taking your Home to the Next Level

Transform your home with a luxurious and elegant floating stair

Stairkraft are pleased to announce the launch of their innovative Faux Cantilever Stair. Make your stairs a unique and individual feature, enhancing your home and adding value to your property.

They have developed an ingenious and inspired system of support, which eliminates the requirement for either, a substantially built support wall, or incorporation of any additional steel support frame; normally a prerequisite of a cantilever stair.

Furthermore, for prospective clients refurbishing and replacing an existing stair, the faux cantilever can be installed without the mess and disruption caused by the removal of the existing plaster finishes, making for a more timely and hassle-free installation experience.

Together with the obvious time benefit, the Faux Cantilever stair can be manufactured and installed for a significantly lower price than that of a conventional cantilever stair.

Stairkraft offer a complete service, from design to installation. All stairs start by being created in Stairkraft's own Design studio, utilizing the latest 3D CAD systems. They are manufactured in their own purpose-built factory in Sheffield, employing the latest technology and engineering whilst still embracing traditional craftsmanship. They are then installed by Stairkraft's skilled operatives.

The stairs are available in a range of materials, styles and finishes, including glass treads.

Please contact info@stairkraft.co.uk for your free, no obligation quotation.



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Passion and creativity that makes wood work

Matthew Smith, of Dragonfly Woodwork, is a master craftsman who specialises in designing and hand making furniture. He makes timeless pieces to last generations, while bringing extraordinary beauty into your home.

Working by commission, with your ideas, seeing your space (where the piece will go) and his artistic vision, he creates unique furniture to the highest standard, which stimulates the senses



of both touch and sight. Using timber, with the occasional collaboration of glass and steel, he oscillates his skills by working with the very straight and perfect lines to the more unusual and naturally formed shapes - to superb effect.

Matthew's passion for creating stems from his childhood having made a picket fence for his grandparents' garden at the age of just 10. From this he discovered a love of wood and it is now his main material of choice to work with. Following years of extensive training and honing his craft, his skills took him to Jersey where he worked on many homes and buildings, his talents in great demand. Matthew explains; "I was fortunate to work for



many customers who appreciated fine detail and highly skilled, traditional craftsmanship." After 15 years of living and working in Jersey, his heart brought him back to South Wales, where he set up a workshop at the foot of the Brecon Beacons.

Commenting on his work Matthew has said; "Working on furniture for me is a spiritual practice. For all the elements; including the client's ideas, the function, the room, the skills and experience I have, need to be honoured for the balance and beauty to find itself in each unique piece. From this I have found that each customer sincerely enjoys what I make as much as I enjoy making it."

Since setting up in 2016, Matthew has created a stunning range of unusual pieces for his customers. "I can make anything out of wood! The thing I love the most is when a customer phones up and asks if I can make something, and I can! If there is something they want, I will put in the time and effort to design it and work out the best way to create it. Making things from wood is a natural

and organic process, so the time and care you put in make sure the end result is just how you want it to be."

A recent commission for Dragonfly Woodwork was a large boardroom table in the shape of a tree. After designing the table the night before the meeting, Matthew sat



down with five directors and, before showing them his design, asked them to establish what they thought a boardroom table should be. "I asked them to draw their own table in 15 minutes then present it back to me. They were a bit unsure at first, but they realised during the process how personal a table is to them. We were peeling back the layers and working out exactly what they wanted from it. I then showed them my drawing, which they liked, and it only changed about 15% to how the finished article came out."

This kind of personalised and collaborative approach is what makes

Dragonfly Woodwork so special. No matter what your project or idea, it's certain that Matthew will put in the work and care needed to create a stunning and unique piece of furniture.

"Another customer had a 200-year-old oak floor which he had taken up. He wanted it smartening up but wanted to retain its character, preserving the moulding it had had over the years rather than lying it flat. I sanded it and relayed it with all the contours from before so it was smooth and flowing. The customer also didn't want any skirting boards, so I had to scribe the floor into the walls and into each other.

"I love a challenge and diving into the unknown. Not many other people would have scribed the floor into the walls, and would have just said it couldn't be done. But the customer wanted it, so I put in the extra work to achieve it."

Currently, Matthew is creating a bespoke porch for a customer, using Douglas Fir. "It's a soft timber with a



beautiful deep pink colour in the grain of the wood. It's an open porch with windows so you can see all the rafters, and it's all traditionally made. After this, I'll be creating a kitchen - the customer wants a really high level of detail for this, which is what I love to do, so I'm looking forward to working on it."

Without a doubt, Matthew has the knowledge, creativity and skill to complete projects, no matter how complex. As well as using wood, he can also incorporate other materials, such as stainless steel and glass, to make sure the finished piece is exactly how you imagined.



And, if you're not in the UK but want Dragonfly Woodwork to help realise your project, Matthew is happy to work with customers across the world. "I work with clients everywhere. I've sent products over to Australia before, so it doesn't matter where you are - if I can help you create something unique, get in touch."

Visit www.dragonflywoodwork.uk to see a selection of Matthew's work or to contact him to discuss a piece of furniture or how his skills may help you.

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Dining table and benches (seen in the photos) are made from Pippy Oak.



dragonfly woodwork

Traditional brick production specialist



The Bulmer Brick and Tile Company, based in Suffolk, is a family-run business established in 1936. With over 80 years' experience in the industry, the English company truly is a master of its craft.

The Bulmer Brick and Tile Company is renowned for its traditional handmade bricks which, fired in a down draught kiln, have a distinctive finish that blends well with the original London clays bricks. The beauty of the Suffolk company's bricks lies in their traditional production method. The bricks are made from clay dug from the same clay seam used since Tudor times.



The wealth of experience amassed by the company coupled with their respect for the process is what separates The Bulmer Brick and Tile Company from the competition.

Having produced bricks for reputable clients such as the National Trust, English Heritage and Historic Royal Palaces, the company is able to lend its services to both private and commercial developments. Its facings and specials can be made with almost any texture; with 150 different sizes of facings and a range of over 5,000 special shapes, including all standard plinths, squints and copings and extends to purpose made chimney bricks, terracotta, mullions, jambs, floor bricks, pammments, decorative plaques, garden edgings and a full range of rubbing blocks.



Aside from offering a wide range of clay brick solutions, The Bulmer Brick and Tile Company further offers a select number of additional materials. It is a stockist of Singleton Birch Natural Hydraulic Limes and Lime Putty, available in a range of strengths – NHL2, NHL3.5, and NHL5 – and sold in 25kg bags or 1 tonne bulk bags.


Lime has proven to be the material of choice when laying the brick specialist's bricks and especially in the case of conservation work, with its natural strength and tendency to

give 'movement' in the construction process favourable.


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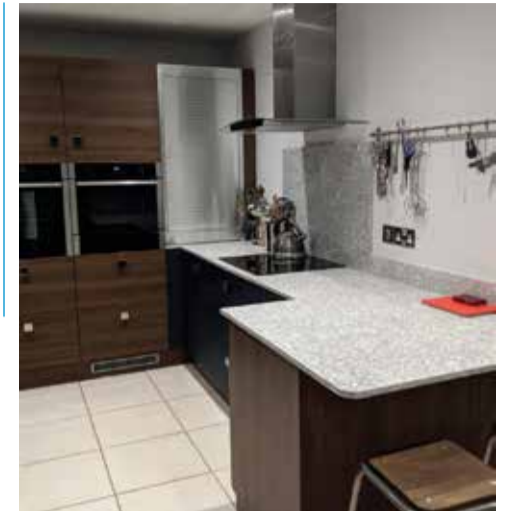
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Hauraton high capacity surface drainage installed at Vertex Business Park, Bristol



The Vertex Business Park is a 4.8 acre site located in the Emersons Green Enterprise zone. Being just four miles from junction 19 on the M4 motorway, the 11 warehouse/office complex has tree lined boulevards and generous landscaped areas incorporating dedicated car parks, concreted access and hard standing designed to handle HGV traffic. With such a large concreted area an effective surface water drainage system was essential.

Having supplied high capacity surface water drainage channels for hard-standing areas at numerous distribution centres throughout the UK, Hauraton were confident their RECYFIX® HICAP® high capacity channels would comply with the stringent specification asked for by the contractors.

Three sizes of RECYFIX® HICAP® F-2000, 3000 and 5000, with a loading category Class F900 (900kN) were used to drain the HGV hard standing and car park areas at the Park. All the sizes supplied had fixed ductile iron, 14mm

open slot inlets finished with KTL, a rust resistant coating. By affording a superior overall hydraulic performance, the 216 metres of channel installed, provided a water storage volume totalling 8,904 litres.

The HICAP® system generally allows engineers and contractors' flexibility in layout by reducing number of channel runs normally required to drain a given area. This can mean less underground excavations, materials and vastly reduced installation time. Usually as there are fewer runs required, the surface strength is not compromised whilst future maintenance and cleaning will also be reduced.

With laden HGVs weighing up to 44 tonnes, manoeuvring trucks impose an enormous twisting stresses on the surface drainage components. So not only must the area be efficiently drained, the installed system has to withstand the twisting forces exerted by truck wheels.

Cat Jones, the Hauraton Project Manager, was certain the company's high capacity channels chosen for this job would easily match the specification demanded by Kore Construction; "The RECYFIX® HICAP® F channel components are made from specially formulated tough RECYCLED polypropylene (PP) and as each one metre channel used, including its ductile iron inlet, weighed less than 25kg it allowed one-man-lift, so greatly simplified the handling and logistics for the contractor who found the combination of a tough PP channel and ductile iron slot inlet highly resisted to site damage during installation".

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Hauraton channels drain Blue Badge scheme parking bays at RHS Wisley

On 10th June 2019, Alan Titchmarsh, MBE, opened the first phase of The Welcome Building and surrounding landscape at Royal Horticultural Society gardens, Wisley, Surrey. The new facility has transformed the experience for visitors to the gardens with new buildings including a spacious arrivals hall, café, shop, plant centre and a 100 seat restaurant. There are now three large car/coach parks including Blue Badge scheme easy access bays for visitors in park two.

One hundred metres of Hauraton RECYFIX® PRO 100 channel system, fitted with FIBRETEC® C250, 9mm HEELSAFE slot gratings, was used by groundwork sub-contractor GPB Construction Ltd to drain the asphalted Blue Badge parking bays for visitors. The channels were installed between the bays and the path leading to the entrance of the new arrivals hall.

Since its launched in February 2010, the RECYFIX® PRO 100 surface water drainage channel, featuring the innovative FIBRETEC® grating, has been specified and successfully installed in numerous United Kingdom drainage projects, including rail station platforms, public squares, shopping malls, sports-fields, tartan running tracks and many other commercial and private applications.

The material, PA-GF used to make the FIBRETEC® grating, was especially developed by Hauraton; the tough, UV resistant, fibre reinforced moulding offers high stability and huge strength for its weight. Complying with loading category Class C250 (BSEN 1433) the grating can easily take the weight of cars and commercial delivery vehicles. The design is a



real innovation as its non-corrosive material provides a visually appealing surface finish that retains its black colour.

The FIBRETEC® C250 HEELSAFE slot grating was specifically designed by Hauraton R & D engineers to enhance the flow of water into the channel.

The slots are super smooth, elliptical openings with the moulded bars having slightly raised triangular bosses along their outside edges. As well as providing an elegant appearance, the feature ensures surface water is directed into the slots. This configuration also helps eliminate any cross-flow over the grating.

The RECYFIX® PRO 100 channel component is made from 100% recycled polypropylene (PP). The six sizes offered are 160mm wide and range in height from 75mm to 250mm with the FIBRETEC® grating factory fitted on all models. As the largest unit is only 5.8kg, the channelling is easily handled and quickly installed on site.

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Two Hauraton surface drainage systems installed at Maltby Academy School, Rotherham



The Maltby Academy School to the East of Rotherham, just off the A631, was established in the 1930s with additional building added in the 1960s and at the start of this century. The school has expanded and now offers up to 1200 student places with an age range of between 11 and 19 years.

Early in 2012 it was decided refurbish the older building and build a new open plan business / enterprise centre and sport science block. In addition, the old gymnasium was to be converted into a performing and creative arts facility.

The £10.9 million contract for the re-development of Maltby Academy was awarded to BAM Construction of Leeds, in June 2012. The site was fully operational by September 2013, the start of the academic year, with full completion shortly afterwards. Architects for the new buildings were Bond Bryan, Sheffield office.

With the site being quite flat, and the old and new buildings' surrounded by paved and

asphalted surfaces, it was essential rainwater is drained effectively. Two Hauraton systems were chosen to drain surface water: RECYFIX® PRO and RECYFIX® SLOTTED channels. A Hauraton RECYFIX® PRO 100 channel system, fitted with FIBRETEC® C250, HEELSAFE 9mm slot gratings, was used to drain the asphalted yards and car park. Since its launched in February 2010, the RECYFIX PRO surface water drainage channel, featuring the innovative FIBRETEC® grating, has been specified and successfully installed in numerous United

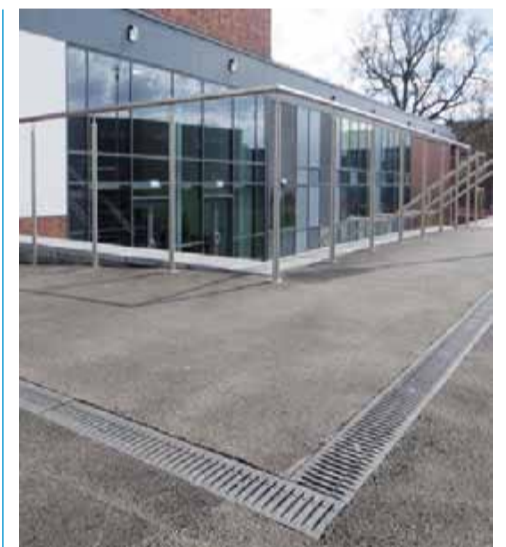


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Aesthetic demands meant the surface water drainage for the paved walkways had to be as unobtrusive as possible yet fully meet the drainage requirement; this was achieved by installing Hauraton RECYFIX® STANDARD SLOTTED CHANNELS fitted with symmetrical galvanised steel covers. Once installed this system provides an unobtrusive, narrow line of slots in the paved surfaces.



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Colin Taff, Hauraton's Project Engineer comments; "Being particularly suitable for school yards and play grounds, our RECYFIX® PRO channels' with their black FIBRETEC® gratings' were chosen for this project as the grating's smooth appearance blended in well with the asphalted surfaces".

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As a recognised and reliable source of expert opinion in the UK, TDCA can assist both large commercial contractors and individuals undertaking residential projects, advising on areas such as the correct specification of materials, installation guidance, and ongoing care and maintenance of timber decking and timber cladding.

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This is all underpinned by the TDCA website, which acts as an in depth information resource for anything to do with timber decking and timber cladding. The

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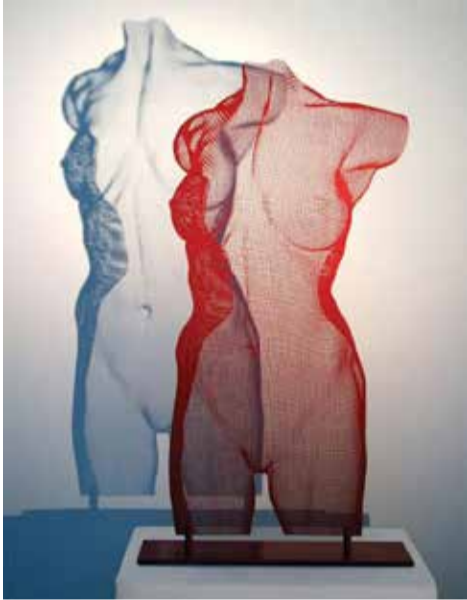
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The renaissance was really the next wave to influence public art and again religion was the main source of inspiration with Michaelangelo's David and La Pieta probably the best known.

This heavily influenced the next movement which was a combination of the effects of the grand tour with many famous collections both private and public built up combined with the surge of the Georgians and Victorians commemorating the heroes of the day with possibly Nelson's Column being the most famous.

It was then that nonrepresentational art emerged with The Eiffel Tower in Paris being the most obvious example followed in yet another direction by Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth making Abstract a controversial for some and popular for others, break from tradition.

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First steps

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New distributorship for Cinderella Eco Solution

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Cinderella Motion represents an entirely new concept for waste handling in Off-the-Grid locations, Marine craft, mobile homes and recreational vehicles. It is now possible to get rid of toilet waste in a hygienic and simple manner. The end product is just clean ash. The toilet may be used around 70 times before emptying is required. Cinderella Motion is a

further development of the popular Cinderella incineration toilet currently installed by over 60,000 users worldwide.

An incineration toilet is a toilet in which waste products, urine and excrement, are incinerated at a high temperature, leaving only an insignificant amount of ash.

Available around the world for decades, incineration toilets are a commonly used alternative in mountain cabins, remote areas, tiny homes, off-grid structures and other residential

and commercial applications without easy access to public utilities.

Since incineration toilets do not require the installation of a water supply or costly septic systems, and do not demand ongoing and messy work to process waste, their slightly higher unit price is heavily offset by lower maintenance over time, providing a substantially lower total cost of ownership than other solutions, both in terms of money and headache.

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With scan-to-print capabilities, the same features can be used with a mobile printer. Data is simply scanned from a barcode on a job sheet or production works order and printed directly onto the product.

This can eliminate errors and speed up production in a variety of applications in construction such as marking warehouse stock, addressing packing cases or marking parts or modules for assembly on site.

As long as the required information is available in a machine-readable format such as a barcode or QR code, the data is entered and stored with a quick scan of the code.

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Good News For Drivers As The Van Insurer Reveals Customers' Top 10 Vans

2020 was a year like no other, but for many van drivers working on the front line, their vans proved an indispensable means of keeping the wheels of industry turning.

While there are many different makes and models on the market to choose from, The Van Insurer is committed to finding the most competitive insurance quote for each and every customer, regardless of how they use their vehicle. And there's more good news for van drivers; last year saw insurance premiums drop for every van that hit The Van Insurer's Top 10 Vans of 2020.

Once again, the online insurance price comparison specialist has crunched its quote data from the last 12 months to find the most popular vans amongst those looking for insurance cover – read on to see whether your motor hit the Top 10...

The Van Insurer's Top 10 Vans of 2020

1. Ford Transit

The Ford Transit once again stormed to the top spot in 2020, for the third year in a row, with a staggering one third of all

quotes processed relating to one of the variants of the trusty Transit.

Boasting flexibility and adaptability, three load lengths and driveline configurations, to name but a few features, it's easy to see why many van drivers would consider this one a worthy winner.

In fact, it was the top vehicle of choice almost across the board with builders, carpenters, painters and decorators, electricians, gardeners and plumbers all requesting more quotes for the Transit than any other motor.

2. Vauxhall Vivaro

The second most quoted-for van last year was the Vauxhall Vivaro.

Vauxhall prides itself on offering practicality and efficiency with this little mover. Boasting strong styling and serious payload capacity, it's another van offering comfort and cutting-edge tech to support you while you're out on the road.

Having held onto the second spot for two years in a row, it's probably no surprise that builders, carpenters and delivery drivers all generated the second highest number of quotes for this firm favourite.

3. Ford Transit Connect

The Transit Connect was the second of Ford's vans to make the top three rankings.

Toughness, durability and functionality are just three of the features synonymous with this van. According to Ford, it's been given a sophisticated new look, comprehensively updated interior and more advanced technology than ever before, which seems to have paid off.

4. Mercedes-Benz Sprinter

The Mercedes Benz Sprinter came in fourth in our rankings.

2019 Ranking	2020 Ranking	Van	Average comprehensive premium 2019	Average comprehensive premium 2020	Percentage change
1	1	Ford Transit	£1,288.95	£1,277.83	-0.9%
2	2	Vauxhall Vivaro	£1,002.69	£959.91	-4.3%
3	3	Ford Transit Connect	£1,042.64	£953.73	-8.5%
4	4	Mercedes Benz Sprinter	£1,669.51	£1,506.91	-9.7%
5	5	Ford Transit Custom	£1,078.11	£1,000.05	-7.2%
6	6	Volkswagen Transporter	£610.83	£585.24	-4.2%
9	7	Renault Traffic	£1001.66	£931.67	-7.0%
10	8	Volkswagen Caddy	£972.12	£888.59	-8.6%
7	9	Citroen Berlingo	£926.53	£894.26	-3.5%
8	10	Vauxhall Combo	£1,035.53	£968.49	-6.5%

Mercedes believes it's plugged a gap in the market with this latest Sprinter edition. Claiming to offer new levels of individuality, productivity and efficiency, all customisable to the van driver's needs, it looks like their message really has got across.

5. Ford Transit Custom

The third Ford van to make the top 10 was the Transit Custom.

Ford claims the latest evolution maintains its toughness, functionality and reliability but now delivers an even wider range of innovation and smart technology. It's clearly another Ford favourite that deserves its top 10 status.

The Ford Transit Custom is clearly a firm favourite amongst electricians, as nearly 14 per cent of sparkies requested insurance quotes last year, the second highest from that vocation.

6. Volkswagen Transporter

The total quotes processed for the Volkswagen Transporter placed it firmly in sixth place.

Volkswagen's worked hard to ensure that this latest edition offers advanced engine technology that saves money and the environment. Coupled with the comfort and practicality you'd expect from the Transporter, clearly it's another top choice.

7. Renault Traffic

2020's highest climber is the Renault Traffic, which rose two places from last year's 9th position to grab 7th place in the countdown of van drivers requesting quotes.

Renault claims that the needs of the van driver have been put first with this edition, which offers numerous variants and impressive fuel efficiency. It's an award winner too, making it another worthy top 10 entry and easy to see why it's performed even better this year.

8. Volkswagen Caddy

Another mover up the list of most quoted for vans, and Volkswagen's second top 10 entry, is the Caddy. It's another van that offers impressive technology as standard, from adaptive cruise control and an in-built parking system to safety systems that give you peace of mind. It's a great little mover that's just inside the top 10.

9. Citroen Berlingo

Following hot on the heels of the Caddy, the Citroen Berlingo came a very close second to the Volkswagen favourite, with only slightly fewer quotes generated.

If you're looking for versatility and a van that will take you from work to play, this is probably it. Space, comfort and modularity come as standard with this van, which explains why its spot in the top 10 is justified.

10. Vauxhall Combo

The Vauxhall's Combo van remains another firm favourite amongst customers, taking the final spot.

In addition to several award wins, Vauxhall likes to boast about the Combo's practical design, paired with a sleek and sporty finish. For practicality and efficiency, it's evidently a good choice.

Ed Bevis, Commercial & Marketing Director at The Van Insurer, says: "Here at The Van Insurer, we are used to handling quotes for van drivers with various requirements and from all types of tradespeople, last year was no different.

"While offering our customers the most competitive insurance quotes is our top priority, we always find it interesting to see which vans make the top 10.

"Whether you need your van for work, play or somewhere in between, we're here to keep you on the road."

***The Top 10 list comprises the vans for which The Van Insurer received the most quote requests from January to December 2020.**

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Paul Williams, Sales Director of Robust

UK said: "Secured by Design is a widely recognised and respected standard and it's important to Robust as a trade supplier to be able to support our customers with doors which meet the wide variety of specifications we are asked to provide."

Robust UK's commitment to product development is unrivalled and really shows their ambition within the door industry.



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LEB Construction celebrates Pantycelyn Halls project



Leading Ceredigion contractor, LEB Construction has completed a significant package of works on the high-profile £16.5m project to restore the historic Pantycelyn Halls of Residence at Aberystwyth University.

Morgan Sindall Construction appointed LEB Construction as one of its main subcontractors on the restoration project to deliver several packages of works including extensions & alterations, groundworks, roofing, cladding and plastering.

The team was involved in the design, fabrication and installation of the stunning architectural profiled cladding to the aluminium glazed reception area. The complex installation required significant skill and commitment to ensure accurate and timely completion.

Dale Harris MCIQB AssocRICS, project manager at Morgan Sindall Construction said: "On such a high-profile project on a national asset, we needed a skilled team which could work to our high standards, respect tight deadlines and adapt to any challenges the projects unearthed."

"We worked in collaboration with LEB Construction to resolve any issues that arose with a solution that worked for all parties. As a company they share the same high standards as Morgan Sindall Construction and have a commitment to getting the job done, even in challenging conditions."

"This meant we could trust them to complete unforeseen additional works that naturally occur when operating in an old building."



Luke Baker, founder and managing director at LEB Construction explains: "This was a significant project for us and we're proud to have been involved in such a historically significant project."

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