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The Van Insurer presents a positive outlook for the van market

Data released by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) earlier this month painted a very **positive picture** for the van sector.

Not only were 2019 registrations up by 2.4 per cent over the year, but it was the most successful year for van registrations since records began.

The latest statistics from insurance price comparison experts **The Van Insurer** have further reinforced this positive outlook. According to their latest data, they processed a hefty 7 per cent more van quotes in 2019 compared with the previous year.

Ed Bevis, Marketing Manager at The Van Insurer, said: "The latest registration statistics reinforce the positive outlook we've gleaned from our own data. Here at The Van Insurer, we've enjoyed a bumper year for insurance quotes, which shows huge market appetite."

"We're seeing both existing and new customers coming to The Van Insurer for their quotes, safe in the knowledge that our 'Cheapest Price Guarantee' will ensure that they get the best deal. We're looking forward to helping even more van drivers find the insurance options that best suit their needs for this year and beyond."

Most popular vans of 2019

With more vans on the road than ever before, The Van Insurer has analysed its quote data from last year to identify its Most Popular Vans of 2019.



2018 Ranking	2019 Ranking	Van	Average comprehensive premium 2019
1	1	Ford Transit	£1,288.95
2	2	Vauxhall Vivaro	£1,002.69
3	3	Ford Transit Connect	£1,042.64
5	4	Mercedes Benz Sprinter	£1,669.51
10	5	Ford Transit Custom	£1,078.11
4	6	Volkswagen Transporter	£610.83
7	7	Citroen Berlingo	£926.53
6	8	Vauxhall Combo	£1,035.58
8	9	Renault Trafic	£1,001.66
9	10	Volkswagen Caddy	£972.12

Ed says, says: "Here at The Van Insurer, we are used to handling quotes for drivers with various specific needs but it's always interesting to see how some models stand the test of time, emerging as frequent favourites."

"Whatever their requirements, we like to remind all of our customers that we can help to find a quote that works for them."

For more information on The Van Insurer, including its Cheapest Price Guarantee, visit www.thevaninsurer.co.uk or follow on social media via Facebook @VanInsurer, Twitter @Vaninsurer and Instagram @thevaninsurer.

*The Top 10 list comprises the vans for which The Van Insurer received the most quote requests from January to December 2019.

**Insurance quotes relate to average comprehensive premiums. Prices are dependent on external factors including regional variation, individual van specifications and use.

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New cutting technology solves nuclear reactor drain blockages

Drainage engineers from Lanes Group plc have used new pipe cleaning technology to solve persistent drain blockage problems at a nuclear power station.

They used two machines – a new Picote mini cleaner and an electro-mechanical cutter – to clear drains in one of the two reactor halls at Heysham power station in Lancashire.

Their success means station workers can be confident that the drains flow freely so they do not have to use contingency measures to take wastewater to a radioactive effluent treatment plant.

The stainless steel 75mm-diameter drains were installed when the power station was built in the 1970s. They are encased in concrete which has made them difficult to keep clean.

They are also located within the radiologically controlled area (RCA) of the Heysham 1 reactor hall. This meant the two Lanes operatives had to wear specialist protective clothing and follow strict radiation protection procedures.

The drains, designated as 'active' because they could be contaminated with nuclear radiation, were cleaned in two stages.

First, a Spartan electro-mechanical cutter was used to break through blockage material. The device has a flexible cable with a rotating steel cutting head on the end for



scouring the inside of pipes.

Then, the Picote mini cleaner was used to break up the blockage debris and push it into waste sumps, leaving the pipes clear. The device can be fitted with different rotating heads. In this case a flail was used.

The Lanes Preston depot regularly delivers drainage services at Heysham power station. However, this was one of a few occasions where its teams have operated inside an RCA inside a main reactor building.

More than 100 metres of pipework were cleaned, along with surface water gullies and sink outlets, in three key areas: the reactor basement area, the gas circulation maintenance facility, and the radiation effluent treatment plant.

Construction of Heysham 1 began in 1970. Its two advanced gas-cooled reactors began generating electricity in 1983 and 1984 and have a combined generating capacity of 1150MWe.

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Timber window & door specialists

Arden Windows is a manufacturer and installer of high performance timber windows and timber door sets. Established in 1985, the Coventry based company has grown significantly since its inception and is at the forefront of modern timber window and door technology.

With an extensive range of products, Arden Windows provides a selection of made-to-measure timber windows alongside a comprehensive range of external single, double and bi-fold doors. Providing bespoke design, installation and refurbishment services throughout the whole UK, Arden Windows is well equipped with the expertise to meet the most specific requirements for both performance and aesthetics.

Due to the company's array of capabilities, Arden Windows provides its service for a diverse customer base. "We have a varied customer base. I would say that around 70% of customers are for new builds, 20% refurbishment and 10% are private developers." John Sidebottom, Sales and Marketing Director.

In attendance at the London Build Expo in 2019, Arden Windows showcased their impressive range of products and services.



"The show went really well for us!" John expressed, "Two weeks prior we attended another event and we were really surprised at the overwhelming positive experience we received in comparison at the London Build Show. We met a lot of potential new customers and several new leads have come from it."

Having gained 30/40 inquires since the London Build Expo, Arden Windows experienced an extremely positive experience for exposure and networking opportunities. Displaying their award winning timber products, John explained that the show was a great experience for the company to demonstrate their services and top quality products. "All of our products are secured by design, durable and sustainable. We use top quality timber which is FSC accredited and we make sure to use environmentally friendly solutions, such as using water based paint. We are also fully accredited for installation of our products." said John.

In terms of recent developments for the company, John told us that, "We were awarded the Product Design in Wood Award by the British Woodworking Federation in 2018."

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Reign in the wind with Vind-Vind



Building and Construction Review is proud to announce that Vind-Vind has received our Commitment to Excellence award.

Vind-Vind was established in 2012 by siblings Per and Leika Jørgensen. "Our first assignment was a little by coincidence in 2011," said Leika. "We took some classes together in Fluid Dynamics, as we needed the classes to finish our Masters, Per as a physicist and myself as a construction engineer specialist in water building. In 2011, we talked about the possibility of using the same CFD-programs that find loads in water building to find wind loads on ordinary buildings.

"Per's brother in law, an architect, had been involved in these considerations, and some months later his company, Gröning Arkitekter, needed wind comfort analysis for the planning of a new urban area. They asked if we could do such a survey, and we ended up succeeding very well. Besides doing the simulation, we managed to communicate the results in an easily accessible way. The municipality and the architects were thrilled that they actually understood the results and conclusions. After this, we got more assignments and established Vind-Vind."

In recent years, wind comfort has become an increasing focus for municipalities, politicians, architects and builders in urban planning and major new buildings. This is because more has been built on wind-exposed areas, for example on coasts, and people have begun to spend more time outdoors, such as in cities and residential areas. What's more, today's IT solutions have been developed to make it easier to map the wind and propose solutions and improvements.

Based in Copenhagen, Vind-Vind predominantly provides wind comfort analysis for urban planning. As well as this, the company also does all kinds of

simulations of fluid dynamics in combination with constructions. Vind-Vind has done simulations of how the wind influences the smoke due to a fire, wind loads on façade elements, reducing the wave height near offshore platforms, and pressure on façades due to permeability of cladding. What's more, Vind-Vind is also starting work on ventilation, positioning ventilation channels and passive ventilation elements in buildings.

"For our wind comfort services, building developers are our main clients, however we also collaborate with urban planning architects. We also see municipalities as our main clients, as these have a natural interest that the public urban areas support social activities.

"For our other products, consulting engineers are our main customers. For wind loads we see producers of façade solutions, as cladding is exposed to wind and the most common failures from wind loads are in cladding."

All of Vind-Vind's services are underpinned by unrivalled expertise and experience within the industry, and the company works very closely with its customers to help establish exactly what they need.

"We believe our dialogue with the customer is the most important aspect of what we do, even though the calculations are difficult and not for everyone to do," explained Leika. "To get the best results, we need to understand the problem that the customer is facing, and if the customer doesn't understand the results and conclusions, the simulation is worthless.

"We benefit from an internal knowledge of the building industry. I have been working with project management in the building industry for many years. We have had some successful collaborations



Source of illustrations: Jens Lindhe and Arkitema Architects

with architects adjusting significant buildings and urban areas due to the challenge of the wind, without compromising the architecture. Some examples are Lighthouse in Aarhus 3XN and Nordbro in Copenhagen with Arkitema, and Karen Blixen Plads and parts of Nordhavn in Copenhagen with Cobe.

"We like to have a focus on the creative process, and get involved from an early stage. It is easier to make adjustments in the early stages, ensuring that it does not become an expensive process. As well as this continuous dialogue, we are always developing our services. We are creative and are capable of transforming known solutions into solutions for other problems, and Per is highly qualified in data analysis."

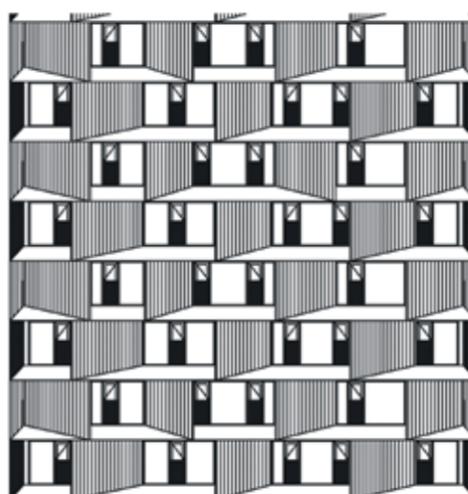
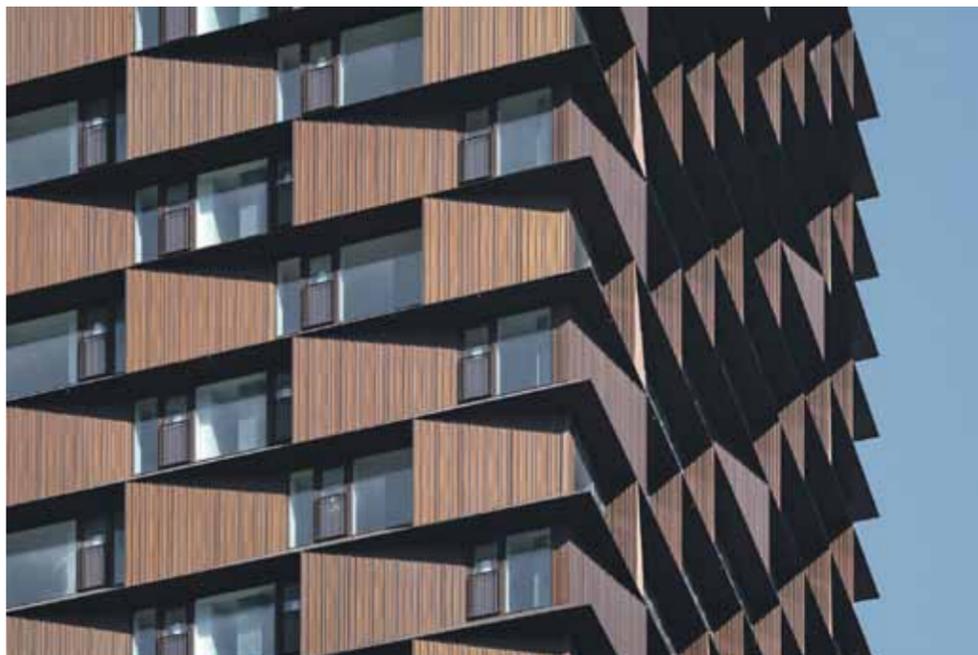
Recently, Vind-Vind has had some exciting collaborations with a selection of Danish universities, a result of the company's passion for exploring new technologies and methods and how they can be used with its services. Moving forward,

Vind-Vind will be continuing to expand the type of services it can offer, growing its presence in the market across Europe.

Vind-Vind also recently held a small international conference to mark the completion of its research project into wind load.

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

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Industry Leaders in Importing Certified Timber



In this issue of Building and Construction Review, we have selected Vandecasteele Houtimport as the recipient of our Commitment to Excellence Award.

Vandecasteele Houtimport is a fourth generation, family run business that imports timber and timber products from all over the world. Located in the heart of Europe, with easy road access to customers in all European markets, Vandecasteele Houtimport has developed significantly throughout the years, leading to its long-term strategy to become Europe's number one timber stockist.

"We import, stock and distribute hardwood and softwood from around the world to over 30 countries. Due to the fast pace of modern industry, we can react quickly to our customers' demands and deliver stocks difficult to source within days on our own fleet of 18 vehicles," said Genevieve Standaert, Export Manager.



Established in 1883 by Louis Vandecasteele, Vandecasteele Houtimport is located in West Flanders with its uniquely designed warehouse and office in the town of Aalbeke, Belgium. Vandecasteele Houtimport has its own impressive storage facility that can accommodate more than 150,000m³ of sawn timber products and with the additional shed now being completed, the total covered space of the company's main warehouse now reaches 16 Hectares.

Vandecasteele Houtimport specialises in the import, trading and export of Tropical Hardwood from Africa, Southeast Asia and South America, Scandinavian and Russian Softwood, Siberian Larch and North American Soft and Hardwood.

"Vandecasteele has the resources and ability to adapt to the sensitivity of the market and bridges the gap between sources of supply in Africa, Far East, South America and North America to Europe, in a matter of days." Genevieve stated, "This makes the company the first choice with many importers and merchants. Utilizing its most impressive and vast stockholding of Hardwoods and Softwoods coupled with strong environmental credentials."

Maintaining an extensive range of products, Vandecasteele Houtimport has over 130 timber species in stock including the new addition of European Oak FSC® in Joinery, Prime and Super Prime grades. With a broad range spanning from the most expensive and rare hardwoods, to a full assortment of softwoods, Vandecasteele Houtimport provides a selection of wood available in various quantities and sizes.

100% of the softwoods stocked are certified. Over 30,000 m³ of the Tropical hardwood stock is now certified and still growing. Vandecasteele has a dedicated team to ensure all due diligence is up to date. In addition to the strict due diligence process, Vandecasteele

has invested in a forest engineer in Brazil to assure full control on the CoC of the Brazilian timbers purchased. This makes Vandecasteele Houtimport the biggest stockholder of certified tropical timbers in Europe.

"We provide large volumes of certified stocks, plus specialist dimension material, available for prompt dispatch," Genevieve said.

A feat within the company's range is Thermo Ayous, a thermally modified timber which is an excellent choice for cladding. Thermo Ayous is a knot free clear grade hardwood, which has been created using the latest thermal modification processes. Through applying heat, steam and pressure to the timber, this process reduces the ability of the cells in the timber's structure to absorb water. Thermo Ayous Wood Cladding is a popular choice next to a whole range of traditional species such as Western Red Cedar, Siberian Larch, Oregon Pine, European Oak and many Tropical Hardwoods which are commonly specified by Architects.

One of the most notable focuses for the company, Vandecasteele Houtimport maintains a strong stance on meeting sustainable and environmental aims within its business. "Since 2000, Vandecasteele Houtimport has committed itself through the Corporate Sustainability Charter, by signing up to environmental objectives and exceeding applicable environmental legislation." Genevieve elaborated, "The charter is a management tool and incorporates the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations. This year, Vandecasteele will obtain the UNITAR certificate from CIFAL FLANDERS."

In terms of recent developments for the company, Vandecasteele Houtimport has seen expansion in numerous ways. Recently, the company has invested in the



construction of a 37,000 m² warehouse extension to ensure all products are centralized for fast picking and loading. The warehouse has also been installed with solar panels on its roof, in keeping with the company's sustainable business plan. Genevieve explained that the company has also developed, "Racking system to speed up the picking of packs and we have upgraded our trading system which has been rolled out, allowing customers to browse and order packs, plus obtain full packing and quality details."

A few noteworthy appearances for the company this year, Vandecasteele Houtimport is exhibiting at numerous tradeshows worldwide including this year at Budma in Poland, Carrefour du Bois in Nantes and METS TRADE SHOW in Amsterdam. The company will also be attending Bau in Munchen and Branchentag in Köln, next year in 2021.

With a clear dominating presence through the company's 135 years of trading in wood, Vandecasteele Houtimport is continuing its commitment to its customers and suppliers and is striving to continuously improve its business. The company has also set a challenging goal to stock 100% certified timbers from 2025 and looks to the future with confidence.

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Stand out from your competitors with a Kitchen in the Garden!



Kitchen in the Garden, based at Cedar Nursery in Cobham, Surrey, provides advice and offers technical support for the design and build of outdoor kitchens. From premium pizza ovens, contemporary grills, sinks and fridges, to a vast range of specialist cooking equipment, we can cater for all things outdoor cooking, along with a variety of storage options to suit your needs.

With more or less everyone offering indoor kitchens, why not set yourself apart by

supplying an outdoor kitchen to your clients? Imagine those summer months spent outdoors, sipping on an ice-cold beer, or delicious glass of wine, with great company, great weather and, most importantly, great food.

It's not solely for the summer months either, showing off outdoor culinary skills is something everybody should do all year long! Who doesn't love the delicious taste of barbecued delights and the enticing smell

of a mouth-watering meal on the way? We can provide highly knowledgeable experts to help with every aspect of the design and construction advice, who will be dedicated to the cause until the very end. With all of this, together with component ranges to suit every budget, your clients will find it hard to say no!

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The business has over 40 years of experience in supplying and installing high quality products on residential, commercial and construction projects. Nationwide Louvre Company use in-house highly trained installation engineers with many years experience and specialise in louvred plant screening and Brise Soleil with a number of our projects having been recently submitted for design awards.

Our Brise Soleil projects are backed up with computer simulation software to assess the effectiveness of our products in reducing the effects of solar gain on buildings. Brise Soleil not only enhances the appearance of a building but if designed correctly will provide a much better living or working environment for the building's occupants, with the added benefit of reducing glare to help with computer work and will reduce the running costs of mechanical ventilation and air conditioning.

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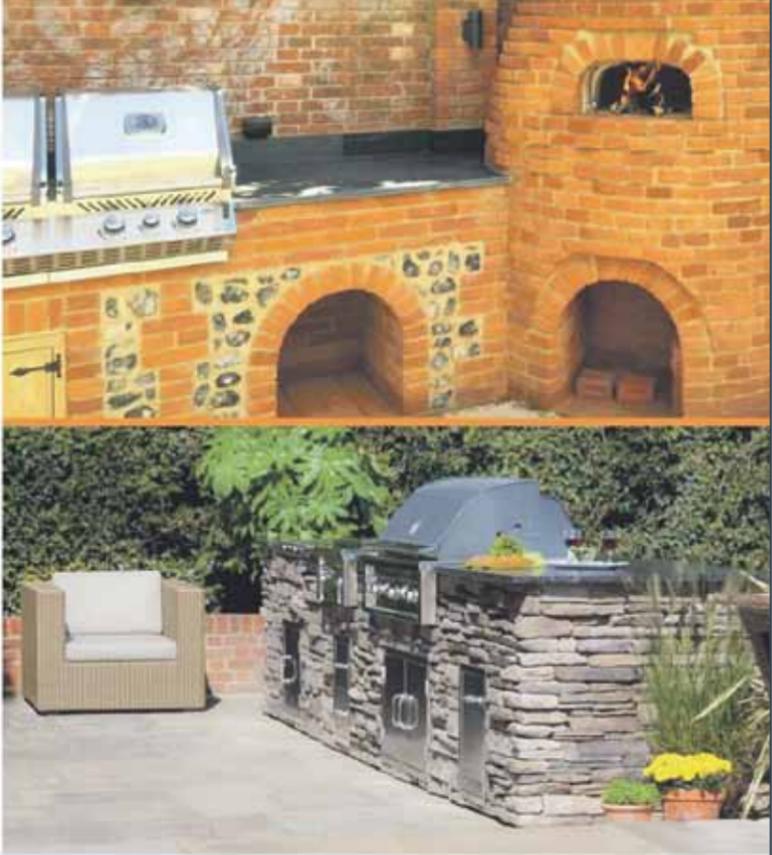


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Direct Hoist maintains a specialist team of fully trained hoist experts and time-served tradesmen; the team provides customers with not only top quality products but also expert services and valued insight through tailored consultancy. Direct Hoist provides a full comprehensive service from start to finish, which includes on-site surveys, installation, maintenance and repairs, dismantling and weight testing services.

Within the construction industry, health and safety is of paramount importance, without the right safety measures and equipment efficiency, lives can be in danger. Direct Hoist does not cut corners on safety and provides only the best quality construction hoists. By using GEDA, Direct Hoist ensures that they are providing the most reliable, top quality equipment as GEDA are manufactured through traditional German manufacturing practices of competence.

Through the company's emphasis on providing the best equipment possible, Direct Hoist also ensures that their team are the best and are fully qualified, investing within their team to provide specialist training programmes. In fact, all hoist installation supervisors at Direct Hoist have been trained to achieve a minimum of an NVQ Level 2 Diploma in hoist installation. They also ensure that their team are all SSSTS certified, own a valid CSCS card and carry current CCNSG safety passports.

The company also boasts an expansive range of accreditation. Direct Hoist is a member of CPA (Construction Plant Hire Association), CHIG (Construction Hoist Interest Group) and CITB (Construction Industry

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Direct Hoist specialises in GEDA construction hoists and transport platforms, providing the best quality, efficient and reliable hoist equipment for the construction industry. Direct Hoist has over 30 years of experience working within the industry and has built a strong reputation as experts in hire and sales of GEDA hoists and associated products.



Training Board), and the company is also fully accredited with Constructionline.

In terms of the hoist equipment range that Direct Hoist provides, the company maintains a varied selection of GEDA Hoists, from small to large with load capacities ranging from 150kg to 3700kg. "Our hoists are modern and lightweight; they are also extremely cost-effective for the customer," said Rob Wilson, Managing Director. "As the hoists do not require a concrete base or embedment frame, they save the customer money. The hoists are made to benefit the customer and help speed up the construction process and improve productivity."

Direct Hoist also maintains a fleet of hoists available to hire including: scaffold erection hoists, goods hoist, transport platforms, inclined tile hoists and XL hoists. Through Direct Hoist's impressive leading manufacturer contacts, the company guarantees to supply

their customers with the most efficient equipment for their needs.

Rob told us that, "We will always strive to be the number one hoist company in the UK. We have expanded our market presence further, expanding into the south, midlands and the north."

Since we started, we have had to move our Head Office/Main Depot at Scunthorpe three times over the last 5 years due to expansion, along with the introduction of Satellite depots across the UK so we can grow with our customers and hopefully this continues."

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Full software solution for offsite construction

Within this issue of Building and Construction Review we are proud to reveal that we have chosen to feature hsbcad for our BCR Recommends profile.

hsbcad is a market leading software solutions company that provides a range of software for the offsite construction industry. "We are a software supplier and consultancy company for the offsite construction industry. We provide training and consultancy services for our software and are able to develop customised solutions designed to specific requirements of our customer," said Alberto Jena, Managing Director.

hsbcad offers a whole host of flexible software solutions and is based on intelligent 3D building model from Autocad Architecture or Autodesk Revit. Using CAD, CAM and BIM, hsbcad's software is well equipped and adaptable to work with companies to support their production methods and technologies.

The software has been expertly designed to provide customers with a full solution for all planning phases of prefabricated house construction and provides data flow throughout the whole planning process. The software supports companies from initial drawing of the first design to production and maintenance of the final construction piece.

In terms of its range of software, hsbcad maintains three software solutions: hsbdesign, hsbmake and hsbshare. "Each of our software solutions works great individually, but creates a full solution for customers when used together." Alberto explained, "By using the software together, it provides a solution throughout the whole process encompassing design, production and monitoring."

hsbdesign is a collaborative BIM software solution, which is a great tool for designers, project engineers, production and site teams, to detail and design projects. The software helps customers make their designs production ready and is renowned as the most powerful detailing software in the offsite construction industry. Intelligent, efficient and reliable, hsbdesign is continuously updated to ensure it meets the latest industry standards and is extremely versatile, enabling customers to customise their projects and collaborate with stakeholders using all the latest standards of BIM.

hsbmake is a production management system which has been created to enable users to produce, assemble and deliver their projects. Optimising production, hsbmake improves production processes and enables customers to control their factory efficiently. The software allows users to: communicate efficiently with their shop floor, keep process inventories, gain overviews and insights into their production site and provides material handling at high quality standards.

hsbshare is web based application software using hsbcad's BIM cloud-platform that enables customers to virtually monitor their projects. hsbshare is a collaboration tool that facilitates and unites all stakeholders, in the design and production process of projects in an easy to use platform.

A couple of notable upcoming appearances for the company, Alberto told us that, "We will be attending the OFFSITE EXPO in Coventry in September and The Offsite Construction Show in London in November."



Speaking of the company's future plans, hsbcad plans to continue providing its expert solutions for the offsite construction industry and remain a reliable software specialist for design, production and monitoring of offsite projects. Alberto expanded that, "The company is growing and we plan to continue our growth and expand on our products."

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Avoiding landfill & saving millions

As landfill taxes rose above £90 for the first time earlier this year, there is now more pressure than ever to recycle waste materials. More efficient recycling schemes across the UK has meant that, despite the rising costs of landfill, the amount of money it generates has lowered by almost £300m since 2014.

Earlier this year Dunton Technologies were contacted by a remediation contractor that had been awarded a contract to assist with the redevelopment of a former gas works. The 16 acre brownfield site used to be home to two large gasometers, which were demolished back in 2016.

Dunton were called upon to provide their expertise in the disposal of potentially hazardous waste soils that were to be excavated from the land. Of course, with large sites, the significant volumes of waste material mean that even the saving of a few pounds per tonne can end up equating to tens of thousands of pounds by the end of the project. This is where Dunton's vast experience in the handling of hazardous



materials, combined with their strong network of UK waste treatment facilities, ensures that the client will always benefit from the most cost-effective distribution of the waste.

Dunton's Environmental Manager for this project, Adrian Jefimiuk writes:

"Whilst saving our clients money is a primary focus of our waste disposal services, we find that the main reason many of our customers choose Dunton is due to a solid reputation for ensuring 100% compliance with every tonne of material we handle. We understand the importance of providing a trustworthy and reliable service in order to provide our clients with peace of mind."

Having worked closely with our client since May, Dunton have already handled over 4000m³ of waste soils, saving the client over £700,000 in landfill taxes.

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Lendon Containers –always on hand to help with all your marine shipping container needs

In this issue of Building and Construction Review, we are proud to feature Lendon Containers for our BCR Recommends profile.

Lendon Containers is based in the Clapham Common area of London, the company was founded over 20 years ago by the company's namesake Lendon Meaby. Lendon Containers sell and rent marine shipping containers and has built a strong reputation for its containers and boasts an impressive portfolio of satisfied customers throughout a variety of different sectors including: The Army, Local Authorities, Leisure Facilities, Construction, Parks and Garden Centres, Hospitals, Static Storage Centres, Schools, and Utility Companies.

Shipping containers are an extremely cost-effective and flexible storage solution as they are easily transported, opposed to other storage facilities such as warehouse storage. The

company's containers are not solely hired or purchased for their storage capabilities and have been converted by many clients for a whole host of different applications and purposes, including generator units, laboratories, clubhouses, secure site offices, chemical stores, pop-up bars and food stalls.

In terms of the range, Lendon Containers provides containers for hire and for purchase. The containers are extremely competitively priced and can be rented from as little as £9 a week, plus VAT. Containers available for rent are either 20ft or 40ft x 8ft x 8ft 6ins or 20ft ISO containers. Hiring a 20ft container offers nearly 14 square metres – 32 cubic metres – of space.

Maintaining an experienced team, Lendon Containers can help customers with the entire conversion process; from the design of the container right the way through to fitting it out

and transporting it to the customer's location. Regardless how big or small the project is, the team at Lendon Containers is always on hand and will guide its customers through every step of the way. There are many examples of previous conversions available for customers, with sample materials and styles available.

A great solution for cost-effective, simple and transportable storage or a unique conversion facility - Lendon Containers provides a plethora of options for customers.

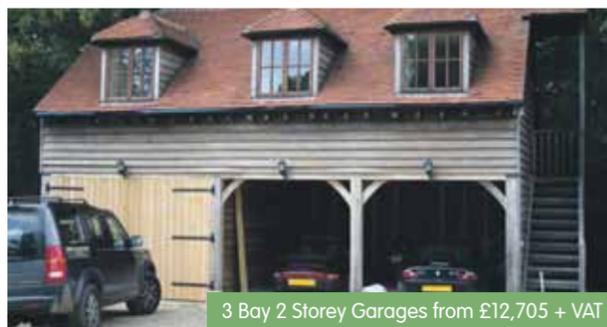
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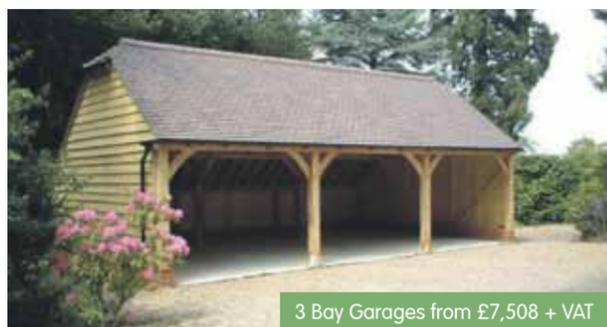
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Engineering excellence from RJW Engineering Group

We are proud to feature RJW Engineering Group for our BCR Recommends profile.

Established in 1989 by Richard Wragg, RJW Engineering Group specialises in prototype manufacturing, working with stainless steel, mild steel, plastic and other associated materials to help turn its clients' concepts into reality.

For over 30 years, RJW Engineering Group has been involved in inventing various ideas and taking them to market, and has even achieved a place in the Guinness World Records Book for the largest copper pipe fitting in the world.

"We started out as fabricators and then fell into prototype work," Richard explained. "We're focused on innovation work, helping clients to solve problems, make projects more efficient, and realise their ideas."

Indeed, RJW Engineering Group works closely with its customers to identify their individual needs. "We offer more of a consultancy service," Richard elaborated. "It's a collaborative process – nothing is ever the same because our client base is so diverse, including anything from automotive to plumbing to railway companies, so we have to make sure we understand everything the client needs from us so we can develop the most appropriate solution."

One of the company's current projects is the Top Up Mate, an innovation solution for avoiding boiler shut down due to low pressure. Fitting all domestic pressurised systems, the Top Up Mate is WRAS Approved and can help people save time and money by eradicating the need for unscheduled call outs.

As well as this recent development, RJW Engineering Group has a range of other innovative solutions. These include the Pipe Cowl, which saves up to 15 minutes on boiler installation and is a simple solution for pressure relief termination. There is also the Click Fix, fixing pipes without the need to 'cut' the pipework, and the Burst Alert, which provides automatic action to prevent leaks turning into a flood.

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With decades of experience and expertise, RJW Engineering Group will no doubt continue its admirable work in the coming years, offering only the highest levels of engineering excellence for each customer it works with.

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"This will be released in phases," Jonathan elaborated. "It's modular, so people can change the feel of the products with different finishes. They're also magnetic so they are quick and easy to install."

"We've got some more new ranges coming out next year, which are currently in development with

the design team. It's been a very busy year for us, and we're launching a brand new catalogue in 2020."

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

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Building and Construction Review is proud to announce that Zoo Hardware has been chosen to receive our **Door Hardware Company of the Year Award**, for its outstanding range of top quality architectural door hardware offered at the most competitive prices on the market.

Founded in 2010, the company has grown rapidly over the last nine years and now features a team of over 40 expert staff members. "It's been an excellent 12 months for us," explained Jonathan Clarey. "We're the best we've ever been and we've introduced lots of new products, updates and improvements to our ranges and our sales are well up on forecast."

"I think one of our key advantages is our excellent customer service. We work with our customers and we are highly responsive. We're a friendly team centred on good service, and this is what customers keep coming back for time and time again."

One of the company's notable new ranges is the Flexfire intumescent ironmongery protection products, which add an extra level of protection in the event of a fire. These are ultra-thin and flexible high performance intumescent sheets which feature high levels of expansion and insulation, preventing heat transfer on ironmongery rebated into timber doors. These sheets are safe to handle, with no fibres or irritants, and are only 0.8-2mm thick, ensuring minimal rebating is required. What's more, Flexfire products are flexible and clean to work with, with the ability to bend without cracking. They are also easy to cut into shape with household scissors and can be provided with or without adhesive backing. Finally, Flexfire intumescent sheets are unaffected by moisture, humidity, atmospheric pollution, and other common industrial and household chemical substances.

As well as this, Zoo Hardware will soon be releasing a new range of designer level door hardware, Vier Premium. "This is due to launch in January, and is the reason we attended the 100% Design show in September earlier this year. It's a great range of stainless steel door hardware and we received a lot of interest from design trade customers at the event." Vier Premium is the latest range from Vier Precision Design, which uses premium materials to create high quality products which look and feel like no other. This new designer range will be perfect for those who wish

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and manufactured by George Barnsdale in the company's Lincolnshire factory alongside some timber flush casement windows and doorsets. The company's installation team will fit them this autumn/winter. Commenting on the project, Steve Dixon, Sales Director said "We are delighted to have the opportunity to work on this exciting development. We have delivered timber windows and doors on numerous projects throughout London but this has very special provenance with its links to Dickens and Florence Nightingale. We really do pride ourselves on the part we play in bringing these historical buildings back to life with

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George Barnsdale's experience with such commercial projects is extensive and a vast amount of thermal and acoustic data is held by the company from the research it has conducted on behalf of clients. As a result, the team is able to offer the optimum solution in terms of performance whilst retaining the original aesthetic of the building.

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Dallmer unveils new individual shower channels

In response to the growing demand for level-access showers, Dallmer has added two new flush-in-floor shower channels to its DallFlex system, bringing the number of Dallmer shower channels that can be combined with a single drain body to an impressive nine!

CeraFloor Individual is the elegant shower channel for flush-in-floor installation that boasts outstanding design and leading-edge technology. The shower channel comes in a length of 1500 mm and can be shortened to suit the specific shower area. Used in combination with the DallFlex drain body, the system complies with DIN 18534 and, thanks to the removable trap insert, is very easy to clean.

CeraFrame Individual is a compact, short shower channel for flush-in-floor installation. The only thing you can see is a discreet 300 x 50 mm rectangle. The short shower channel is the perfect frame for a minimalist cover plate. The covers of both shower channels can be individually tiled enabling them to blend harmoniously with the bathroom landscape. As well as the tileable version, these new products are also available in stainless steel and with a matt PVD coating in the colours anthracite, rose gold and brass.

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Emporio Bagno by NoCode

UK based NoCode curates tap and showering solutions, chosen for their beautiful design and superior quality and these are showcased in the Emporio Bagno collection. All brassware products are designed and made in Italy and undergo rigorous testing to ensure consistent high quality and enduring performance. Emporio Bagno offers a wide selection of designs, colour finishes and installations. EcoAir options are available for shower installations where water conservation is a key issue.

The Versobox shower valve is available in on trend colour finishes, with a plating service offered for more customised looks. Different handle options also add to the versatility in terms of design. Shower valves are on an ultra

slim 70mm back plate and the new Versobox Plus is even more minimalist with valves on individual trims for a stunning look. The install box ensures a watertight installation for optimal product performance and tanking is also provided for additional waterproofing.

The clear plastic front cover protects the valve during any plastering or wall finishing and acts as a tiling guide for an accurate finish. With an impressive shallow depth of between 70–90mm, Versobox can be used in any type of wall.

The performance element is impressive with a 2 outlet shower valve delivering 39.6 lt/min at 3 bar water pressure. Shower valves will perform

at a low minimum pressure of 0.2 bar with high flow rates for an invigorating water experience. Shower mixers are available with 1, 2, 3 or 4 exits for basic to more complex showering arrangements.

Showering options range from basic shower heads to luxurious ceiling mounted chromotherapy heads with rain, mist and cascade settings. Most of the shower heads in the Emporio Bagno collection are designed to work at a minimum of only 0.5 bar water pressure.

Hand showers and shower kits can be colour matched with Emporio Bagno tap finishes and some shower heads have matching handsets in

the same unique design – this allows for a truly coordinated bathroom look.

The tap ranges have flexibility in design and installation options, covering contemporary and modern traditional styling. As with Versobox shower valves, taps are available in popular finishes including Brushed Gold and Matt Black. Two new tap ranges have been launched for 2019 - Senso and Entro!

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Polyflor adds EnCore Rigid Loc to the Expona family of premium vinyl floorcovering



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Whether designing a large scale commercial installation or a warm and inviting home interior scheme, aesthetics are just as important as practicality, especially when considering a floor covering. Expona EnCore Rigid Loc offers a flooring solution that caters for both commercial and residential interiors. The rigid construction gives the floor exceptional stability and its acoustic foam layer reduces impact sound by 19dB, exceeding UK building regulations whilst also providing comfort and warmth underfoot. The use of 5Gi click-locking technology provides superior performance in a quick to install floor covering and the loose lay format means no adhesive is required, reducing installation time and cost.

The collection features 12 faithfully replicated wood designs that have been expertly selected bringing together the natural beauty of timber and its authentic surface textures. The Expona EnCore Rigid Loc collection encompasses a wide spectrum of wood species to suit any commercial or residential interior with each design featuring fine grain and knot detailing and micro bevelled edges for a timeless appearance typical of real wooden floorcoverings.

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Company founder Claude Cléméron commented: "We are proud of our ability to accommodate almost any design and unique specifications as we can draw on our vast carpentry and furniture making experience to advise you on the finer points. This eliminates any worry about measurements and specifications when it comes to fitting, our skill and precision are very thorough and we regularly inspect each piece of furniture to ensure a high standard is met."

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XL Joinery's New Doorsets Range

XL Joinery, the market-leading suppliers of doors and associated joinery products, has recently launched its expanded range of in-house manufactured doorsets in order to meet customer demand after significant investment in its state of the art premises.

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Time is of the essence

Whether you are working on a new build or

refurbishing an existing property, reducing time on the project is always a positive for everybody involved, starting from the supplier providing the product, right down to the customer's end experience. Opting for a manufacturer that offers one source of supply for a compatible door, frame, hardware, seals and glass means the length of time spent purchasing and



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Exclusively available in the UK at WJ Timber Treatments, BURNBLOCK treated timber effectively extends the length of time between initial ignition and the point where a fire

is out of control, providing more time for people to escape in the event of a fire. It also limits costs in terms of damage caused.

It works by effectively preventing oxygen – one of the three elements required for ignition and fire continuance, from reaching the treated object. Without oxygen in the chain reaction, the risk of ignition is greatly reduced and the speed at which any flame spreads is vastly decreased.

BURNBLOCK has also been tested in order to prove and substantiate its environmental credentials. The solution holds a neutral ph. value of 7.2 and none of its elements contain toxic substances. As a result, nothing found in the BURNBLOCK solution is included on the list of Substances of

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Applied in a specialist facility using the latest high-pressure treatment technology, BURNBLOCK is applied via an impregnation process, through the use of an autoclave. The treatment is clear and invisible, leaving no staining or grease on the material as a result.

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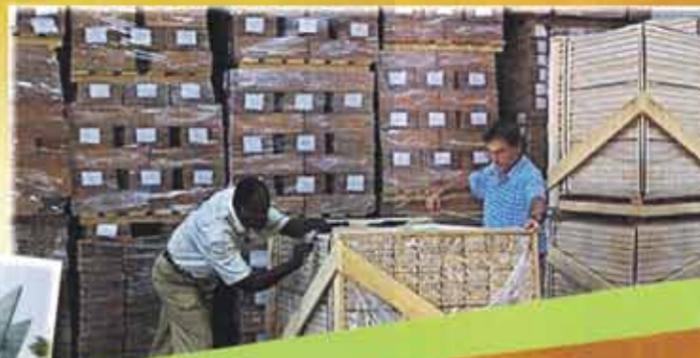


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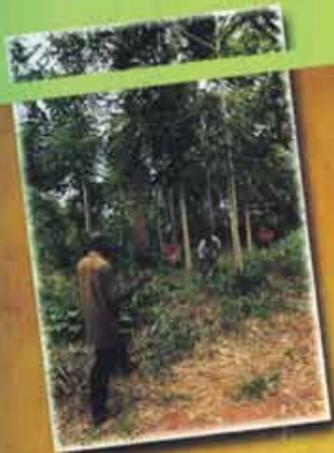
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New higher specification for deck substructures

Pressure treated softwood is commonly used to build decking substructures to support timber and composite deck boards. Preservative treatment provides wood with added durability and BS 8417 – the British Standard for wood preservation - requires that the loading and penetration of preservative impregnated into the wood, is tailored according to where the timber will be used and a 5-group Use Class system exists.

The specification requirements for pressure treated softwood deck substructures are set to increase in BS8417 when it is next revised later this year with the Timber Decking and Cladding Association and leading decking suppliers incorporating the changes now. This means that all softwood components such as joists, beams and noggins will have to be treated to the same level as components destined for permanent contact with the ground i.e. posts, referred to as Use Class 4.

The new higher specification will represent best practice and ensure substructures are more robust and perform better. This is particularly important as once a deck is completed the substructure is often not visible with the consequences of bad practice not evident until it's too late. One clear piece of advice from the TDCA to purchasers is to ask your supplier to verify that the timber meets a Use Class 4 specification – on the delivery note or with a treatment certificate.

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Building and Construction Review is proud to announce that Rapierstar has received our **BCR Recommends Award**, for its outstanding range of market leading fasteners and fixings.

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"Rapierstar is the only specialist fastener supplier in the UK window and door industry, with over one billion items held in stock in our 100,000 ft² warehouse," explained David Furness, Managing Director. "This keeps window and door suppliers on stream with the fasteners they need across their different products types, with coated carbon steel, martensitic stainless steel and the high performing austenitic stainless steel fasteners all available to meet every application."



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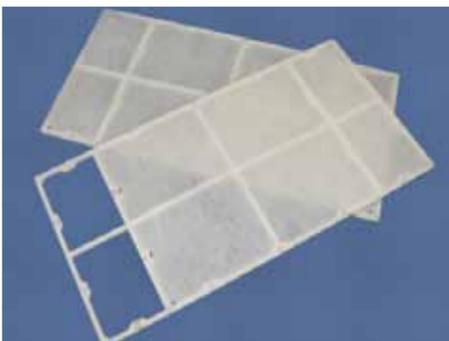
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Exterior Solutions Ltd can supply projects from a few squared meters through to large developments. We supply to international, as well as UK-based projects. With every plank processed on-site, we maintain stringent quality controls and take considerable pride in our craftsmanship.

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Greendown Shepherd Huts Ltd was set up by Harry Long and Richard Hodges in 2017 and initially located themselves in a workshop on a farm in Salford. Harry is the craftsman who has made it all possible whose skills compliment those of Richard who manages all other aspects of the business with his finance skills. After 18 months on the farm, Greendown have moved to bigger premises in Keynsham where production has been ramped up to meet the increasing demand.

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ThinCats supports The Marine & Property Group Ltd with £10m+ funding to enable further expansion

The Marine & Property Group Ltd (The Marine Group), the largest marina business in Wales has secured a £10.4m funding package from ThinCats, the leading alternative finance lender to medium-sized businesses. Headquartered at Cardiff Marine Village, The Marine Group was established in 2007 and has grown to become the largest owner of marina berths in Wales located across four premium marinas: Cardiff, Burry Port, Port Dinorwic and Aberystwyth.

Led by founders Christopher Odling-Smee and Drew McDonald, The Marine Group's main services include marina berthing with more than 1,200 berths based along the Welsh coast, 70,000 square feet of commercial property, boatyard services, boat refit and repair, and mobile mechanical engineering. The funding from ThinCats will be employed to consolidate a number

of existing loans and to support further expansion including acquisitions and greater diversification into activities such as dredging. The transaction represents the largest funding by ThinCats so far to a business whose activities are solely based in Wales.

The transaction was led by Christopher Odling-Smee on behalf of The Marine Group and introduced to Business Development Director Kash Moghul of ThinCats by an Essex based adviser.

Christopher Odling-Smee, Executive Director of The Marine Group "We reached a stage in our development where we needed a clear funding strategy to support our longer-term growth ambitions. Up until now we had accumulated a range of tactical loans from a variety of lenders including the high street

banks. Having made contact with Kash and the ThinCats team, they recognised our potential and helped shape an approach that will allow us to expand our existing activities and diversify into newer areas such as increasing our dredging capacity."

Kash Moghul, Director Business Development, ThinCats "The Marine Group has a clearly defined growth strategy, high barriers to entry, diverse income streams and an excellent leadership team in Chris and Drew. ThinCats is keen to support regional entrepreneurs with strong links to their local communities, so this transaction ticks all our boxes."

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Optimise Your Marketing Potential



In this issue of Building and Construction Review, we are proud to announce that we have chosen to feature Opportunity Marketing for our BCR Recommends profile.

First established in 2008, Opportunity Marketing was designed to fill the gap in the market for strategic support for SMEs requiring marketing guidance. Opportunity Marketing delivers an array of marketing focused services, tried and tested and applicable to help virtually any business.

Working as a partnership, Opportunity Marketing listens and collaborates with its clients to understand their marketing concerns. Combining understanding of its client's business, with its extensive marketing knowledge, Opportunity Marketing helps businesses reach their next goal in turnover and profit.

"Clients know their business inside out and may just be unsure of how to navigate and maximise their marketing. We work with them to help them achieve their turnover and profit goals." Fiona Ellingham, Marketing Consultant.

Offering a personalised service, the team of Marketing Consultants at Opportunity Marketing work closely with their clients and provide a whole host of services to help them with marketing strategy, implementation and mentoring. "We collaborate with our clients and listen to their needs to help us to gain an understanding of their world." Fiona stated, "We then help them to develop and implement a marketing plan to help them go in the direction they want, challenging them to answer questions that they've potentially never even thought of. We give them a fresh pair of eyes and help them to understand and achieve where they need to get to as a business."

In August 2019, Fiona Ellingham joined the ever-expanding company as a Marketing Consultant. Through Fiona's extensive experience working in a variety of sectors for over 20 years, she has assisted a variety of businesses with their marketing needs, supporting across service development, customer communications, brand management and product life-cycle development.

Fiona's consultancy services cover Surrey, London and the South East. With an approachable and friendly personality, Fiona understands the needs of her clients and is able to analyse and interpret her clients' unmet needs to help them to develop a bespoke strategic marketing plan. "It's a personal service where I become almost a part of them," Fiona continued. "Through this process we work closely to understand the company and their marketing needs so, in a way, we become an extension of their company."

Do you want to know what shape the marketing at your business is in? Use Opportunity Marketing's free complimentary, no obligatory online survey to assess that: <http://bit.ly/2Hv0cmW>

In addition, a noteworthy recent offer from Opportunity Marketing is being launched for businesses in the South East of England. "Opportunity Marketing is going to make Easter Eggs-Ira special." Fiona expanded, "With attention turning to Easter on April 12th, Opportunity Marketing has a couple of egg-cellent offers to help readers in South East England* hatch a plan to achieve their business goals through more effective marketing."

- The offer includes a choice of either:
- ▲ FREE 15-minute marketing consultancy call (<http://bit.ly/33CEE0j>) and/or
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Commenting on the subject of new products, Kirstie Cooper, marketing manager, said: "Bond It continue to focus on developing more products to complement our existing range and we felt this was a good fit with the treatments from our Drive Alive range currently on the market. We felt now, during the summer months, was the perfect time to launch this new addition as woodworm is most active between May and October. This is a fabulous DIY product for anyone concerned about wood infestations!"

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This dual performance is essential to creating year-round interior comfort for the long-term health and wellbeing of occupants.

The most effective method for creating a healthy living space is to optimally insulate the façade – the better the insulation, the more comfortable the space will be. The specification of quality External Wall Insulation (EWI) can help achieve this desirable level of interior comfort. It's a solution that is particularly effective in multi-occupancy properties.

Applying a non-breathable renovation system to a building causes what might be referred to as the 'plastic bag effect' – walls can become cloaked in condensation from non-escaping vapour. To create a breathable outer layer for buildings, an EWI system topped with a silicon-based finish render preferable. Water-repellent, stain and weather resistant, such a system provides a robust white or coloured façade, whilst optimising occupants' living environment. Silicon-based finish renders are also suitable for use without EWI, and can easily applied to mineral renders old and new, providing a decorative, vapour-permeable topcoat that makes for an attractive exterior.

There are a couple of very good reasons for choosing EWI over interior insulation.

Unlike the interior option, floor space isn't compromised with exterior insulation. A few millimetres less living room in a building containing multiple flats and potentially hundreds of walls, for instance, amounts to a sizable loss of space, which for private landlords could mean a reduction in income.

EWI also removes the dew-point from the inside of a building to prevent condensation forming. Systems containing unique perforated Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) façade insulation boards ensure high vapour permeability, resulting in the release, rather than the entrapment, of water vapour. This has the added benefit of having no effect on a building's airtightness.

The development of innovative self-cleaning topcoat renders containing 'photokat' photocatalysis technology provide optimum protection against contamination using the power of light.

Such systems, when enhanced with a superior quality primer for pre-treatment of hard or non-absorbent mineral substrates, and the aforementioned EPS boards, increase a structure's 'breathability'. This collective solution also offers outstanding levels of insulation when applied as part of a new-build or refurbishment project. In short: EWI improves the aesthetics on the outside and the building's thermal performance without affecting the interior space.

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The Guild also wanted to provide appropriate services to members and ensure costs of membership were considerably less than other trade organisations. It features two levels of membership. The first of these is Corporate Membership, which is open to builders, specialist contractors, construction consultants,

builders' merchants, and building component suppliers. These members can use the membership badge or logo on their stationery, signboards, vehicles and any other promotional materials, to advertise the fact they feature the high levels of quality and integrity that are synonymous with being a member of the Guild. The second type of membership is Personal, which is open to those who are actively engaged in the building industry.

As well as being able to feature the Guild's badge on your company's digital and physical materials, membership also offers a vast range of additional benefits. Apart from providing professional status and ensuring you are

instantly recognised as a reliable, experienced, and knowledgeable professional, members also receive a certificate and promotional material free of charge. Furthermore, the Guild's experienced staff can offer advice on a wide range of subjects associated with the building industry and commerce.

Moreover, corporate members' full details are available on the Guild's website, which is regularly used by potential clients, meaning members can benefit from increased numbers of business referrals. The Guild also represents the collective views of members when speaking to the press, and provides regular news and information updates on its website.

In addition to this, members can take advantage of a members' advice service, which provides help with a range of issues including health and safety, terms of trading, employment, insurance and much more.

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Working towards zero pollution & carbon

Radio Data Networks (RDN) was founded in 2010 and is backed by over 30 years of experience across the water, wastewater, environmental, utility and transport sectors. RDN's founder considers themselves as a pioneer in radio telemetry, remote monitoring and IoT solutions to prevent pollution, reduce leakage, improve efficiency in water distribution, and cut global warming.

"It's all about smart sensing to detect issues and mitigating their effects, and automating the process to deal with them," explained Brian Back, Founder and Managing Director. "Take Drainage and Sewers, they are the primary source of plastics and micro-plastics entering our rivers and seas. By regulating their flows, we can drastically reduce the amount of plastics spilled, for more cost effectively than banning carrier bags, fabrics with plastic fibres, plastics cups, wet wipes or trying to fish them out afterwards.

"Our practical experience is a real advantage, enabling us to develop solutions that generally work first time without spending years researching. We do nearly everything in house, and we're proud to focus on UK-based manufacturing and using just in time techniques. We pride ourselves on ensuring that the equipment we design can be retrofitted, reducing disruption and making it easy to install, all of which results in substantial cost saving for our customers."

One of RDN's most recent innovations is its Sewer Flow Regulator (SFR), which was first conceived back in 2018 and underwent trials throughout 2019 and has already won a prestigious position in the UK Construction Industry Innovation Zone at last September's show, and now is entering commercial service with one of the top UK water utilities. The SFR is solar powered and uses wireless communications to eliminate the need for cabling. The regulator also offers significant advantages over penstock valves in that the assembly can be installed into existing sewer inverts and has retraction tools to enable removal and service from the surface without the need for confined space entry, a big H&S plus!

In use, a strategically deployed Sewer Flow Regulator can be used to lower the cost of connecting new housing developments to existing sewer networks by restricting the flow from the development at peak load periods.

"We're now looking at the broader applications of these Sewer Flow Regulators, and developing more solar and/or battery powered wireless devices to help eradicate one of the primary barriers in the construction industry, providing mains power and eliminating the need for cables," Brian concluded.

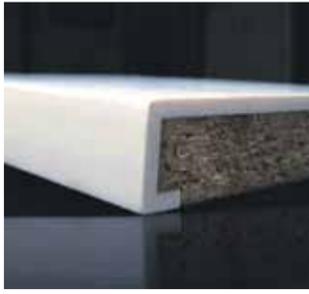
RDN is also a founding member of the Zero Pollution Network, a group of businesses and individuals that are striving to play an active role in the battle against aquatic pollution. If you would like to find out more information, head to the website or get in touch using the contact details below.

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Luxurious Kitchen Worktops

Sheridan UK is the UK's largest supplier of granite worktops and provides a wide range of worktops for blue chip and independent retailers. First established in 1995 by Managing Director, John Blackburn, Sheridan displays a wealth of dominating industry experience and excels in providing premium products.



"We specialise in fabrication and manufacturing of luxury worktop surfaces and provide both bespoke and off-the-shelf solutions." Alex Tinkler, Digital & Marketing.

Sheridan is a market leader in the industry and invests in the latest technology, ensuring premium quality and excelling in customer service. "We are the biggest in the UK, this allows us to be confident in our services and bring in new innovations to the market." Alex continued, "We also have the fastest lead-times on the market."

Through Sheridan's range of worktops, the company provides a varied selection of high quality worktops, manufactured and fabricated in-house by a team of expertly skilled manufacturers. Sheridan worktops are available in a wide range of materials including:

- ▲ Sintered & Ceramic Stones: - Apollo Ceramicá, Dekton (by Cosentino), Neolith
- ▲ Quartz worktops:- Apollo Quartz, Silestone (by Cosentino), Caesarstone
- ▲ Solid Surface:- Corian, Avonite, Hi-Macs; which are also available in thermoform Apollo Magna, Apollo Slab Tech
- ▲ Compact laminate:- Apollo Compact
- ▲ Wood:- Apollo Wood
- ▲ Granite:- Apollo Granite, Premium Granite, Sensa (By Cosentino)
- ▲ Apollo Recycled Glass

A recent development for the company, Sheridan launched its range of Apollo Recycled Glass worktops. An environmentally friendly product, Apollo Recycled Glass has been designed to create an aesthetically pleasing unique luxury worktop, made out of recycled glass. Through extensive research and development, Sheridan created the range after formulating its own methodology of combining the strength of Quartz with the mesmerizing allure of crystal. Producing a crystallised stunning appearance, the worktop provides a glistening, texturized appearance and has been received very well by the market. Notably, after an extremely popular year in 2019, Sheridan is expanding its Apollo Recycled Glass range and is launching a further four new styles in March 2020.

In terms of the company's future plans, Alex told us that, "We want to expand our commercial presence and continued to assure the industry that we are a reliable supplier of high quality worktops."

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Sheridan are the only UK company with Recycled Glass worktops in batch production. This new style of material has a similar strength & appearance to large-chipped Quartz worktops; but with glass fragments up to five times the size.

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