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Heating for Luxury Spaces



Designer radiators are becoming fundamental in bathroom design as well as throughout the whole home. Designed to match today's interiors, our new range of radiator designs create a look capable of transforming your bathroom, living room, bedrooms and kitchen. Choose from something in a traditional style or a more contemporary vibe.

With bathrooms exclusively designed for everyone we wanted to expand our sophisticated heating range to show how nuie can complement any room in your new home with our new aspirational designs.

When design meets functionality, there really is no need to compromise. Nuie understand that it is important to get design right first-time round – the right colour, the right space, the right price. Nuie's new heating collection lets you bring flair and pizzazz to a room looking for the extra little something.

The nuie heating collection boasts a variety of innovative and designer inspired radiators. Our wide range of styles are available in many sizes and finishes to complement all colour palettes in the home, as well as unique design features such as integrated mirrors or towel rails. Pick from vertical or horizontal, compact or large, single or double panel, gloss white or anthracite, nuie really has it all.

It is easy to forget the small things in your home, and re-decorating can get overwhelming at times, that's why we want you to enhance your space with beautiful heating solutions.

Creating a warm cosy sanctuary, lovingly priced. Our range provides the perfect balance between style and practicality. Simply by incorporating one of our styles into an existing home can make a huge impact and difference. Resulting in an ideal decorative replacement for existing radiators in any renovation project.

Including excellent heat output and all proudly CE approved the styles are also backed by an impressive 5-year guarantee for peace of mind. All products are designed and finished to the highest quality making them durable and long lasting. Our choice of radiators are made available through our network of trusted sellers. There are no questions why nuie is the go too brand for your perfect radiator because we believe everyone deserves to have a beautiful bathroom.

See our full heating collection on our website - www.nuiebathrooms.com

Nationwide Louvre Company



Nationwide Louvre Company for high quality aluminium Louvres, Louvred Doors, Louvred Plant Screens, Acoustic louvres, Aluminium & Timber Brise Soleil / Solar Shading manufactured in our factories in Aldridge in the West Midlands. Nationwide Louvre Company offers a full supply and installation service to its customers throughout the UK and have carried out a number of projects in the channel isles and Europe.

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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StartSafe makes Health and Safety digital

The world as we know it has been turned upside down in the last six months with restrictions we never dreamed of becoming part of our daily lives. Balancing audit and safety requirements within a Covid-safe environment, whilst supporting business sustainability and corporate responsibility objectives, has become a challenge many businesses face.

The need to reduce and record touch points between employees, clients and hardware has led to an increase in paper trails, where previous environmental pressures were encouraging a paperless environment.

Checks taking place on paper require manual input into company systems before issues are identified and acted upon. This is not only a transmission risk but takes time, administration and often significant financial burden to manage health and safety needs.

StartSafe provides a live, paperless, minimal touchpoint mechanism by reducing the exchange of paper and increasing productivity by identifying issues and risks in a simple and quick format. The software provides full audit checks on any aspect of a business, overseen by an interactive dashboard. This gives managers (from SMEs to PLCs) a complete and immediate overview of issues, the ability to confirm checks have been undertaken and, ultimately, confidence that employees and business processes are operating safely and effectively.

Health and safety checks become part of the daily process flow with an easy to



use, instant reporting tool that reduces administration requirements and streamlines issues to be flagged instantly without the need for a paper audit trail.

Such is the versatility of StartSafe, it can provide data monitoring of anything from entire construction site activity, production lines, vehicles or specific equipment. Checks can be bespoke, allowing accurate and relevant guidance for checking modified/specialist equipment and vehicles. The checks can follow compliance guidelines and allow instant reporting of issues, including written details and photos, sent automatically and directly to one or more named personnel, all tracked and all auditable.

StartSafe is already operating in manufacturing, food production, airports and advertising but is currently looking for construction partners to work with to demonstrate the versatility of the system across different industries.

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Is portable accommodation the answer to construction's fight with coronavirus?

By Benjamin Rothwell, Business Development Manager at Bunkabin

As the UK adapts to the 'new normal' caused by the coronavirus outbreak, the construction industry is faced with a difficult path, as companies cannot simply return to their old work practices with social distancing restrictions in place.

This leaves construction companies with a need to adopt agile and reactive processes in order to be ready for any more challenges that are thrown at them. One way to achieve this level of flexibility is portable accommodation.

Bunkabin is the leading supplier of site sleepers and welfare units, which have already proven to be popular within the construction sector. These units provide sleeping, kitchen, dining, shower and toilet facilities for workers, with robust protection from the elements. Hiring these cabins can offer businesses a number of potential safety advantages, allowing them to have high-quality temporary accommodation shipped out to any location at short notice.

They are easy to clean and maintain, allow staff to avoid daily commutes and make it much easier for managers to operate a relatively controlled environment. What's more, the mobile nature of these accommodation units makes them



perfect for planning flexibly when worker availability and project timelines cannot be reliably predicted.

This gives construction firms valuable breathing room at a time when guaranteed outcomes are a rare luxury. By judging the scope and requirements of each project on a short-term basis and investing in portable accommodation accordingly, firms can find the flexibility they will need to make the most of the opportunities that are still available to them.

COVID-19 still poses a real threat to the construction industry's traditional business models and ways of working. As such, companies that are able to adapt the quickest with new solutions stand the biggest chance of emerging from this challenging period in the best shape.

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An Introduction to Global Survey Equipment Ltd



offers everything from auto levels to robotic instruments & GNSS, all of which are under the manufacturing brand of GeoMax (part of the Hexagon group).

The Zoom 90 is the ultimate one-man system with up to 20% more automation performance and extended reflectorless measurement capability. Add to this the X-pad ultimate field software, which is entirely user focused and adopts an ideal balance between clear structure, uncomplicated workflows and impressive functionality.



Within this issue of Building and Construction Review, we have selected one of the leading UK suppliers of survey and safety equipment, Global Survey Equipment (GSE) as the recipient of our Building Services Company of the Year Award. Through the company's clear devotion to their customers and for their ongoing commitment to the construction industry Global Survey Equipment (GSE) have been contributing significantly to the ongoing development of the industry.

Established in 2011 by Mark Owen and Matthew McGuire, Global Survey Equipment (GSE) is a constantly growing company within the survey and safety sector of the construction industry. Based in Atherton, Global Survey Equipment are ideally located in the heart of the North West of England, enabling the company to have access to extensive motorway networks and delivering the most efficient delivery service possible for their customers.

Global's four main areas of services they provide are: hire, sales, repair and calibration, although they also provide instrument and cable location training.

GSE offers a broad range of products, all of which are kept up to date with the latest technology. The survey equipment the company supplies are extensive to say the least, and undoubtedly cover all aspects of the surveying process. GSE

The latest addition to GSE's already impressive product range is the GeoMax Zenith 40, the flagship of the GeoMax GNSS receivers. The Zenith 40 is equipped with the latest cutting-edge measurement engine and supporting fast converging precise point positioning it provides the highest level of technology and meets the toughest MIL standards.

GSE also presents a range of detection devices, including Cable Avoidance solutions, Environment Meters, Drain Cameras and Gas Detectors. Cable avoidance products include CATs, Gennys and Accessories. The company also provides a half day C.Scope training course on the intricacies of cable avoidance. Environment Meters include Light Meters, Moisture Meters, Sound Meters, Thermometers and Air Flow Meters, and Gas Detection solutions.

In terms of their calibration, servicing and repair services, the company provides a full instrument calibration, alongside servicing and repairs on all surveying and confined space safety equipment. All of the service technicians at GSE are trained and fully compliant to the highest standards, undertaking regular professional training. Another notable service that GSE provide is as a warranty agent for Dewalt lasers in which, GSE deliver all the calibration and repairs throughout the UK.

Along with detection and survey equipment, GSE supplies reliable and durable health and safety equipment for confined space entry and working at heights. GSE has your health and safety concerns covered, with all products complying with legislative



regulations, you can be sure that you're in safe hands when calling on GSE to secure the safety of your work site.

GSE is not only dedicated to offering state of the art and reliable products, but to maintaining strong, trusting relationships with its clients too. We had the pleasure of speaking with Co-founder Mark Owen, he told us that "GeoMax instruments aim to make the end users jobs more efficient. We pride ourselves on our service and close relationships with clients". It's the attentive attitude that GSE adopts that gives the

company its edge and sets it apart from its competitors. Often, large suppliers might not make the time to work with clients in order to arrive at the most mutually beneficial outcome, however GSE does, making customer satisfaction as significant as profitability.

GSE aims to sustain this attitude as it pushes forward, while also paying keen attention to growth and expansion, ensuring that construction and civil engineering industries are all given the opportunity to benefit from the broad spectrum of products that GSE supplies. The company attends the Hillhead trade show held every two years, exhibiting and showcasing their product range and the way it is reshaping the construction and engineering industries.

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Comprehensive Building Solutions from B&Lonzer Construction



At Building and Construction Review, we are dedicated to showcasing companies who offer the highest quality services in their field and who have an acute focus on excellent customer service. This is why we are proud to feature B&Lonzer Construction for our BCR Recommends profile, for its outstanding renovation and extension services for its ever-growing client base.

A home is a key part of your identity; it is where you pass the majority of your hours, where you socialise, relax and spend time with your family, so when you are thinking of renovating your space, it is important to make sure your dreams are in the right hands. This is where B&Lonzer Construction can help, and turn your vision into a reality with a comprehensive and versatile renovation and extension service.

B&Lonzer Construction was established over 10 years ago by Bart Lonzer, offering a full range of services and specialising in home expansions, loft conversions, and kitchen and bathroom renovations. "We provide multifaceted work on properties, and can really turn a house upside down to achieve your dream home design," Bart tells us. Indeed, the company's high rate of repeat customers year on year is a testament to the quality of B&Lonzer Construction's service and stunning finished renovations. In fact, their customer base is continuing to grow as the company garners a stellar reputation for an efficient and hassle-free customer experience.

Committed to offering a comprehensive service to their customers with a complete building solution, B&Lonzer Construction can help with initial design stages, working with architects to revamp both interior and exterior environments, and can apply for planning permission for extensions. What's more, the company is able to get in contact with kitchen and bathroom suppliers and offer excellent discounts to their clients, sourcing complex equipment to ensure the highest possible quality

finish. Indeed, B&Lonzer Construction boasts an intricate network of various specialists to work with, ensuring the very best standards of building solutions on the market.

With the dynamic pace of modern day life, our everyday needs have changed and so too have the requirements of our homes. Now, we need multi-functional spaces to cope with busy family lives and the growing tendency to work from home. This is where extensions can help to revolutionise your domestic space, and B&Lonzer Construction can help you every step of the way and support you to optimise your home life.

Included within their services are stunning kitchens, with most of their designs coming from Italy, showcasing modern and sleek finishes. B&Lonzer Construction also offers beautiful traditional British



continue to expand in this area," he explained. "As a more long term goal, we're hoping to develop our teams and complete some bigger projects, moving from renovation to development, hopefully starting to develop houses in about five to seven years' time."

Without a doubt, the number of services B&Lonzer Construction can provide is manifold, and they are an expert in making the renovation process as simple as possible, eliminating the hassle of communicating with numerous different consultants by acting as a single point of contact for everything the customer needs. They are a true one stop shop for efficient and superior building solutions.

It is clear that B&Lonzer Construction's combination of industry expertise and commitment to providing the best customer experience possible puts them in prime position for offering superior building



kitchens, ensuring they are encompassing a wide range of preferences and visions for the perfect homely environment. They are committed to working closely with their customers to unleash the full potential of their house, offering expert support and guidance through the initial planning stages right through to final completion

We had the pleasure of speaking to Bart about some of the company's future plans. "The construction side of the business has developed a lot in the last two years, and we're looking to

solutions for an array of projects. If you would like to take a look at some of their fantastic past projects, head over to their Facebook page where you can find an abundance of spectacular interior designs and extensions. Alternatively, get in touch using the contact details below.

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WJ Timber Treatments launches new 100% non-toxic fire retardant

BURNBLOCK is a non-toxic and highly effective fire-retardant formula. A water-based treatment that is composed of 100% natural ingredients, BURNBLOCK is fully biodegradable – a UK first in treating sawn timbers.

Tested and certified to the highest European fire ratings by the most recognised institutes in Europe, BURNBLOCK is one of the most innovative and environmentally friendly fire-retardant businesses in the world. Institutions that have certified the treatment include RI.SE (SP-Fire) in Sweden, MPA in Germany and BRE in Great Britain.

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 Very High Concern (SVHC).

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.

All substantiating documentation is provided with each treatment in order to provide customers with the assurances in relation to both quality and compliance.

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Wales Timber Solutions: specialist manufacturer, supplier & erector



Wales Timber Solutions is a timber frame and web beams manufacturing company based in the heart of Snowdonia, North Wales. The company has grown steadily over the years without losing its identity or commitment to its varied customer base.

As a family run business, the company has over 35 years' experience in both traditional building methods and timber frame construction, supplying bespoke packages to self-builders, developers, housing associations and the commercial market.

Offering a fast and friendly personal service, Wales Timber Solutions can guide you through all stages, including building regulations, planning, and design selection, to ensure an energy-efficient final build.

The company can deliver packages for all types of designs from one-off bespoke units to multi-storey dwellings up to four storeys, and provides a full range of frame specifications to suit your particular project.

What's more, Wales Timber Solutions has dedicated teams of fully experienced carpenters who are supervised throughout to the completion of their schedule of works. The company is on hand to offer advice and to answer any queries during the construction process. All frames are snagged to ensure compliance with the working drawings and to ensure high quality of workmanship.

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Industry Leaders in Importing Certified Timber



Building and Construction Review is proud to announce that Vandecasteele Houtimport has received our Timber Products & Services award.

Vandecasteele Houtimport is a fourth generation, family run business that imports timber and timber products from more than 45 countries. The company specialises in the import, trading and export of Tropical Hardwood from Africa, Southeast Asia and South America, Scandinavian and Russian Softwood, Siberian Larch, North American Soft and Hardwood and European Hardwood.

"We import, stock and distribute hardwood and softwood from all over 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 120,000m3 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."

Vandecasteele Houtimport has over 140 timber species in stock including the new addition of certified European Beech and Oak in Joinery, Prime, Super Prime grades and flooring. 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 this number is 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 ensure 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. 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.

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, we are proud to have obtained the internationally recognised United Nations "SDG Pioneer certificate". 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 is also "installing a 3-mile 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."

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.

For any more information, please see the details below.

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Support your remote workers with a healthy and productive workspace



offer UK customers. The benefits of an active work environment have long been recognised in Scandinavia so we have years of experience to offer to a market that is still in its infancy in the UK.

"Our active furniture range offers a comprehensive solution for all parts of the office environment. Sit-stand desks are the most well-known product, but we also have sit-stand meeting tables, active sitting chairs and exercise equipment designed specifically for office use, such as desk bikes and walking treadmills. Moreover, our solutions extend to all types of workplaces including workshops, manufacturing facilities and warehouses to help businesses across all sectors prioritise employee wellbeing."

In line with this mission to help people move more during the working day, AJ Products recently teamed up with ukactive on a report to examine the impact of working practices on employee health and wellbeing. Tackling sedentary behaviour in the workforce is a comprehensive study into the state of workplace health that looks at the risks associated



Building and Construction Review is proud to announce that AJ Products has received our Product Innovation Award.

AJ Products is passionate about helping people create healthy and productive workspaces at affordable prices, providing innovative furniture and equipment to improve ergonomics, increase efficiency, and inspire creativity. "Our focus is always on how to improve the wellbeing of our customers, and we believe that these solutions should be available to everybody," said Laura Supple, Product Range Manager.

"We ask ourselves what problem we want to solve and then look into what we can offer to do that. For example, what would help people move more at work? Our Swedish background gives us an advantage when it comes to what we can



with long hours spent in sedentary positions at work, whether that work is office-based or remote, and what can be done to improve activity levels among the working population.

The report investigates how our office spaces must change as well as what companies can do to support remote workers and ensure wellbeing practices are sustained away from the physical workplace. It also examines real-world solutions based on case studies from businesses running successful wellbeing programmes to provide a 'best practice' guide for other companies to follow. The report is available to download and read for free on the website: <https://campaign.ajproducts.co.uk/tackling-sedentary-behaviour/>

Following the report, AJ Products will be continuing its partnership with ukactive in 2021. "We want to continue to raise public awareness of the health risks of prolonged sitting," Laura explained. "We believe educating people about healthy work



practices is just as important, if not more so, than offering the right solutions."

Indeed, with the sudden increase in people working from home, the need for healthy and productive workspaces has never been more pertinent. Employers still have a duty of care over remote workers and must ensure staff work just as safely and comfortably at home as they would in the office.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, AJ Products worked with its supply partners to provide affordable and readily available home office solutions to ensure home working did not compromise employee health. Then, as businesses started to return to work, the company also added a range of social distancing products to help employers protect their staff, such as belt barriers, screens and signs.



"As an employer, extra effort was required to ensure that AJ's philosophy of staying active at work was not lost while staff were working remotely. Each employee was given the option to choose furniture that would let them create a comfortable home office space so they could stay active at home and not fall victim to the common problems of poor posture and sedentary behaviour while working remotely.

"People chose the items that best suited them. For those with limited space at home, being given an exercise ball chair meant the difference between a sedentary work set up and having the ability to keep moving. Others were able to create a full sit-stand set up at home and work as they would have done in the office. We also tried to maintain our core value of workplace wellbeing by encouraging everyone to move around while taking phone calls, take short breaks to walk around the house and get outside for some exercise in their lunch hour."

Building on this work, AJ Products will continue to

develop its home office furniture range in 2021 to help employers safeguard their workers' health, safety and comfort when working remotely.

"We're bringing in a greater variety of sit-stand furniture designed specifically for home use, such as smaller desks that fit more easily in a limited space. This is a priority for us as home working looks set to become a much more normal part of our working lives.

"While we anticipate a return to the office in the new year, more and more companies are talking to us about introducing greater flexibility for employees and encouraging remote working one or two days a week."

So, what are the key things employers should consider when supporting their remote workers? "From a furniture perspective, the easiest thing you can implement is an active chair, like a Pilates ball or balance stool. These are at a reasonable cost, so everyone can feasibly implement one into their home office.

"We also encourage getting a desk. Any kind of desk and a decent office chair is better than nothing, but what would be best is a small sit-stand desk that can fit into a home office. If you're standing, you're more likely to move, and even small movements make a big difference to the work day.

"As well as this physical side of things, we also want to emphasise to companies the importance of employee wellbeing. You need to talk to employees about their mental and physical health, encourage them to take breaks and go for a walk in the fresh air at lunchtime.

"It's so important to create a culture of permissibility around this; people tend to feel guilty when working from home that they're not doing enough work or that their boss doesn't think they're working. Encouraging employees to take breaks and look after their wellbeing is just as important as providing the equipment."

To find out more information and how AJ Products can help you implement a healthy, comfortable, and productive workspace, head to the website or get in touch.

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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.
- Reduce 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.

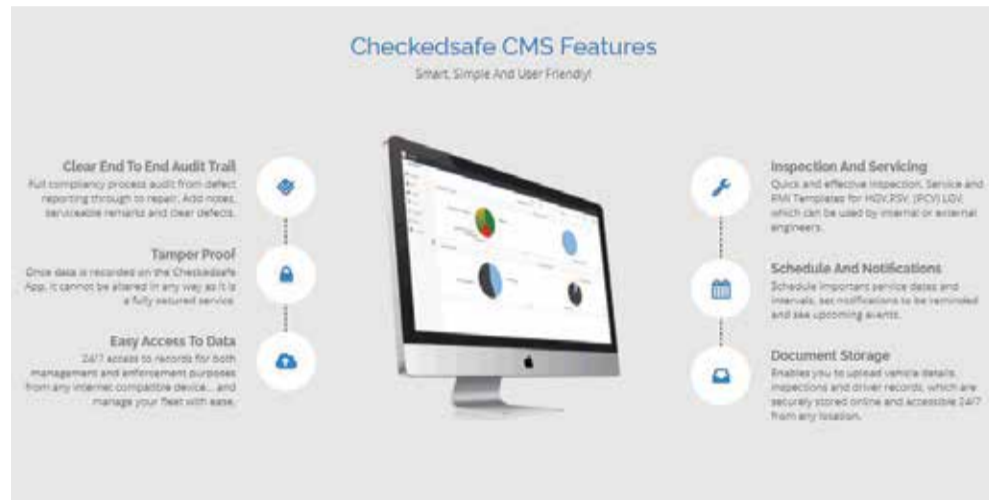
The software is designed for Android and Apple

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



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.

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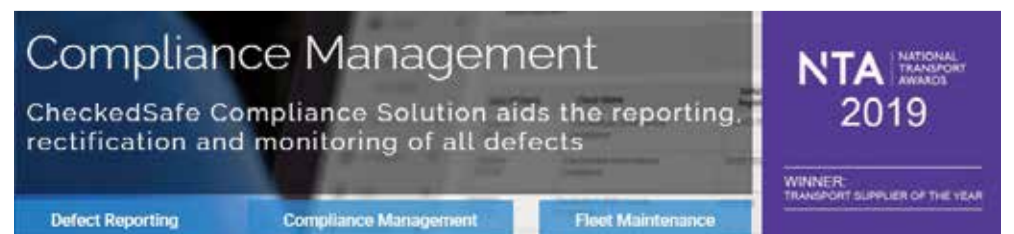
Darran Harris
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Darran is a Solicitor and Commercial Mediator with over 20 years experience specialising in Litigation (specifically Road Traffic issues) and Employment law. Darran has worked with major logistics companies and large blue-chip clients 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 at Operator level, local and national Government (including overseas) and as former 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.



Display your product at its best, showcase with MRDS



Margaret Reid Display Solutions, MRDS Ltd is a supplier of high quality retail and commercial display equipment for an array of industries. With its factory based in the Cotswolds, Gloucestershire, MRDS specialises in manufacturing bespoke stands, boards and cradles created primarily in MDF. Also, MRDS is proud to be able to offer a sheet material cutting service, both straight cut pieces on its beam saw and shaped, on its routers.

Established in 2017 by Margaret Reid, MRDS is a testament to Margaret's extensive experience working as an agent for companies supplying display materials for over 26 years.

"I started the company in February 2017." Margaret expanded, "I was an agent for a company that made display products for 20 years. Once that company had decided to close, I decided to set up my own factory."

MRDS has also been collaborating with Inasca, Spain enabling MRDS to supply



a wide range of leading names in the Tile industry for their showrooms. "I am an agent for one of the world's leading manufacturers of showroom stands which is a company called Inasca." Margaret expanded, "I've been working with them for 15 years plus which has enabled me to be able to provide a full portfolio of display products for customers."

With advanced knowledge on display materials including showroom stands, boards and cradles, MRDS is well equipped to provide solutions for customers looking for the best way to display their products. Providing its products for a multitude of different industries, MRDS takes pride in



producing high quality display products and ensuring its customers products benefit fully from its service.

"The core of our business is supplying display boards and stands for the ceramic floor industry." Margaret continued, "We also supply other industries including recently when we supplied wooden components for an eco-friendly coffin manufacturer."

One of the main benefits of MRDS is its extensive design capabilities. Alongside its reputable portfolio of products, MRDS is able to customise products to meet specifications of its clients. Using the company's CNC controlled equipment, MRDS can create tailor-made products and is able to customise products with branding, graphics and colour of customer's choice. The company also provides a bespoke service for customers requiring a custom built product. "We also offer a bespoke service, we design and develop the product with our customer to create a prototype for them. It's a very personal service and our team is extremely knowledgeable with years of experience behind them to help



assist our customers." Margaret said.

In addition to its display solutions, MRDS also maintains and provides its machinery for customers, to offer sheet material cutting services.

In regards to the on-going COVID-19 Pandemic, we asked Margaret about how the impact of the pandemic has affected MRDS and its industry. She told us that, "We have been very fortunate to be able to continue trading during the pandemic and we have even been able to explore new avenues of business and broadened into different industries. During the pandemic we have also manufactured COVID-19 signage for social distancing."

With a strong focus on providing high quality products to showcase its customs products, MRDS maintains a strong emphasis on constant development and pushing the boundaries of what they produce by primarily focusing on: the development of new display stands,

improving its board range and researching into new types of finish.

In terms of specific future plans for the company, MRDS has many exciting new developments currently planned to help the company broaden its industry range and provide solutions for more customers and markets.

"We are currently working on a range of counter top shelving displays and a range of clipboards." Margaret continued. "In January we will also be launching an ecommerce website which will enable us to be able to sell products through the website! This is something that we are very excited about and we are looking forward to the new opportunities it may bring!"

For any further information on the company, please see the details featured below

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Over 30 years' experience in the construction industry



Goland Recruitment Ltd was established on the 3rd of April 2012, followed by Goland Group Ltd on the 24th of January 2017 by John McGuigan.

"I used to work for a Northern Ireland company called Patton Group Ltd for 30 years and relocated my family to England in 1988, where I headed up and looked after the UK office, based in Milton Keynes. Patton's worked for several high-profile retail companies such as Selfridges Wonder Room, Arcadia Top Man - Top shop, Signet H Samuels- Ernest Jones, John



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Lewis among others. Unfortunately, Patton's went in to liquidation in 2012 after 100 years of trading." John continued, "It was following this, that I set up Goland to carry on the kind of work I was accustomed to and since then, we have developed our working relationships with many sub-contractors and suppliers so we are in a very good place to carry out all sorts of fit-out and refurbishment type projects. We have the experience, knowledge and expertise to be able to carry out high-end fit out and refurbishments wherever required throughout the UK."

With over 30 years' worth of experience within the construction industry Goland Group provides both the construction and recruitment industry with key services to support principle contractors, contractors and clients. "Goland Recruitment provides a variety of trades and labour for the construction and manufacturing industry, while Goland Group specialises in fit-out and



Selina Hostel Birmingham refurbishment

refurbishment projects within the Retail, Museum and Heritage Sector. Goland Recruitment not only supplies general labour and trade operatives in the construction and manufacturing industry, we also provide supervision and management personnel. We are also very capable to take on complete projects from start to finish for construction clients." Explained John.



Set up to fulfil all of its clients, temporary and permanent construction labour needs, Goland Recruitment provides highly qualified, health and safety inducted personnel who excel in their field of expertise, while providing the highest standard of workmanship. Goland Recruitment strives to ensure that all of its operatives are equipped with a suitable CSCS card, recognised qualifications and are health and safety compliant; Goland Recruitment's team is extremely experienced and equipped with advanced knowledge working within their specialist fields.

Goland Group offers a wide range of construction services for supply and fit, including all aspects of, metal frame walling and ceilings and drylining; decorations; labour only bricklaying, carpentry and joinery; site strip outs and builders clean.

"We can supply labour only if that is all they require or we can take on the complete package

including Project Managing on their behalf." John explained further.

Covering the UK and Ireland, Goland Group work in collaboration with a wide variety of different sized companies within the construction and manufacturing industry and prides itself on ensuring that no job is ever too small and no challenge too complex. John explained, "We work in collaboration with a number of other construction and manufacturing companies, so no job is too small - we will give 100% no matter what the challenge is."

A very complimentary service Goland Group also provides and is well worth noting, is advice and guidance for all aspects of health and safety, from concept to completion of a project. Services such as, but not limited to include, CDM-A; health and safety plans; method statements and risk assessments; project day filing and site set-up systems; site inspections and audits; accident investigations; and bespoke documentation.

Within recent years, Goland Group has expanded significantly which has been echoed in its procurement of a larger office and warehouse

facility based in Milton Keynes. Providing a larger space and prime location, Goland Group has obtained a far more superior location making them even more accessible.

With the on-going effects of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, many industries and businesses have felt the pressure of change in terms of workloads, staffing and new regulations. We asked John how this has affected the company, he told us that "COVID-19 has had an impact on many of our installations but we have managed to stay afloat, trading water waiting for what will clearly be a new normal. Fortunately, through innovative management assisted by the variety of government initiatives and schemes, we have been very fortunate in that we have not had to make any staff redundancies."

In terms of the company's future plans, John stated that, "We are looking at introducing the manufacturing of high-end bespoke fit-out fixtures and fittings."

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Northampton Museum showcase installation



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Hadspen Quarry Ltd

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.

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Designer-makers Handmade in Brighton are award-winning creators of stunning live-edge tables. These bespoke statement pieces are hand-crafted using traditional techniques, beautiful hardwoods and unique resin-embedded items such as large ammonite fossils or antique keys to reflect each client's story.

Handmade in Brighton is a designer-maker partnership launched in 2015, producing uniquely crafted tables to a beautifully high standard with particular attention paid to the nuances and character of the natural timber being used. Always prototyping new ideas, the creative partnership of Jude Payne (Royal College of Art trained artist-designer) and Jonathan Vigour (dyed-in-the-wool artisan-craftsman) has gone from strength to strength over the last few years, bagging no less than five Best of Houzz awards and a number of 'honourable mentions' in national interiors publications.

Jude's take: "We love making tables that really respond to our clients' own lives - they are totally involved in the design and timber selection, and it's great to know that we are making a centrepiece of home life that will stay with their families for many years."

Jonathan's take: "As an artisan workshop we are committed to a biophilic approach to working with these beautiful timbers, bringing an experience of and connection to the natural world into our 21st century lives."

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Dance Revolution

The Harlequin Cascade vinyl that performers love, now with added protection

Harlequin Cascade has been the choice of the world's most prestigious dance and performing arts companies for many years because dancers know and trust the floor.

But in these difficult times, it is more important than ever to focus on improving hygiene, so Harlequin have now produced a new, improved Harlequin Cascade with BioCote® antimicrobial protection.

The BioCote® Silver ion technology is manufactured into the floor and creates a surface upon which microbes, such as bacteria and viruses, cannot survive. This added technology has no effect on the appearance or performance characteristics of the Harlequin Cascade.

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Why do the world's leading dance companies choose Harlequin floors?



Professional dancers can spend hours working in a dance studio, it is their place of work and should offer a safe environment fit for purpose. The floor is a dancer's most important work tool; not only is it the canvas for their creativity, it also gives them protection against slips, falls and longer-term stress injuries.

Experienced dancers can judge a good floor instinctively as to whether or not it feels right. And if it feels right they can effectively forget about the floor and concentrate on putting all their focus and concentration into the artistic performance. A confidence that comes from a reassurance they are not going to slip and fall, that lifts can be performed safely and on landing from jumps the response of the floor consistently returns the right amount of energy absorption. Quantifying this subjective rating of a floor into a series of repeatable tests is no simple task. Anyone specifying floors for dance should remember that dancers may not be the commissioning clients, but they are the end users. Major dance companies understand this, which is why it is not uncommon to ask their dancers to "test" floors before the final choice is made.

It is a common assumption that a well-designed sports floor will suit the needs of dancers, but this is not the case.

There are some critical factors that distinguish the requirements of dance from those of sports played on a sports floor. Many sports require a firm floor which allows balls to bounce predictably. By contrast dancers need more absorption from the floor to protect them on landing from jumps. A good dance floor instills confidence in dancers to give full expression to their creativity, safe in the knowledge the dance floor will offer a consistent response.

Unlike sportsmen who wear increasingly high-tech air-cushioned shoes to give grip and protect against impact injuries, the modest ballet shoe



has barely changed in design since the mid-18th century. Made from soft leather, canvas or satin, the ballet shoe is very flexible, has a thin sole and offers little protection for the wearer.

But not all dance floors are the same, only a floor developed specifically for dance will do. There may be a temptation to specify floors for aesthetic or budget reasons, or to specify sports floors in the mistaken belief they will be suitable for dance but there have been some high-profile examples where floors have had to be replaced by a dance

company after the building is complete and dancers have their first experience of dancing on the floors.

Generally, dancers should refuse to perform on unsuitable floors and demand the right to have a touring floor that has the same absorbent characteristics as the floor installed in their rehearsal studio. A dance floor should be neither too supple nor too soft. A hard floor has the effect of causing serious return shock waves and can bring about injuries or premature wear in the cartilage. A soft floor causes the muscles, and therefore the tendons, to work harder. Additionally, a floor that is too soft can be dangerous for dancers because of the effect of surprise.

The flooring manufacturer has a role to play in ensuring dancers have a safe environment in which to rehearse and perform.

Harlequin is widely recognised as the world's leading authority on dance floors. As an enlightened manufacturer Harlequin has always



worked closely with the dance community to develop floors that dancers want to dance on. Flooring products in the Harlequin portfolio were typically evolved to meet the specific needs of a particular dance style and have been developed in conjunction with dancers themselves.

Aware of the high injury level among dancers, Harlequin is an active supporter of IADMS (International Association for Dance Medicine and Science) and of NIDMS (National Institute of Dance Medicine and Science). NIDMS through shared expertise and a network of multidisciplinary partners, is working to provide better and more affordable access for all dancers to high quality, evidence-based, dance specific health care and dance science support services.

Leading dance companies from around the world trust Harlequin to keep their dancers safe in their

rehearsal dance studios, on stage and, more recently, whilst dancing from home.

But this assurance of quality is not only applicable to elite dancers. It is equally important to provide amateur dancers in performing arts colleges, universities and schools with the same quality flooring. Aspiring dancers need protection too if they are to avoid cutting short their potential dance careers.

New improved Harlequin Cascade dance vinyl with BioCote® antimicrobial protection

Harlequin has just launched a new, improved version of their highly regarded Harlequin Cascade performance vinyl. Harlequin Cascade is the ultimate heavy-duty dance floor and is the dance floor of choice for the world's most prestigious dance companies, dance schools and studios, universities and colleges. Ideal for many genres of dance including ballet, contemporary, modern and many others, it now comes with Biocote® Antimicrobial Protection, an added ingredient that helps keep the floor hygienically clean so reducing the risk of cross contamination and infection.



In these difficult times it is more important than ever to focus on improving hygiene and this new improved Cascade with Biocote® means that microbes, such as bacteria and viruses will not survive on the surface of the floor.

Biocote® integral antimicrobial protection uses silver ion technology which is manufactured into Harlequin Cascade and is proven to offer protection for the expected lifetime of the product; it will not wear out or wash off.

The result is a floor which is easier to keep hygienically clean, therefore reducing the risk of cross contamination and infection by working constantly to reduce the presence of microbes on the floor.

There is no doubt, the choice of flooring is critical. For over 40 years Harlequin has been the performance floor of choice for the world's most prestigious dance and performing arts companies, theatres, venues and schools.

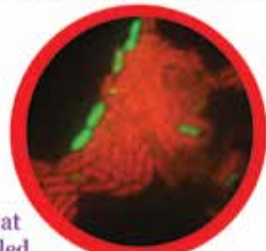
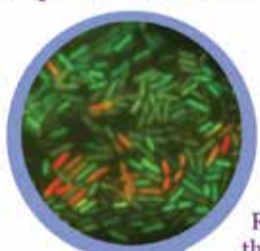
Harlequin's experience and reputation are founded on the design, manufacture and supply of a range of high quality portable and permanent sprung and vinyl floors chosen by the world's leading venues - from the Royal Opera House, to the Bolshoi Theatre, the Paris Opera Ballet to Sydney Dance Company.

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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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Kitchen & Bathrooms News

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.

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The company's ongoing expansion has continued throughout 2020, despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Initially it was very worrying working out how we were going to work within new restrictions and sort the orders in the warehouse," said Katie Clarke, Director. "Our team has been incredible, working long hours and doing their bit to keep us going."

"We saw a huge increase in domestic customers due to everyone being at home doing DIY during the lockdown. This increase



in popularity had a knock-on effect and meant that a lot more trade customers have found us. So, we're now focusing a lot on the commercial side of what we do, expanding our range to meet trade requirements."

Of course, this expansion has only been possible thanks to Hardware Warehouse's particular emphasis on excellent customer service. "As well as the products we sell, we focus on our customers, which continued despite all the craziness of the pandemic. This dedication saw us through and helped us come out the other side even stronger than we were."

As well as specialising in profiles, a range which is widely respected for its quality and high stock levels, Hardware Warehouse is looking at sourcing bigger ranges of other items in its portfolio, notably its brass line. "This is very popular and we want to expand the range of sizes



we offer to address customer demand. With our increase in trade customers, we're getting more enquiries for different items – other companies have stopped selling a lot of products so we're one of the only places that sources some of the things our trade customers need."

This growth is in addition to developing a more sustainable plastic range. "We're looking at offering more environmentally friendly products," Katie said. "We've been doing a lot of research on products made from recycled plastics and how we can offer these to our customers, so it's something we really want to focus on as we move forward."

"We'll also be expanding the company as a whole. We're recruiting for more roles and we're growing our website to make it more automated and efficient. We're adding functions that are bespoke to trade customers, so there will be ways for them to know when the next delivery is so they know when to place a big order, there will be a more efficient quoting system, and there will also potentially be the option to see prices ex-VAT. We really do look to adapt and grow all the time."

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Our approach is to cost effectively improve the building fabric and services whilst using the local environment to enhance the comfort levels throughout the year.

Prior to founding MEAD, Kym worked for a number of architectural practices advising on construction techniques and sustainability issues before moving to the Building Research Establishment (BRE) as 'Head of Low Carbon Buildings'. There he consulted to a wide range of clients including small and medium enterprises (SMEs), large house builders as

well as local and national governments.

During his time at BRE, Kym frequently travelled to the US, China and South Africa advising on sustainability issues and creating leads for wider business opportunities. His work included advising on the restoration of listed buildings in Johannesburg, supporting government agencies on innovative developments in Portland, Oregon and authoring the sustainability framework for a new city in Chongqing, China, as part of the 'Future Cities' programme.

Kym has also completed an internship at the Passivhaus Institute in Germany and has worked closely with Bath and Cardiff Universities as an 'Industry Supervisor' for PhD students, whilst also supporting the UK Passivhaus Trust, and Passivhaus Institute in Germany as part of their technical panel helping to shape the future of the standard.

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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 heros of the day with possibly Nelson's Column being the most famous.

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

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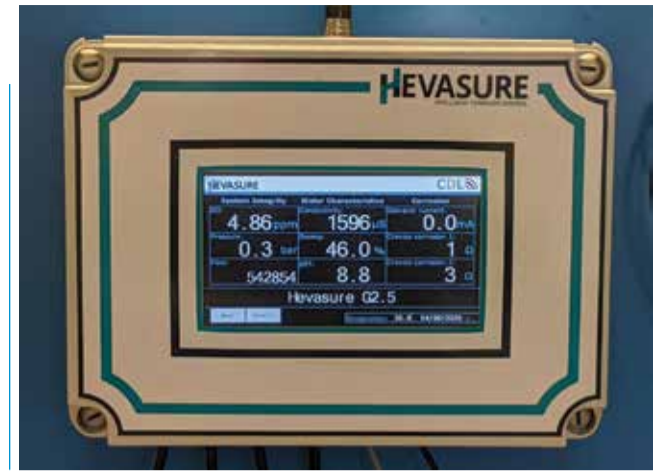
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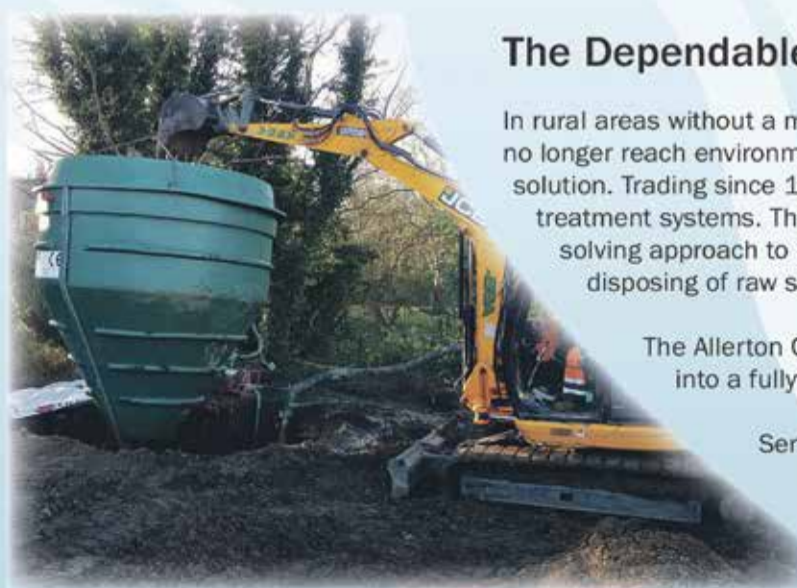
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Hauraton channels drain Blue Badge scheme parking bays at RHS Wisley



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HAURATON's new web-based application 'DesignSoftware' provides construction industry professionals with quick, simple hydraulic analysis, channel sizing, project design and product specification for the company's range of surface drainage systems (for landscape, commercial and civils projects) whilst working on their own desk-top computers, laptops and tablets.

Immediate access for registration and use of this new hydraulic design software is achieved through the link: <https://hydraulicdesign.hauraton.com>

User-friendly and free-of-charge, HAURATON 'DesignSoftware' provides engineers with the flexibility to create their own drainage designs and project specifications, with just three clicks to a hydraulic calculation.

HAURATON has used their 'in-house' hydraulic design software to create project designs for over 30 years with



total reliability.

In addition to this new software application, HAURATON offers a comprehensive design service, which is also free of charge.

Further information is available at: www.hauraton.co.uk or by phoning 01582 501380. Software: <https://hydraulicdesign.hauraton.com>

HAURATON DesignSoftware – Features & Functions

- ▲ User-friendly, intuitive interface with quick, clear, simple steps to final calculations.
- ▲ Hydraulic calculations based on widely used 'Modified-Manning-Strickler' formula. Hydraulic discharge provided on a free outflow basis.
- ▲ Accommodates HAURATON's core range of linear drainage systems for total design flexibility (for landscape, commercial, civils and other project types). Includes all channel types and depths available.

- ▲ Rainfall intensity options in mm/h, l/s*Ha and l/s*m².
- ▲ UK Software: UK Rainfall Map using data from 'Flood Studies Report'. User options for Return Period, Storm Duration and Climate Change.
- ▲ Automatic and manual channel run design functions.
- ▲ Constant-depth and step-fall channel configuration options.
- ▲ Accommodates both 0% and positive longitudinal ground slopes.
- ▲ Detailed hydraulic analysis of channel run designs.
- ▲ Controlled discharge function for HICAP® Slot Channel designs.
- ▲ Quick user tools for adding/duplicating runs, resetting designs, adding notes etc.
- ▲ 'Drag & Drop' function for adding Point Inflows to the channel run design. Tributary channels can be linked to the main channel run being designed.
- ▲ 'Drag & Drop' function for adding system Accessories to the channel run design.
- ▲ Comprehensive product library for 'one-stop' specification data. HAURATON website links for

additional product information.

- ▲ HELP file and tool-tips for detailed design guidance and advice.
- ▲ Project folder for registered users offering safe and secure server storage of final designs. Option to export design files for external storage.
- ▲ Automatic generation of .pdf project documents for specification support. Hydraulic Analysis, Materials List and Information datasheets available.

Design Reassurance

DesignSoftware has been tested extensively and the methodology validated by an independent hydraulics consultancy company. HAURATON's 'in-house' hydraulic design software has been used successfully by their own technical personnel for over 30 years with total reliability.

Confidential

Registered users (password protected) have access to safe and secure server storage regarding their final designs. Designs remain strictly confidential unless users tick to 'share with HAURATON'. Registered users have the option to export design files for external storage in their own computers or for sharing with colleagues for further design or discussion. DesignSoftware has been configured to comply fully with GDPR 'data privacy' regulations.

Experience & Expertise

A world leader in the manufacture of modular surface drainage systems, HAURATON drainage products have been supplied onto major projects within the UK and international markets for over sixty-five years. HAURATON developed their first linear drainage system in 1956. Since that time the HAURATON brand has become known around the world as a benchmark for quality, reliability, durability and service.

New distributorship for Cinderella Eco Solution

LeeSan has become the Sole distributor for Cinderella Eco Solution incinerating toilets. 4 different toilets will be available very soon running on Propane Gas or 240V.

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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Customer service is at the forefront of the company which is why they provide on-hand advice and support on dealing with the Environment Agency, applying for the domestic Renewable Heat Incentive, and in regards to the several different services they provide. HD Services have been recognised for their exceptional products and services, receiving regional awards at the South East Green Deal and ECO Awards 2015, the Energy Efficiency and Retrofit Awards in 2016, the Energy Efficiency and Health Homes Awards 2017 and the Energy Efficiency Awards 2018.

Having won awards for their renewable heat installations, we asked Rebecca Taylor, Business Development Manager, what the benefits were. "We strongly believe that the open-loop ground source heat pump systems we design and install are not only the most efficient way to heat your home in our operational area, but also do less damage to the aquifers than drilling for closed-loop borehole systems, as predominantly these use the rotary drilling method. We aim to provide the highest quality open-loop ground source heat pump service available in South East England."

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Carl finds waste not, want not, with Graf UK

Demand to join Graf UK's nationwide network of approved installers is growing exponentially, even during lockdown. Here, one contractor explains what the benefits to him have been of linking up with the specialist manufacturer.

Becoming an ambassador for Graf UK wastewater treatment systems has not only made life easier for Carl Pickess but also more profitable.

Just two months after starting up his own company, Kent Waste Water Services, the fledgling business has turned a profit 50% higher than Carl was expecting ... and all this during the UK's Covid-19 lockdown. In that time, Carl has installed two

Graf UK systems and sold six more wastewater treatment systems that await installation.

So successful is the partnership with Graf UK proving that Carl is now planning on training up his younger brother to do more of the installation side, leaving Carl to concentrate on the servicing, maintenance and site visit aspects in Graf UK's recently-introduced Lifetime Support scheme.

The partnership was formed after Graf UK contacted local installers prior to the Build It Live exhibition in Maidstone, where Carl's business is based. Carl has since attended Graf UK seminars and service provider training.

"I jumped at the opportunity. It was what I had been looking for to get the business up and running but I never expected to sell eight tanks in the first few months," he said. "My first option will always be Graf because they are the best systems on the market."

"Lifetime Support is probably the No 1 selling point. Everyone is so interested in it. It's a huge benefit for customers."

For businesses who would like to learn more about working with Graf UK, please contact national sales manager Steve Righton on 07702 872348 or srighton@grafuk.co.uk or info@grafuk.co.uk.



Tuff Waterproofing: Leaders in Flat Roofing



When it comes to roofing, Tuff Waterproofing can provide industry-leading heavy-duty GRP waterproof flat roofing systems known as TuffStuff®.

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The experts at Tuff Waterproofing have been continuously evolving roofing solutions for over 30 years, they have grown to become the leading supplier of GRP roofing materials, equipment and related services.

They work primarily with Builders Merchants, operating across the whole of the UK to supply their resins, catalysts, roof trims, reinforcing mat, and application tools. One of their most renowned products includes the Tuff Tech Pro®.

Newly launched, the Tuff Tech Pro System VP/UV flat roof Polyurethane Liquid Waterproofing System is specially designed with an elastomeric, moisture triggered polyurethane membrane that is comprised of three layers of advanced polyurethanes.

We spoke to Managing Director of Tuff Waterproofing, Greg Gimenez, who explained, "Polyurethane is beneficial for a number of reasons, including being cost-effective and ease of use. For this reason it is highly popular within the commercial market. With the Tuff Tech Pro's waterproof encapsulating membrane, the flat roofing system can be applied to a number of different substrates including felt, asphalt, fibre cement, metal, polycarbonate, PVC, tissue faced insulation boards and much more."

In addition to products, Tuff Waterproofing also provides training and technical support for contractors. Their training service is highly popular, with all members of staff at Tuff Waterproofing each boasting over 15 or 20 years' installation experience. If a client faces an issue, Tuff Waterproofing can either go on-site or explain in detail over the phone (or other technologies) how to overcome the problem using their technical expertise.

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