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Using timber, with the occasional collaboration of glass and steel, he uses his array of skills working with the very straight and perfect lines, to the more unusual and natural flow of the timber.

Commenting on his work Matthew has said, "Working on furniture for me is a spiritual practice. I use my senses to achieve balance and beauty in my pieces, to inspire each and every customer that I work with and to ultimately bring enjoyment that will last for generations. I can make anything out of wood! I love



it when a customer phones me up and asks me if I am able to make something, without hesitation the answer is always a resounding 'Yes'."

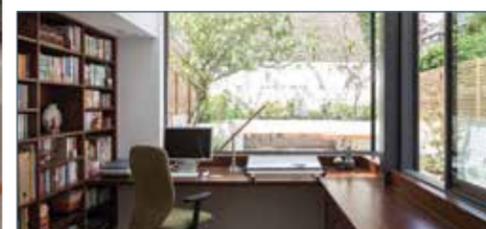
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# Historic Metalwork Specialists – Here to help

The Historic Metalwork Conservation Company Ltd (HMCC) was established by Peter Meehan in 2011. The company was created to provide care and conservation advice for people in charge of the care, management and preservation of historic metalwork. The company provides advice on historic metalwork of many different forms and specialises in historic ironwork, which has previously lacked conservation specialists. Peter Meehan is a fully accredited conservator and is listed on the Institute of Conservation (ICON) Conservation Register.



Derived from its founder Peter's passion and expertise, Peter is extremely familiar with working on historic metalwork and has over 35 years' of experience.

Starting out, Peter studied Archaeological

Conservation at University College Cardiff in the mid-1980's and was awarded an Honours Science Degree.

Expanding his portfolio of experience, Peter went on to work in many reputable establishments, a few of which include the Ancients Monuments Laboratory for English Heritage, Museum of London, the British Museum – specialising in the conservation of metalwork - and the Science Museum. Peter has been fortunate to have worked on many important historic objects throughout his career and in 2011, he decided to set up his own consultancy business, bringing HMCC into fruition.



From small delicate pieces of jewellery, right up to bridges and motor cars; Peter is well-equipped with the knowledge and skills to advise on any sized project.

"We are a heritage consultancy company, who advises owners on the best way to look after, repair and store historic metalwork. I have a slight advantage in my services as I am an Accredited Conservator through the Institute of Conservation (ICON). This provides clients with confidence that they will receive professional, accredited advice and expert insights. This is particularly important when working on historic buildings/building sites as planning conditions do require an Accredited Conservator to survey, advise. Sometimes, I will carry out the work myself." Peter stated.

HMCC's primary aim is to provide specialist advice for people responsible for historic



metalwork in both the public and private sectors. Through his services, Peter has assisted many different industries and clients including museum staff, heritage engineers, conservation architects, local authority conservation officers, historic building contractors and private individuals looking for professional solutions when dealing with conservation and restoration challenges.

In terms of specific services, HMCC provides an array of professional services and is able to assist its clients, to help them to achieve the appropriate levels of preservation for their collections. These services include the preparation of condition surveys and reports, conservation specifications, conservation budgets, maintenance programmes and guidance on collections care and metals conservation.

A notable recent project, HMCC was contacted by Donald Insall Architects, to carry out a survey on the transept screens, altar rail and wall lights at St Peter's Church, Daylesford. St Peter's church was originally designed by the Victorian architect, John Loughborough Pearson and was completed in 1863. Maintaining its original, gothic style, which features include two wrought iron transept screens complete with their original paint scheme, these features are believed to have been created by Francis Skidmore, a renowned craftsman and leading figure in the Gothic Revival Movement.

Peter was tasked with inspecting and preparing a report to recommend suitable conservation treatments. Assessing the ornate ironwork, Peter deemed that the original paint was still mostly intact but



had become dirty, with some losses due to localised iron corrosion which could possibly be linked to condensation during cold weather periods. The client instructed HMCC to carry out the conservation recommendations in the original report, to clean and stabilise the screens, altar rail and wall lights. This was done as



part of improvements to the fabric of the church building. After delicately cleaning the ironwork, both by brush and vacuum, the paintwork was consolidated using a 5% solution of an acrylic resin dissolved in white spirit. The treated surface was then protected with a coating of Renaissance microcrystalline wax applied, using a soft brush. This process has helped to maintain and improve the metalwork's original features and appearance, enabling more generations to appreciate the timeless beauty of the church's historical metalwork features.

Speaking of the company's future plans, HMCC is looking to expand its customer base and explore new markets in Europe. Peter stated that, "I will be looking into working in Europe now that we have left the EU, as it is now slightly easier to work there. I have recently been in contact with a restoration company in Portugal to assist them with their projects."

For any more information on the company, please head to the company's website. To speak to Peter directly, please give him a call on the number stated.

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# Turn-key solution for architectural services

Established in 2010 by Alexander Rakita, AR Architecture was set up to provide turnkey solutions for architecture services. Derived from Alexander's impressive 20 years' of experience and internationally spanning career, AR Architecture has expanded significantly since its inception. It now maintains a dynamic and ambitious multilingual cosmopolitan team, which boasts a multitude of experience in complex cross-cultural settings and various types of projects ranging from houses to airports to master planning.



"We provide a comprehensive service – everything including architecture and interior design from initial concept to completion, statutory consents, project management and construction contract administration, acting as the lead consultant on behalf of our clients" – says Alexander Rakita, Director.

Based in its main office in Hampstead, North-West London and with a new subsidiary in Portugal, AR Architecture is an innovative architectural practice with a global presence, providing a full range of comprehensive professional services in complex inter-cultural situations.

Working on an international scale, the company is well-equipped with first-hand knowledge of how to implement the strictest industry standards and find creative solutions for the most complex and demanding



projects. Notably, the company has been recognised for its global services and both the practice and its team members have received national and international awards.

Through the company's flexible and diverse structure, AR Architecture provides a full range of architectural and a broad scope of consultancy and management services. This enables the company to work in a multitude of different sectors including residential, commercial, mixed-use and the hospitality.

On most of its projects, AR Architecture uses Building Information Modelling (BIM) based on Autodesk Revit software. The technology allows to build a virtual 3D model that can be explored and manipulated much further than any 2D drawings can. Crucially, BIM provides a better understanding of how elements of the project work together. With BIM one can walk through the project's spaces, see relationships between materials, plant and structure. Budgets are much easier to prepare and keep on target, whereas potential problem areas and clashes can be detected at an early stage. BIM allows to produce a competent schedules and specifications for each aspect of the project.



The company offers BIM-based design services as standard without any increase to its fees. To fully benefit from the BIM technology, a specialist 3D laser scanning of the building rather than a traditional 2D measured survey is required.

AR Architecture prides itself on working closely with each client and ensuring that the project is tailored to meet their specific requirements. This collaboration helps the company to understand their client's needs and realise their vision, developing clever, innovative solutions to minimise the limitations of budgets or



planning restrictions. The bespoke approach to each project enables AR Architecture to come up with unique responses to specific context, landscape, budget and statutory constraints.

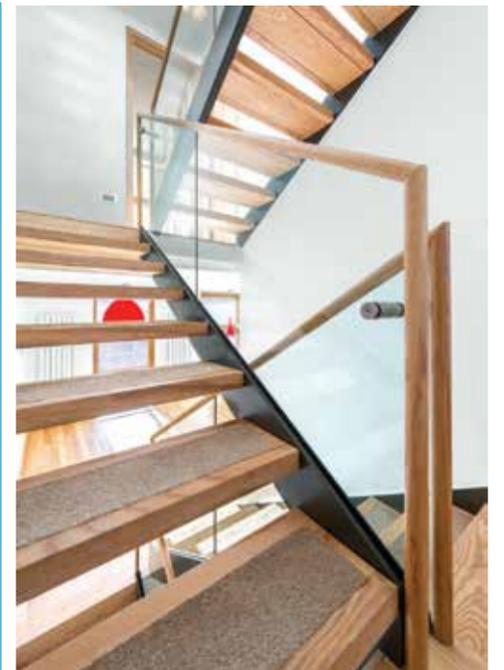
"We are an award-winning designer, and we provide full transparency for our clients, dedicating our time and skills for them to be in control of their project" - Alexander says.

This is of the utmost importance when working with private homeowner clients, as the company helps them to understand their needs and personality, to sculpt and create a space which fulfils their needs and most importantly, feels like Home.

Through the company's combined expert knowledge, AR Architecture does not shy away from the challenges posed by conservation areas or listed buildings but instead, thrives of them. AR Architecture excels in this area and has an abundance of experience in obtaining the right consent for these schemes.

In terms of its latest updates, Alexander outlined a couple of noteworthy developments for the company: "We are pleased to have opened our subsidiary in Portugal and hope to offer a turnkey solution over there through a network of trusted partners. The pandemic was difficult, and we did have to part furlough our team, but the workload is now increasing and we are getting up and running again.

We did also manage to acquire a new partnership during this time, with an Israeli company that provides electrical automated car parking solutions. A truly innovative concept, these car park systems enable drivers to leave their car in the lift at the entrance and the car is then transported to

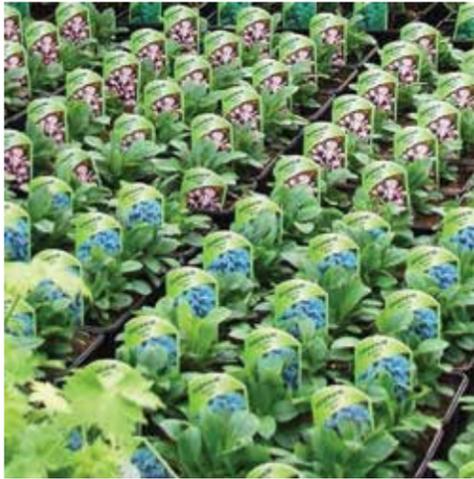


a parking space electronically. The system provides far more capacity, efficiency and ecological benefit than its competitors; it is also more flexible and suits most complex spaces.

In the future, we will be looking to acquire public financed work and expand further internationally and into other sectors. We will of course continue working privately while hoping to reach more developers and larger public builds. Also, we are currently developing a new client-friendly digital interface to help us increase our offering for our clients."

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# Planting its seeds into the Horticultural world



Four Oaks Nursery was established in 1963 by the Coutts brothers, originally a nursery for commercial growing. Then in 1984, following demands from its customers asking for 'take away orders' the Coutts brothers started a new business venture seeing its nursery evolve into Britain's first 'seedling' Cash & Carry. Customers at this time were directed into one of the large Glasshouses on site where they would make their selection from over 5000 trays of seedlings on display, all at the pricking -out stage. With the business growing, in 2007 it was relocated, to the then newly built large glasshouse with its own access from Farm Lane, where it still remains today.

Back then, the newly formed Cash & Carry incorporated 13 specialist nurseries and three sundries' suppliers. Today it incorporates only one specialist nursery with stock now being bought in directly making it the perfect establishment for growers, independent garden centres, the leisure industry, garden designers, small retail shops, construction, and landscape gardeners alike.

The SEIONT nursery at Four Oaks presents a range of 9 cm shrubs and Perennials. It specialises in its continuation of new variety introductions throughout the year, always presenting the customers with new and exciting additions. Coming out of Spring into the Summer, Four Oaks also

stocks a wide variety of vegetables, over 100 to be exact. Allowing customers to purchase six strips per tray, by offering seasonal delights in the form of food, adds an extra string to its bow.

Since 2007, Four Oaks has attained its impeccable range and service to its customers propelling them far in front of its competitors. Stock is hand picked by the manager, Marlon Kent, who has over 30 years of plant and tree knowledge. Pre-COVID-19 restrictions Marlon would travel to Italy and Spain in the early months of the year, ensuring only the best quality of stock is acquired. This stock would include specimen trees, plants and sundries to the trade.

Four oaks is a specialist supplier of Mediterranean plants, its stock includes olives and palms in pots from 1litre up to 1,000 litres and these are available all year round. Four Oaks has an extensive product line of over 1,500 lines of trees and shrubs on display from starter plants to specimen sizes, as well as young bedding and basket plants for which it is historically known.



Fortunately, much of the horticultural industry managed to survive and in many cases thrive during the COVID-19 pandemic. As more people spent time at home, holidays were void resulting in many members of the public investing and taking an interest in gardening. Old fashioned bedding was emerging popular again and gardening once more, became a hobby. Following government



guidelines, Four Oaks managed to serve customers via a click and collect service.

Catching site of the recent demand for outdoor seating, specifically from the leisure industry, Four Oaks made the recent decision to begin to stock high quality garden furniture, and this decision has been a resounding success through its sales. Furthermore, its decision to stock a larger range of pots which include terracotta, glazed and authentic wooden half whiskey barrels, has been an exciting addition to its ever-growing product line.

There is no doubting the extensiveness of Four Oaks' product availability. Going beyond plants and shrubbery, it also offers compost and feeds, garden tool drapers, hanging basket and liners, pots, bowls and planters, stone Meadowview, sundries pots and bowls. Being historically known for its bedding and basket plants, a large range of sundries are available as well as a new range of aggregates being added to the company's Autumn stock.

Seasonal specials are common at Four Oaks, alongside its superb selection of planted hanging baskets and patio pots, which can be made to order.



As Four Oaks looks to continue its expansion, in 2021 it has added garden furniture to its portfolio as well as broadening its pot range to stocking everything from 2 " to 500 Litre pots



Four Oaks stock has one of the widest ranges in the North West for shrub and specimen which can be used for commercial and amenity landscaping. Its Italian plant range has over 70 different varieties enabling customers with a more complete range of choice, combined of small shrubs, large specimens and arches, to the more formal structural specimens.

Based in Lower Withington, Near Macclesfield only five miles from junction 18 M6, Four Oaks Cash & Carry is now the largest Horticultural 'one stop shop' in the UK!

For more information please see the details below,

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# Whatever your requirements - we are always pleased to help

South West Lightning Protection, is a leading provider of lightning protection installations and testing services throughout the UK. Established in 2014, by Gary Libby, Gary has 40 years of experience in the industry and maintains a team of lightning conductor engineers and designers accredited by the Association of Technical Lightning and Access Specialists.

"South West Lightning Protection holds Health and safety accreditation by Safecontractor, which audits the company training and safe systems of work, all our engineers are CITB card holders for the works they undertake and are DBS checked." Gary Libby stated. "Our core service is lightning protection installations and testing; we also design new systems, as we are accredited designers."

With two office locations based in Plymouth and Scotland, South West Lightning Protection

including Commercial clients, Electrical contractors, Ministry of defence, NHS, Water companies, Telecoms & Facilities Management companies and individuals.

Dedicated to providing outstanding levels of customer services, South West Lightning Protection prides itself on providing a truly personalised service.



"As we are a small company in comparison to our competition," Gary explained, "We strive to provide a personal service to our clients. For instance, the client has direct access to the South West Lightning Protection point of contact and can contact inspection and



South West Lightning Protection has also faced challenges, Gary remarked, "COVID-19 has caused disruption to the Lightning protection industry, however as South West Lightning Protection provides safety critical works to the MOD, we are classed as essential workers so have maintained a reasonable level of works throughout the pandemic.

We have produced a company COVID policy which protects both our operatives and clients, and we work with clients to ensure we are in compliance to any restrictions on works which may be stipulated by customers."

Able to maintain its services throughout the pandemic, South West Lightning Protection has not only maintained its working levels, but the company has also managed to grow and adapt to new procedures and regulations. Moving into the company's future, South West Lightning Protection plans to continue its growth within the lightning protection sector and is dedicated to its preservation of providing long term employment to its existing work force and additional, new employees.



installation engineers directly which speeds up client response times. We do not have different company contacts for quotes, works or accounts, our clients only have to deal with one person."

Regardless of project size, South West Lightning Protection is well equipped to provide technical assistance on any aspects of its clients lightning protection systems.

A noteworthy project for the company, South West Lightning Protection were asked by the RNLI based in Poole, Dorset to provide lightning protection for their new Explosive Store. In addition to this, the company also carried out repairs and testing, to the Main College and associated ancillary buildings on the site.

In terms of the latest developments for the company, Gary told us that, "We have recently commenced testing of Roof mounted Horizontal cable based mansafe systems, permanent ladders, guard rails and safety anchors. We provide these services independently from our lightning protection services or combine them which can provide a cost savings for clients."

With the on-going COVID-19 pandemic effecting many industries, there have been many challenges for company's especially surrounding lockdowns, furlough and delays and decreases in production and sales.



is ideally situated at both ends of the country, enabling them to be able to provide services throughout the UK.

Maintaining a comprehensive range of expert services, South West Lightning Protection provides an abundance of specialist electrical services including lightning protection risk assessment, design & installation, test and inspection of all lightning conductor systems, test and inspection of safety line systems, early streamer systems design, installation & testing, earthing services and rope access.

The company maintains a diverse portfolio of clients, spanning across several industries



With such an array of expertise and dedicated services, South West Lightning Protection is perfectly positioned with the skills to ensure that whatever your requirements, the company is here to help and carry out all work in an efficient, professional and safe manner.

For any other information, head over to the website below or alternatively, to speak to the company directly, please see the number stated.

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# Handmade brickwork at its finest

The Coleford Brick & Tile company, based in The Royal Forest of Dean Brickworks, is a family-run business established in 1925. With over 90 years' experience in the industry, the English company to this day, is truly a master of its craft.

Coleford Brick & Tile is known for its enviable reputation of producing a beautiful range of genuine handmade clay bricks, specials, and pavers. The beauty of the Forest of Dean Brickworks production lies steeply in its history in the coal mining industry. Inevitably, the coal was exhausted and the market for the bricks broadened to include the general building industry. Its products speak for themselves, winning multiple awards and being used in many architecturally praised developments such as conservation projects, National Trust activities, corporate developments, universities, and retail schemes throughout the UK.

The wealth of experience by Coleford's approach and handmade production is what separates itself from the competition. With a product range limited only by the client's imagination, this enables the company to allow for vast creativity on a bespoke and personal level. These items can include traditional size imperials, metric bricks, pavers and BS specials. Coleford prides itself on only producing genuine hand thrown products created by local craftsmen, using traditional moulds and

techniques. Aside from offering a wide range of clay bricks, Coleford also produces moulds which can be fabricated to reproduce almost any brick size, paver or special. To ensure precise matches, specific size imperial bricks or specials can be produced for any project, from a renovation to individual projects. Better yet, multiple brick sizes or specials can be produced at the same time thus reducing lead times and ultimately offering a faster service availability to its customers. All its products are F2 and S2 quality in accordance with BS EN771-1, giving them suitable durability for the most exposed and performance demanding locations for any project.



Coleford believes no design should be comprised, by letting it produce tailor-made bricks and specials, it can bring any project to life. Every order received is approached with the same level of care and attention. Coleford contributes to helping clients build the house of their dreams while providing a trustworthy service.

Using brick for projects has many advantages. Firstly, they are low maintenance, meaning it can be lend to infinite building styles and



locations with vast flexibility. Secondly, Coleford's wide range of colours and textures allows for personalisation and standout statements. All its bricks are created using an abundance of natural materials, sourced through a domestic supply chain showcasing how the UK brickmaking sector is a superb example of a sustainable industry.

Furthermore, clay bricks have a typical lifecycle of over 150 years, offering strong versatility and durability to withstand the hard-wear of multiple occupants over an extended period. These accreditations all contribute towards its position as a leading sustainable construction material.

Whether it is an extension or a project starting from a blank canvas, Coleford provides the confidence and inspiration for any project. Providing traditional values for today's environment, Coleford remains in a strong position and over the last 10 years has strengthened, invested, and installed many additions to the factory workplace to ensure continued success and secured future productivity.

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"We like to work closely with the customers to explore their idea and come up with a bespoke solution just for them," explained Jeanette Mills. "They can come to the show room to get ideas for what they want or come to us with a fully formed idea. We can normally accommodate every customer's preferences, whether they want something in a different colour, material, or size. The door fronts are ideal for a wide range of things, such as walk in wardrobes, room dividers, or offices – sliding doors are great for maximising smaller spaces. We also do a lot of work with new builds."

Of course, like many companies working within the building sector, Mirror Door Systems was greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. "The building sector basically stopped so any new builds we were working with weren't going ahead. We had to stop everything for about eight weeks, entirely shutting down and furloughing all of our staff.

Then, even when we came back, we were at full capacity but we couldn't get the stock we needed, because everyone was after the same thing so it was in short supply.

"This meant we could keep going for a few weeks until the stock ran out, and then we had to wait for it to come in. It was all a bit of a rollercoaster, but now things are starting to pick up at a steady pace and we're back up to capacity with our stock. Hopefully by February we'll be back to where we were before lockdown.

"Obviously we've had to take measures with our show room. Thankfully, we have large premises so we can be six metres apart if needed! We've got social distancing rules in place to make sure staff and customers feel safe. A lot of people are still worried about coming in, so we can discuss everything over the phone with them. We can send brochures to show you doors that have been made previously, and we can even send a sample A4 door to you so you can see a version of it first-hand."

With this level of service, it's easy to see why Mirror Door Services is a leading UK provider of made to measure sliding door systems. Its full product range includes six different sliding door systems with over 30 different colours, including wood grain finishes.

All of the systems also incorporate anti-jump safety features and have been designed to accept the choice of safety backed mirror, opaque glass and/or panels. They are all available in bulk form, door kits, or made to measure.



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# The UK's best quality water and chemical storage tanks



Precolor Tank Division has been serving the water industry for over 50 years, and started life manufacturing mannequins and swimming pools.

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While building the business, Precolor was involved in laying the foundations for the British and European standards, and was part of the working group that drew up the standards with which all approved water tanks must now comply.

Manufacturing from its own purpose built facility in the heart of the midlands, Precolor has easy access to all parts of the UK and ports for exporting. Precolor designs, manufactures and installs its products, giving it full control of production schedules and costs, as well as keeping overheads to a minimum.

Not one to stay complacent, Precolor also continually invests in research and

development, with a mission to introduce new and innovative solutions to benefit its customers. This is complemented by a dedicated team of highly skilled and experienced staff, who ensure that customers continue to receive the highest quality water storage tanks, all of which are handmade with great care and pride.

Precolor's one piece GRP Water Tanks are ideal for cold water storage in the absence of constraints and with the largest tank capable of holding nearly 100,000L there is no need to have a sectional tank with a costly install. The absence of joints and internal supports means there are no areas that are difficult to clean thoroughly.

All Precolor's GRP Water Tanks are made to BS EN 13280 : 2001 specifications, and are lightweight and easy to transport and handle. Pre-formed cut outs to



accommodate tank connections and fittings are provided, and the GRP material Precolor uses can be easily cut and drilled using standard plumber's tools.

This means that even large water storage tanks can be quickly and easily positioned and installed in new buildings under construction, or in old buildings where access is not limited.

Precolor can also manufacture bespoke tanks to specific shapes and dimensions. Thanks to Precolor's decades of experience working with GRP, it can offer a complete service from design and mould making to final manufacture and installation.



As well as water tanks, Precolor can also offer a range of other related products made from GRP. These include drip trays, baffle plates, weir plates, centre plates, lids & access covers. Drip trays help to temporarily store any overspill. The plates restrain or regulate the flow of liquid & access covers act as a removal plate that covers an opening that may be large enough for a person to pass through, which may be an access point for maintenance or other work.

In addition to Precolor's one piece GRP Water Tanks and bespoke offering, the company also provides sectional water tanks. These are used for the storage of large volumes of cold water and are



suitable for both potable and non-potable use. The panels in sectional water tanks are made from GRP, making it a strong and solid structure.

This kind of water storage tank is ideal for use in hotels, schools, hospitals and more, both in the UK and beyond. They can be used to replace a defective water tank without altering the building's structure, or in areas where access is restricted.

Thanks to Precolor's extensive know-how and versatile product range, it can supply to a vast range of customers, both commercial and non-commercial on small and large scale projects.

With the aim to deliver the UK's best quality water and chemical storage tanks, Precolor certainly provides unbeatable services using its industry leading expertise.

If you would like to make use of Precolor's knowledge and experience, don't hesitate to get in touch using the details below. Alternatively, head to the website to find out more about Precolor's range and services, and discover some case studies of the company's recent projects.

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## Maintenance free solutions for decking and landscaping

Did you know that many real wood decks require full replacement within seven years of installation? This coupled with annual maintenance costs for labour and materials can make your wooden deck very expensive in the long run and if you are doing it yourself it's going to use up a lot of your time. Time that could be spent enjoying your garden instead.

A Gardening Express survey found that homeowners change their patio or deck six times over the course of their gardening lifetime at a cost of around £9000. Fortunately, if you are installing or replacing your deck there is a solution in the form of recycled plastic decking. A long-lasting alternative to wood.

Utilising plastic that would ordinarily be sent to landfill or incinerators, Kedel turn it into long lasting, maintenance free landscaping materials, with the look and feel of real wood but that can last a lifetime, so you just do the job once!

The slightly higher initial price of recycled plastic wood is quickly recovered through savings on maintenance or replacement, resulting in lower lifetime costs when compared to real wood designs. This initial outlay can be recouped in as little as 2 to 5 years.

Recycled plastic decking is splinter free, frost proof, shock proof, resistant to most chemicals and

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Kedel Marine Decking Boards can be used for various landscaping projects and are ideal for boardwalks, pontoons, jetties, access ramps and fishing piers.

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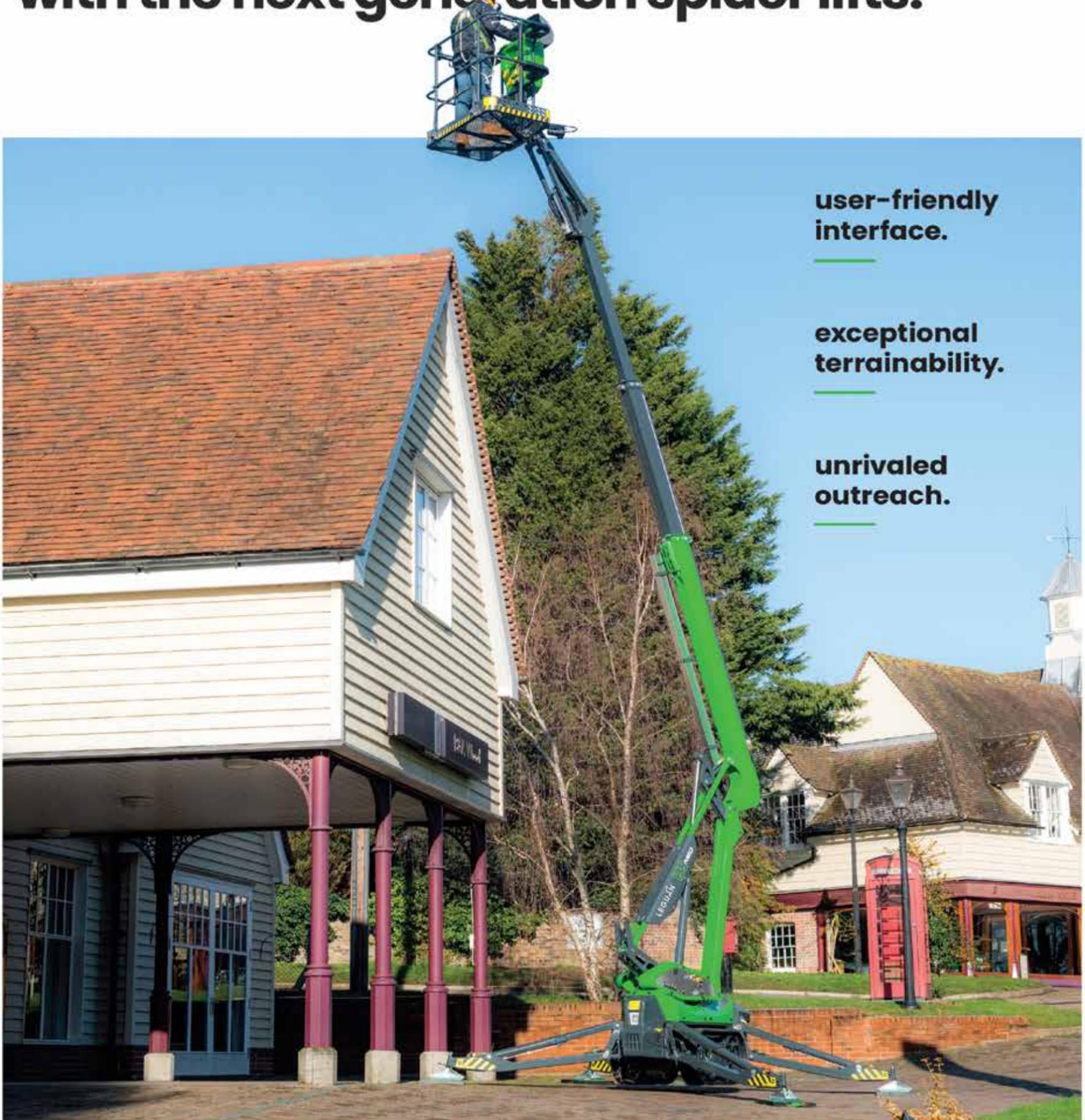


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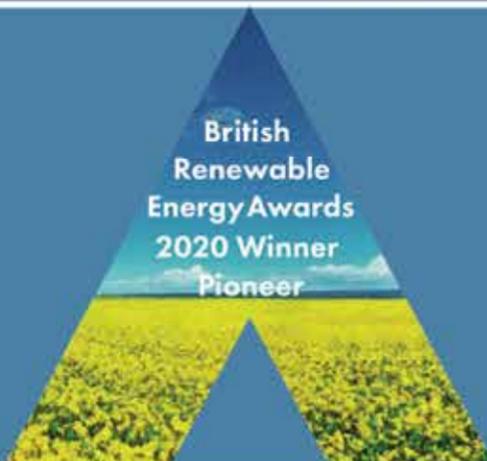


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"We're focused on innovating new solutions and continuous improvement on our existing products," said Kelly Bryant, Director. "Our products are designed to make it as simple as possible for sites to benefit from efficient waste water recycling or disposal. Other products on the market can be complicated and create extra problems for the user, so we have designed ours

to alleviate this and make it easy for sites to do the right thing."

Building on the triumphs of its systems, Kelly Tanks have launched a range of Modular Dosing Units. Used for monitoring and controlling pH levels and/or providing proportional chemical dosing, their unique design means the units can be fitted to most tanks and positioned as required without the need for large, specialised equipment.

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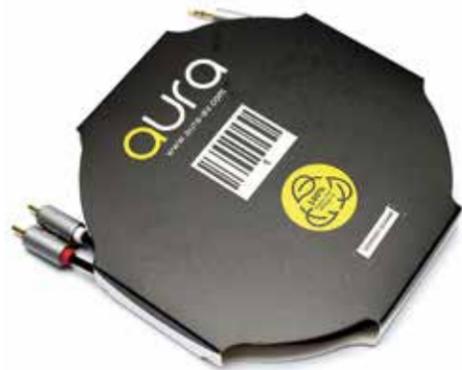
training, testing services and full onsite water management teams. We also design and build bespoke systems to ensure our customer always receive the best equipment for their application".

It's this admirable work ethic which has helped Kelly Tanks build its reputation over the last several years, and after the construction industry experienced some uncertain weeks at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Kelly Tanks is now more in demand than ever.

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## Lockdown Hobbyists Create A Boom For Small Van Sector



A recent survey has identified a rise in Brits taking up hobbies during the pandemic to keep their minds and bodies in check, and it appears that some may even be upgrading their motor to accommodate their new pastime.

The latest data from online insurance price comparison specialist The Van Insurer has identified a significant lift in the number of quotes for small vans during lockdown, suggesting that some drivers may be upgrading their motor to accommodate notable new pastimes, such as fishing, gardening, dog walking and DIY.

The good news is that insurance premiums have remained pretty competitive too so, whether you're after a nippy number to get you from A to B or are considering upgrading to a van for the first time to indulge in a new hobby, there has never been a better time to make the switch. Here, The Van Insurer highlights its Top 10 most popular small vans.

1. Ford Transit Connect
2. Volkswagen Caddy
3. Citroen Berlingo
4. Vauxhall Combo
5. Peugeot Partner
6. Renault Kangoo
7. Fiat Doblo
8. Ford Transit Courier
9. Nissan NV200
10. Mercedes-Benz Citan

Ed Bevis, Commercial and Marketing Director at The Van Insurer, says: "We've been noticing a steady rise in van insurance quotes for smaller models for some time but it's really taken off during lockdown and we're always interested to see the the popularity of certain manufacturers coming to the fore.

"We know that that last couple of years have been difficult for many of our customers, so whether they're downsizing from a larger van, starting a new business venture or accommodating a new hobby there are lots of reasons why we could be experiencing a boom in smaller van insurance quote requests.

"It's great news that, for most drivers, quoted premiums are down. We've always worked hard to offer a broker panel comprising the biggest and best names in the insurance business and that's why we can stay competitive and offer cheap van insurance to our customers, regardless of their specific needs."

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## Heat Pumps: A 'no-brainer' for self and custom build homes.



If you're building a new home or creating your dream barn conversion, there's not usually much excitement surrounding choosing the heating system. They just don't get homeowners blood pumping in quite the same way as a new kitchen, that glass balustrade or the latest Farrow & Ball colour chart!

But with an impending ban on gas boilers from 2025 to help reach the Government's target of net-zero emissions, coupled with the real possibility that all homes who have a gas boiler could face a dreaded 'carbon tax' at some in the future; a financial penalty that aims to bring under control the fact that 14% of UK greenhouse gases come from our homes, then installing a heat pump now really is the common-sense option.

For those involved in self or custom builds installing a ground, air, or water sourced heat pump will not only provide for 100% of the heating and hot water needs but will future proof your new home from fossil fuel price rises or penalties. In addition, the current financial incentive from the government in the form of RHI Scheme means that most, if not all, of the cost of installing is paid back to you over 7 years.

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## Concrete Wash Water.....Are You Conforming?

When managing concrete wash out, there is still a common misconception that it is the solid by-product which is the primary hazard. It is important to emphasise that, it is in fact the waste water which has the potential to do most damage. This wash water can have a pH of up to 12, which in turn can cause catastrophic environmental problems, as well as health and safety issues for anyone coming into contact with it.

When looking at how your project will deal with concrete wash out, REMEMBER, it is the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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