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## **Building & Construction Review**

# Commit to lay with TuffStuff® flexible GRP



In this issue of Building and Construction Review, we are pleased to announce that we have selected Tuff Waterproofing's TuffStuff® flexible GRP as the recipient of our Product of the Month award.

Transform your roof waterproofing capabilities with the new TuffStuff® flexible GRP from Tuff Waterproofing, the UK's premium designer, and supplier of heavy-duty GRP waterproof flat roofing systems.

Through the combination of its team of experts, and extensive research and development, Tuff Waterproofing is pleased to announce the launch of their innovative flexible GRP, that is the latest product in its GRP range.

Engineered for trade, the ingenious and inspired new product is both versatile and durable and something that has never been done before. With a team of experts that have been in the industry for over 30 years, Tuff Waterproofing is more than familiar in delivering outstanding GRP products consisting of waterproofing liquid solutions for flat roofs which are comprised for GRP, flexible GRP and Polyurethane products.

After thorough testing, TuffStuff® flexible GRP was launched last year and has since received incredible interest from builders' merchants and roofing centres all over the UK. Unlike previous products such as Tuff Tech Pro®, which is a polyurethane system, the TuffStuff® flexible GRP is a flexible GRP meaning it can be applied to multiple surfaces. This is a unique development in the GRP market. For prospective clients needing to save time and money by overlaying a roof rather than stripping back and replacing, its multi substrate compatibility means it can be applied directly to felt, asphalt, single-ply, GRP, concrete, timber, or metal.

With normal GRP's you will need to also apply a base and a topcoat, whereas TuffStuff® flexible GRP is one resin system that forms a highly flexible, extra tough, and seamless waterproof membrane, making it the perfect solution for flat roofs and areas of heavy-duty



foot traffic. The use of a granulated catalyst rather than liquid allows for a safer and easier product use.

It's very important to note that even though the product is moisture resistant while curing, it cannot be applied straight onto a wet surface. If a heavy rain shower were to fall in the middle of a job, TuffStuff® flexible GRP allows you to go away and resume work on the remaining roof area once the rain has stopped. After removing excess liquid and applying a gentle wipe with acetone, work can resume easily with no compromise to the quality or end product, making it impervious to rain and much more time efficient.

The product requires only two coats, both of which can be applied within 60 minutes, and a 225gsm reinforcing mat. Another significant benefit to the product is that it can easily be applied to vertical sections of a roof without the concern of sagging, and once laid and whilst curing, the product is completely showerproof.





As one of the UK's leading suppliers of heavyduty, waterproof flat roofing, Tuff Waterproofing took the opportunity to launch its new product on a global stage at the UK Construction Week 2021 show (UKCW), where it was awarded the Best Shell Scheme stand. TuffStuff® flexible GRP received extremely positive feedback from visitors who expressed their appreciation for its advantages of being offered as a one-pot solution. Its recent product is the latest addition to its wide range of GRP products that uses the latest liquid polyester resins, glass fibre mat reinforcement and flexible edge trims to create a fully integrated 100% waterproof seamless finish.

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Tuff Waterproofing has a busy year ahead in the event calendar as it will also be showcasing at UKCW London: 3-5 May 2022 and UKCW Birmingham: 4-6 October 2022. Furthermore, TuffStuff® flexible GRP is also now available to purchase from the following Builders' Merchants: Buildbase, Huws Gray, Jewson and numerous independents.

In closing, we spoke with Greg Gimenez, Tuff Waterproofing's Managing Director on how he felt the product has been received across the industry and how the company plans to continue its success into the future. "Our product is the most innovative, unique and proven solution we have produced to date. Our hard-working, extremely knowledgeable product development team has worked closely with our customers and our UK-based manufacturing facility to produce an ever-evolving product range.

The TuffStuff® flexible GRP speaks for itself and is a credit to all the hours of research and development that has gone into it. Our mission statement for the future remains the same, to continue to improve our product range year after year. We see TuffStuff® flexible GRP as the future of GRP roofing, and in time we plan to develop its environmentally friendly credentials to reach higher economic standards."

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# Collaboration and partnerships key to DCON's award-winning safety excellence

In this issue of Building and Construction Review we have selected DCON Safety Consultants Limited as the recipient of our New Year Spotlight Award.

After 5 years in business, DCON Safety Consultants again came to forefront in successfully claiming another major industry award. The company returned to the winner's podium recently by receiving the prestigious Guinness Excellence in Business Award for 2022 having already claimed the matching award for 2021. Founder and Managing Director, Diarmuid Condon instantly deflects praise to his Clients and industry partners.

If the current trend continues, then as one of Ireland's foremost independently owned built environmental, safety, health and wellbeing consultant practices, DCON Safety Consultants may soon have to consider rearranging their Dublin city office space to make room for all the industry awards they are securing. The 2021 calendar year ended on a high note for the company as they were once more recognised at the prestigious Guinness Excellence in Business Awards – a feat which Diarmuid Condon modestly admits would not have been possible without the invaluable input of an extensive network of partners:

"We were surprise winners of this award last year and we welcomed winning it again this time around – it acknowledges our strong commitment to the services we provide," Diarmuid notes. "We are humbled to have been chosen as the 2022 winners but the reality simply is that we wouldn't have received this award without our Clients, their Design Teams & Project Managers, our



Consultant Partners that we work closely with on a day to day basis prioritising health, safety and wellbeing. It's imperative that we acknowledge all project parties, as it's ultimately a collaborative effort."

Diarmuid goes on to further remark "We can only use the tools that we are given; these are informed by our Clients' commitment, behaviour and efforts. This single point of success enables us to be considered for any award, never mind win one. We advise and offer guidance on design, planning, procurement, construction and operational outcomes. Outcomes are only attained with buy-in from our Clients. This relationship and rapport extends to our delivery partners - i.e., Main Contractors – who also have to be highly commended. Our service pool is extensive and it is important to acknowledge everybody involved.

Their contribution and hard work allows us to continue with our principal service offering and to extend and expand upon it. Our Clients have been very much affected by the pandemic and have had to significantly alter their site practices and manage the challenges presented. This has impacted upon their resources and involves incurring additional costs but – even under these more demanding circumstances, with working conditions and site lay-outs significantly altered - they continue to deliver safety and to eliminate risk. These are the real winners of this award. We could not collect or promote this award without our Partners."

Proven leaders in built environmental, health & safety and wellbeing consultancy matters - consulting on various aspects of project design, constructability and operational lifecycle matters for local and global multisector clients, DCON Safety Consultants prioritise and specialise in the highest levels of informed and intelligent advice, senior project resource allocation and compliance assurance. Acutely cognisant of the fact that every project with potential benefits also has potential risks – and with the art of planning centring on the coordination of these two zones of uncertainty - their team of highly-experienced construction professionals consistently prioritises and safeguards each client's best interest and statutory conformity.

The skills, knowledge and experience of DCON's staff places them at the forefront of their profession; their unique approach to the services provided is focused heavily on assisting Clients demonstrate confidence in

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their levels of compliance whilst also exploring how they might improve their safety performance.

With the safety and wellbeing of their own people, their clients' staff and those around them is at the heart of the business, DCON Safety Consultants are passionate and highly committed to continually improving health, safety and wellbeing management in collaboration with Clients. They have accumulated extensive experience in the provision of specific health and safety advisory services on large, complex projects and public and private developments.

DCON Safety Consultants serve a wide and varied selection of customers including Public Sector Departments, Corporate Owners, Real Estate Developers, Main Contractors, Design Professionals and Infrastructural Bodies. No project is considered too simple or complex for their team of high-quality specialist consultants - construction professionals averaging 20+ years' experience working in the built environment.

While collecting awards obviously should not rank high on any practice's list of priorities, it is nevertheless true that it provides businesses with some additional positive press, which is always welcome. Indeed, when DCON Safety Consultants struck gold at the most-recent staging of the Guinness Excellence in Business Awards, Diarmuid noticed that his LinkedIn profile attracted no fewer than 26,250 views inside a week!

"It's recognition of what you do and how well you are doing it, and it's also free marketing, but at the same time there is also a consequence to winning an award



in that you must maintain your high standards thereafter and be even better going forward," the personable Cavan resident concedes. "While you can draw a line in the sand each time you win an award, you have been placed on a pedestal from which you can be knocked down – and I don't particularly want to be knocked down from it. I prefer to move upwards. Our modus operandi is to excel at what we are good at and to never over promise and fail."

Diarmuid also had the honour of sponsoring and presenting a major industry award on the night of Wednesday, November 24th 2021 when Ardmac were the winners of the DCON Safety Consultants-sponsored 'Excellence in Safety Award' at the annual Fit Out Awards



2021 ceremony at the Clayton Hotel. "After the yearand-a-half we'd all had, it was nice to have a reason to get dressed up and attend the function, which was very well organised in terms of prioritising public health," he reflects. "These events are easy wins. It creates visibility and awareness for those we haven't worked with and for whom we could be a good fit to promote and provide safety advice."

Principal services provided by DCON Safety Consultants includes that of a Project Supervisor for the Design Process (CDM Advisor Plus), Pre-Planning Compliance, Safe Design Adherence, Health & Safety Strategy Creation, Client Advisory Roles, Physical Site Safety Auditing and Expert Witness. Through these services, they support and influence the design of proven health, safety and wellbeing strategies that seek to help clients achieve high-quality, cost-effective work for the safe design, construction and operation of their assets.

"While we spend a lot of time being good at what we specialise in, the reality is that we simply couldn't do it without our Clients, Design Team Partners and Project At any given time, the experts at DCON Safety Consultants are active on a variety of bespoke projects for a wide range of clients across the city centre and beyond. Some ongoing projects at the time of writing include the Cherrywood Town Centre Development, Camden Yard Development (former Kevin Street DIT campus), Project Calvary Dublin 3, 2 Grand Parade Dublin 6 and various regeneration masterplan projects.

With the Guinness Excellence in Business Award proudly on display – symbolising DCON Safety Consultant's strong relations with their Clients, Design Team partners and Project Management teams – this progressive safety consultancy practice seeks to go into the new year with a decided spring in its collective step:

"It is deeply humbling but at the same time I wouldn't have accepted the award if I felt we didn't deserve it," Diarmuid concludes. "This is a moment in time, and it doesn't define us. It alludes to our performance within a particular timeframe, but we intend to continue





Management relationships," Diarmuid reiterates. "We strongly acknowledge their support and realise that we would not be where we are today without them. Winning the Excellence in Business Award 2021 and 2002 is a nice accomplishment but you cannot look at any award receipt in isolation. You need to examine how you got it and that's generally through quality of service, which is made possible by the support of all those people and companies you are collaborating with."

While Diarmuid's track record in designing and executing strategic safety plans and systems for construction projects in Ireland and the UK is exceptional, his comprehensive background as a construction professional has been key to taking DCON Safety Consultants to where they are today. "We are construction-qualified specialists, and we are there when it is difficult, not just when it is easy," he promises. "We understand both safety design and the mechanics of construction methodology. Our primary qualifications is in construction and that is hugely important.

"While we provide safety services, you also need to understand how things get constructed and deconstructed. There's value in that and it is earned. We understand that value and we are always open to learning and strive to excel in new technologies, be that lean construction, alternative design lay-outs or BIM developments. On each project, you have to consider whether that technology suits the Irish market and the client. We're fully committed to consistently learning and to acquiring the understanding which enables us to have that conversation at the right level with influencers and decision-makers across design teams." delivering for our Clients and hopefully that may lead to us to be considered for other similar like awards in the near future."

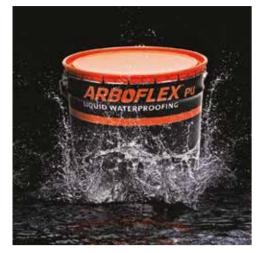
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# Waterproofing you can rely on



Carlisle CM Europe (CCM Europe) manufacture high quality EPDM waterproofing membranes for flat roofing, façade systems and building solutions for the construction industry.

CCM Europe is a dynamic company with ease of installation and durable roofing systems including EPDM & Liquid Waterproofing. As a leading manufacturer of waterproofing membranes and sealants, refurbishment and new build projects. The market leading advantages of Resitrix<sup>®</sup> lie in the unique combination of materials: the synthetic rubber EPDM and polymermodified bitumen - making it a durable hybrid membrane. Our extremely flexible, single-layer waterproofing membrane can thus be applied on almost all substrates.

The membranes are welded together quickly, easily and safely using a hot-air device without any need for naked flames," stated Shail Chauhan, Marketing Manager.

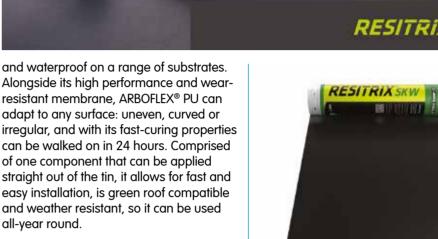




our market leading products are suited for a wide range of flat roof substrates for both new build and refurb.

CCM Europe has proven EPDM membranes, accessories and flat roofing solutions for roofers, architects, contractors, and distributors. The company's product portfolio consists of many market leading brands such as Resitrix<sup>®</sup>, Hertalan<sup>®</sup>, Alutrix<sup>®</sup>, ARBO<sup>®</sup>, ARBOFLEX<sup>®</sup> PU, and "Resitrix<sup>®</sup> which is BBA certified and awardwinning hybrid EPDM membrane that offers customers reliable waterproofing in both As a dedicated sealant manufacture, CCM Europe is able to supply products that meet any requirement. Its ARBO® brand sealants are designed for the professional and is a well-respected product range throughout the building, glazing, construction, and architectural industries.

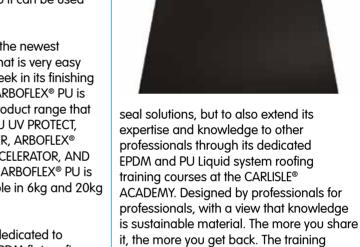
One particular product worth noting is the ARBOFLEX® PU, a single component liquid made from pure polyurethane which, once cured, forms a seamless elastic membrane without any joints. The material properties of ARBOFLEX® PU enable it to be air tight



"ARBOFLEX® PU Liquid is the newest product to our portfolio that is very easy to applicate and looks sleek in its finishing format," said Shail. The ARBOFLEX® PU is part of the ARBOFLEX® product range that consists of ARBOFLEX® PU UV PROTECT, ARBOFLEX® PU THICKENER, ARBOFLEX® MATT, ARBOFLEX® PU ACCELERATOR, AND ARBOFLEX® PU SEALANT. ARBOFLEX® PU is BBA certified and available in 6kg and 20kg tins.

CCM Europe is not only dedicated to offering state of the art EPDM flat roofing





it, the more you get back. The training content is intended to enable attendees to learn of the proven advantages of EPDM water-proofing solutions relating to roofs, façades and building in an up-close and hands-on manner. For more information, visit www.academy.ccm-europe.com

Allowing for change creates space for continuous growth and a new perspective. Shail commented some recent changes to the company: "We have recently strengthened our sales and distribution network covering the UK and the ROI market. We have also welcomed a few new members to our sales team, Charlie Patrick and Crawford McAllister. Charlie looks after our Eastern region and Crawford looks after the North and Scotland. Both have had previous experience in the roofing sector and are amazing additions to our team."

With ambitions to continue their impressive growth, CCM Europe plans to keep collating together more opportunities for further development. As a dynamic company that aims to support and motivate its people as much as possible, it is continuing to review and develop new products all the time.

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# The fastest access panel in the world, available now!





Rapid Access Ltd was founded in 2008 and is located in the Midlands with two manufacturing facilities in Nuneaton and a warehouse in Atherstone. Over the past 25 years, Rapid Access Ltd has provided a high-quality service in a wide range of access panels, riser doors, loft hatches and fire rated over boxes in various sizes and specifications.

Designing and manufacturing access panels for walls and ceilings, Rapid Access Ltd offer the quickest manufacturing process on the market when it comes to ordering their products. As specialist manufacturers for the construction and building sector, it also extends its unrivalled service to distributors, contractors and architects.



"Our Flipfix Range of Access Panels are five times quicker to fit compared to a traditional panel, with our unique Fitting Device, Mitreless Frame and new Flush Lock system, these panels save 80% on fitting costs as there are no screws or glue required and no need for bracing or supports just cut, fit and flip," said Kate

With four options available, the FlipFix

comes as plasterboard, metal faced, tile faced, or circular. Further benefits including easy to fit, extra lock options, perfect for walls and ceilings, comes with an approved fire rating and no extra materials are needed. The Flipfix allows easy access to hidden domestic services such as shut-off valves, isolation switches, stop taps and other hidden services. The Flipfix is manufactured to an excellent finish.

Kate explained another notable product, "we are also the innovators of the RapidFit hinge system on our riser door range which works on a spring-loaded pin hinge. This means, the installation of the door, once the frame has been installed, is much quicker than a door supplied with a traditional piano hinge."

The RapidFit sliding hinge system allows for quick and easy removal of the access panel door from the frame. Therefore, allowing the frame to be fitted into the structural opening easily and safely. By aligning the hinge pins and clicking them into place, the access panel door can then be fitted. The product has undergone vigorous testing and can save up to 30 minutes per panel on fitting times when compared with an 1800 x 600mm Rapid Fit and a traditional access panel.

Holding accreditations in ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management and UKAS Management Systems, its customer service is impeccable. On hand to assist in any queries, the team aim to respond within an hour and process any order



during the enquiry. Working alongside customer service is the technical support team who are a team holding large amounts of experience and technical know-how of all things access panel related. Furthermore, if you require guidance with your order, the website has an access buddy live chat where you can chat with any member of the sales team instantly.



Rapid Access Ltd offer customers large quote support with each quote over £5,000. Offering a pack consisting of a quote summary, datasheets, test certification, product/service benefits and features, fitting instructions and a history of the quote. Additionally, customers are provided with a detailed product brochure including price and product information and guidance. If a customer is unsure of what they're looking for, Rapid Access Ltd has an access panel builder on the website consisting of expert sales team members to help customers select the correct panel.

Its latest innovation is the Meter Over Box which is designed to be surface mounted onto a structural membrane of a block wall system. Manufactured with a 25mm wide picture frame, the panel comes with a metal faced door.

The panel door leaf is locked in place via a budget lock and an 8mm triangular meter cabinet insert, other lock options are available. The panel is powder coated RAL 9010 30% gloss and is available in multiple colours. The panel is 2-hour fire rated for an integrity up to 1070 x 650mm in a wall application and is tested in accordance with BSEN 1634-1.

"We have recently released our Rapids Flush Lock system, which incorporates a sleek discreet finish and is available on most of our Flipfix products. Customers will never have to worry about losing or breaking bungs again as it has a springloaded locking mechanism," stated Kate.

Further to its product portfolio, the company has a BIM library which acts as a link between manufacturers and BIM. It develops digital replicas in 2D and 3D libraries of real-world building products and interior components. With this technology the company can offer a digital 3D replica of its products.

Kate explained what impact COVID-19 has had on the business, "we felt the impact of material prices rising but as a manufacturer we decided not to implement a price rise during these testing times. Instead, we decided to add a temporary material surcharge, meaning as long as the price of materials come down, so will our surcharge."

In the future, the company aims to have all its products in National distributors with the ease of purchasing its unique Flipfix product, loft hatches and riser doors, and will continue its efforts to incorporate its products into nationwide industry specific projects.

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# Innovative and sustainable solutions to every wooden floor challenge



Founded in 1919, Bona was the first in the industry to offer a full system of Waterbone hardwood floor finishing and floor care products. As a family-owned company, Bona is a sustainably driven company that provides products for installing, renovating, maintaining, and restoring premium floors. Offering products for the most premium of floor surfaces including wood, tile, vinyl, resilient, rubber and laminate, Bona has engineered, pioneered and perfected an entire system to create floors that last a lifetime.

Bona's founder, Wilhelm Edner is from Sweden and used to sell a product called Bonvax from his small grocery store. When applied to wood, Bonvax creates a polished and protective surface. After realising the products potential, Wilhelm founded Bona AB with a focus of bringing out the beauty in floors.

Today Bona has over 600 employees, spread across five factories around the world and is present in 90 countries through 17 international subsidiaries and distributors. Still headquartered in Malmö, Sweden, its UK office is based in Linford Wood, Milton Keynes.

Bona carries 100 years of experience and expertise in the flooring industry and offers customers a unique insight into flooring requirements and solutions. Providing solutions for all levels of flooring from commercial installations, renovations, floorcare products, coatings, fastenings, machines, abrasives and ongoing maintenance. From its commitment to sustainability to its relationships with its customers, Bona provide an unrivalled service that gives customers the highest quality products.

Sustainability is at the core of Bona and has been embedded into the company's culture since 1919. "What we've learned from 100 years of commitment to sustainable practices is that sustainability is everevolving. Rather than a destination, it's a multifaceted journey that changes as our world changes. Our sustainability journey is aligned and in accordance with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals





and is focused on bringing better products and practices to home, health, and humanity - across the globe," stated Leanne Garvie, Marketing Manager.

Renewable raw materials were introduced with the first generation of Bona Mega in 1995. Bona source all its own raw materials to ensure the chemical composition of its products meet the strictest standards. Bona provides the highest quality design, craft and care in all its products and prides itself on its environmentally friendly profile. For example, Waterborne finishes were invented by Bona for wooden floors and offers a safer way to refinish floors improving working conditions for flooring contractors by reducing their exposure to solvents.

The SHE (Safety, Health and the Environment) policy showcases Bona's commitment to sustainability, and the company is proud to state that all of its manufacturing is certified by ISO 14001, GREENGUARD and

Green Seal.

At Bona, a commitment to humankind means more than 'just giving back'. Bona like to think of it as 'giving forward', therefore, Bona has committed to a future of supporting both global and local communities. From international partnerships that support global change to donating time and resources to local fundraisers, Bona has made tremendous efforts to make a difference in the world. From partnering with Hand in Hand, a non-government organisation, to helping fight poverty, raising funds for local hospitals and working alongside university research programs, Bona deliver an abundance of services and outreach programmes to enrich the lives of those in need.



In recent news, "Bona now offers highly effective treatment steps and products for the renovation and maintenance of resilient floors. Our high quality, sustainable program allows you, to not only maintain floor freshness but also to totally transform the look of your existing floor without replacing it," said Leanne.

The Bona system comes with a complete range of high performing products designed

to deliver durable and beautiful results. Its proven, trusted system of products offers a wide range of choice from coatings, adhesives, finishes, maintenance, machines, abrasives, tools and accessories. The resilient solution is proven to deliver a cost savings of over 40% with 50% less downtime. Ideal for heavy traffic in commercial and industrial settings, the system harks real sustainable benefits and is proven to save over 90% towards both energy output and reduced carbon footprint.

Bona's recent success has enabled a move into a new premises to cater to recent demand. The new premises houses an expansion of its warehouse facilities and is helping to increase its distribution capabilities. Bona products are targeted towards commercial property managers,



facility managers, contractors, architects and even domestic floor owners. Its multifaceted capabilities allow Bona to adapt and be flexible to any customer's requirement regardless of what industry they serve. In closing, Leanne relayed what Bona envisages for the future, "we want to take the Bona brand to the resilient flooring renovation market. As market leaders in the wood floor sector we are keen to expand awareness to other floor types and facility solutions."

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# The Environmental Assessment Specialists



We are pleased to announce that ACCON UK has received Building and Construction Reviews Commitment to Excellence Award.

Founded in 2007 by Graham Parry and ACCON GmbH, ACCON UK is one of the UK's leading niche environmental consultancies, specialising in air quality, noise, vibration, lighting, flood risk environmental assessment, odour, contaminated land, and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

"We are an Environmental Consultancy committed to serving our clients with the highest standards of consultancy advice with our services variously provided for new development proposals and also as part of nuisance investigations. We provide specialist environmental technical studies which assist developers in obtaining planning permission and we also provide specialist review services to local authorities," stated Graham.



the highest level of service to a range of sectors including housing, commercial, retail, leisure, industrial, mining and quarrying, petro-chemical, energy and wind farm developments. And within these sectors, ACCON has the capabilities and specialist expertise to serve clients who work in major "Our services are fully integrated across each team and the main offices, ensuring that a holistic approach to environmental assessment is provided. From developers and architects to town planners and local authorities, we work with many industry professionals. Our services aim to provide clients with exceptional value for money, bringing to bear 50 years' experience across all environmental topics and a very good understanding of EIA," mentioned Graham.

ACCON UK is able to complete every aspect of EIA including screening requests, scoping and methodology and the preparation of the EIA and Non-Technical Summary (NTS). Keeping the client as its number one priority, the EIA can be completed by either ACCON UK's in-house team of technical experts, or by using the client's external technical specialists.

The company's dedicated EIA manager has a wide range of experience that is vital given the level of scrutiny that EIAs face during the planning process. Clients can rest assured the process will be as smooth as possible, and that ACCON UK





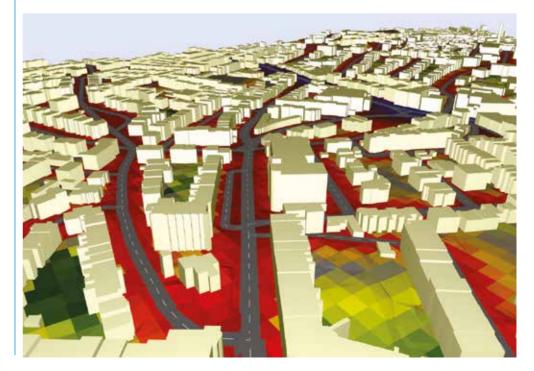


will work hard to avoid the need for EIA altogether if at all possible throughout the planning process.

In closing we asked Graham what the company's plans were for the future, he answered, "since COVID-19, measures for home working were put in place, and those measures have continued alongside our normal office working. We have an ambitious expansion plan programmed to cement our position as a small but niche environment consultancy. We are excited for the future!"

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ACCON UK prides itself on producing

infrastructure projects, transportation – road and rail, residential and commercial development, sports stadiums and recreational facilities.

At ACCON UK, a commitment to excellence means much more than just ticking the right boxes.

ACCON UK is accredited and registered with ISO9001, RISQS, ANC, SMAS as recognised by AAIP, and is a member of Constructionline. ACCON's entire approach combines the unity of the expertise and experience from each member of staff to ensure the delivery of its service to its clients is exceeded above expectations and remains within the guidelines of its accreditations.

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# Shire strengthens service offering with ground improvement technique



Let's take a look at Shire where innovation and product development has turned them into one of the country's most unique construction companies.

#### Innovation

Innovation is the key to Shire's success, says group Managing Director Simon Crook. They now have nine patents within the group with one more "pending". He expects their latest service, resin injection, to build on the success of their other products and help drive the company's expansion over the next few years. If you have weak ground or sunken slabs, resin injection can save time, money and disruption. Specially developed geotechnical polymers are injected into the ground at high pressure where they expand, compacting the soil and lifting structures back to level. This is a very exciting development, allowing us to improve the support to structures with minimal disruption, says Simon.

#### The Beginning

The Civil and Structural Engineering department at Shire was formed in 1988 to provide a more proactive and innovative response to that offered by many traditional engineering practices. Early projects included a cable suspended footbridge and the computer analysis of the roof structure to halls at the NEC.

Shire has been recognized with awards for both design and innovation. Awards for building design include the 2010 RIBA Architecture Award for the





Zero Carbon House in Birmingham, the 2013 RIBA West Midlands Award for the Michael Baker Boathouse, King's School, 2013 RIBA North East Award for Yarm School Auditorium and the 2013 RIBA West Midlands Award for St George's Primary School.

A specialist telecommunication infrastructure team to service the booming telecommunication market was the next addition to Shire. As well as working for all the major operators in the UK, Shire helped design EE's networks in Switzerland and Sweden. Shire also had the honour of being appointed to design the telecommunications hub for the City of London stadium at the 2012 Olympics.

Shire established their own in-house geotechnical division in 1997. Initially this team only provided services for Shire's consulting and telecommunication teams. The geotechnical team quickly expanded, however, and now provide support to other consultants, building insurers, local authorities and housing associations. The services offered include soil strength assessments, ground contamination analysis, subsidence investigations, tree root analysis, drainage surveys and soakaway testing.

#### **Product Development**

In 2004 Shire were approached by Halifax Insurance to develop a small pile that could be installed with handheld equipment to help remedy subsidence of domestic property. A steel helical pile, a method of installation and a completely new design procedure were all established with Halifax Insurance, estimating the product saves building insurers up to £3 million a year. The Shire pile is patent protected and was shortlisted for the prestigious Ground Engineering Innovation award.

In 2007 Shire developed the QuickBase Foundation System. This was a revolutionary new foundation partly built using recycled plastic. Prefabricated components can be carried through or around a property and allow foundations to be built quickly and accurately. The QuickBase product won a gold award from the Fenestration Industry and also won Best Exterior Product at the Interbuild Show. QuickBase has featured in a number of episodes of the tv series DIY SOS where it received praise when the full foundation and ground floor for a building extension was completed in less than a day.

A patent has just been granted for the Shire RootBase. This is a concrete free foundation that can be installed using hand-held equipment, without the need for the specialist skills necessary to install piles. RootBase was selected for a school extension in Bolton as it gave both cost and time savings compared with traditional construction. It was recently shortlisted for a Big Think Innovation Award at Futurebuild.

#### Subsidence Services

Because of Shire's Engineering expertise and product development, they were asked by a number of UK insurers to help with the structural

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The Housing Association client was amazed at the speed of the work and confirmed that it had saved them thousands of pounds.

In another project, a building had been constructed on very loose granular material resulting in a slow settlement of the structure. Cracks were typically around 3-4mm in width and had been forming slowly throughout the life of the building. Resin was injected below the level of the foundation to consolidate and strengthen the soil, preventing further settlement taking place. A second injection was then undertaken below the foundation to lift the structure back to level and close the building cracks.

There are many causes of building movement, says Ron Mace Shire Technical Director and current chairman of the Subsidence Forum, and it's not surprising therefore that there is not one remediation solution that is best for all types of subsidence. This is where our technical expertise and the range of solutions offered by Shire wins over our competitors, says Ron. We can evaluate a problem and specify the most appropriate remediation scheme, this could be micro piling, conventional piling, traditional underpinning, root trench or resin injection. Some projects may need more than one solution and the last two complex remediation schemes evaluated by Shire included both piling and resin injection.

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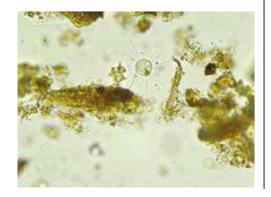


In the 1960s Maureen Iddon was a pioneer of the post war era. Her decision to start a plant nursery, earned her a reputation in growing and breeding rare herbaceous plants that spanned more than 30 years, including exhibiting at national Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Flower Shows. Observing plants, nature and creating a healthy growing stock has been the bedrock of the family business across three generations.

Grandson Daniel Iddon switched the family nursery to trees in 2019. Growing healthy plants is essential, but the challenge is whether we can grow trees to also suit their planting environment. This challenge drove Daniel to relocate his nursery operations to his woodland in Pembrokeshire. Planting trees from the growing trials in his woodland, he noticed how the trees were changing outside of the carefully controlled environment (soil moisture, air humidity, chemical food source), adjusting to the new climate local to the woodland with an abundance of bacteria, fungal species and microbes in the soil.

During growing trials to support the SAF Woodland investment in the Ellepot growing system, opportunities for improvement in the growing medium was identified. SAF Woodland are now developing a living soil to bring the woodland environment into the nursery. The research is being funded by The Forestry Commission Tree Production Innovation Fund (TPIF) in 2021 that has been designed to encourage the development and adoption of new technologies and ways of working that will enhance the quantity, quality and diversity of tree planting stock available for planting in England. By 2025, the government is seeking to dramatically increase tree planting to 10,000 hectares per year in England. To meet these planting targets domestically will require a corresponding increase in the UK production of tree planting material.

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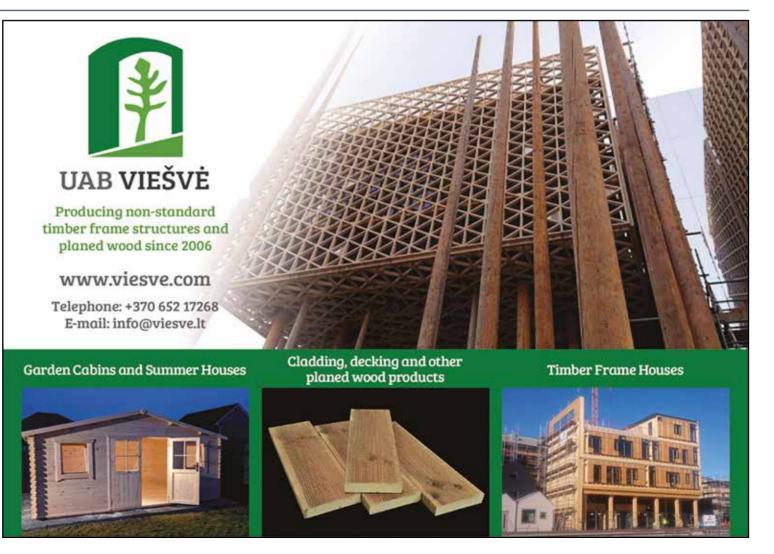




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# Heat Pumps: A 'no-brainer' for self and custom build homes.

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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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# TimbaBuild

A family-run Cornish business based in Newham & The Port of Truro, Cornwall.

TimbaBuild, which specialises in everything timber-related from timber framed houses, garden features, Furniture and decking, provides full design, planning and construction of a client's project, creating a strong relationship with customers to create the best finished product for them.

Paul Harvey, owner and director of TimbaBuild, said: "We operate an open door policy, where we invite the client in to view their project during manufacture, we listen, advise and discuss every part of the project.

Priding themselves on a dedicated customer service, TimbaBuild's team keep clients up to date with every element of their build thanks to a dedicated online portal, which includes invoices and quotations, as well as a finance tracker, enabling them to see where their money is being spent.

Paul said: "A daily diary is also kept, so that the client knows what has been accomplished per day, every day. In many instances, we offer a time lapse camera service, and present it to the client at the end of the project, completely free of charge."

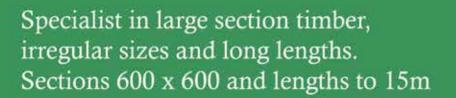
Paul added that this combination of great customer service and quality finished products, has resulted in the continued client list returning time and time again.

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# External timber cladding; size does matter

The Timber Decking & Cladding Association (TDCA) is an independent, not-for-profit advisory organisation - established to influence and promote good industry practice. This year, our focus is around highlighting the key information that those buying, selling and using external timber cladding should be aware of.

A specific subject is the size of cladding profiles, specifically tongue and groove (T&G) which is an interlocking system where size matters most. According to BS8605 – External Timber Cladding Part 1: Method of Specifying, for medium

#### movement timbers such as Siberian larch, the profile width for a T&G board is restricted to a maximum of 125mm.

Further guidance on tongue dimensions and movement gaps is provided with bigger gaps and tongues being required for wider boards; at 125mm wide board the standard states a minimum movement gap (mg) of 4mm, tongue width (tw) at least 15mm and thickness (tt) at least 7.5mm.

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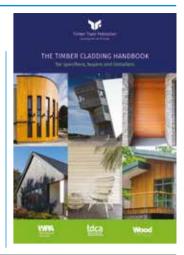
construction or renovation?

For those looking for added assurances of

quality, the TDCA operates the CladMark quality accreditation schemes which cover products, suppliers and installers. They provide audited verification of compliance with good manufacturing practices and sound installation techniques trusted by the TDCA and the wider industry.

The Timber Cladding Handbook is available as a free pdf download with a printed version available for £12 (inc p&p), go to:

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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.

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#### From winter to summer and everything in between, the Astreea Igloo has got you covered

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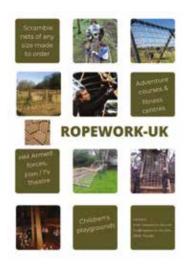
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lan Outram, founder of ROPEWORK-UK developed an interest in rope work whilst working in the Ships Riggers with the Fishermen of Fleetwood, Lancashire. For over 40 years his experience of creating RopeWork solutions to everyday challenges in work and play is based on his passion for preserving the heritage of RopeWork its materials and way of working.

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National Energy Efficiency Awards 2020/21. Another milestone for the company was in 2021 when Clima-Tech employed its first member of staff. Clima-Tech specialise in a range of core services in the renewable energy field for MCS/RHI registration systems, Heat pumps, Heating systems, Electrical system design and installation, System commissioning, Air conditioning, Solar panel specification, design, installation, repair and maintenance, and Underfloor Heating and Plumbing works.

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#### Harrow School has IAAF-standard **Construction Dust** - is this real? running track



Do you know how many workplace deaths occur in the UK each year? Out of the 25-30 million workers in the UK, how many do you think did not make it home following an accident at work? HSE statistics will tell you that in the period 2020/21 there were a total of 142 fatal injuries; clearly 142 too many but what was the main cause? Slips, trips, falls from height, moving vehicles I hear you say? In the same period 35 of those fatal accidents resulted from a fall and 25 were resultant from moving vehicles (deaths on public roads average 1,500 - 2,000!)

Compare this to occupational lung illness; in December 2021 the HSE also published "Occupational Lung Disease statistics in Great Britain, 2021"; this estimates that there are 12,000 deaths EACH YEAR linked to past exposures in the workplace and furthermore another 17,000 new cases of breathing and lung problems

So, what scares you most, falling from a ladder, being hit by a moving vehicle or breathing in dust? The problem is that breathing in dust is not painful and the consequences are not immediate. It is likely then that if you breathed in some dust today, you will likely do it again tomorrow and again the next day and these small, apparently harmless, low level exposures if repeated over time can have significant impact on long term health; much like smokina

Wearing a respirator (not a face covering) will only be effective if it fits the face of the wearer. The size of the dust particles that can cause lung disease is much smaller than that visible by a human eye so the unique shape of every face, not to mention things like stubble, may prevent the mask sitting tightly on the face and will create leakage paths. This is why wearers of any tight fitting RPE are required to be clean shaven in the area of the face seal and should have undertake a mask fit test to ensure the make, model, type and size of respirator in use is suitable for them.

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# play and on tennis hard courts the



The re-built athletics facilities at Harrow School included an IAAFstandard running track, facilities for long jump, high jump, discus and all the main athletics events, plus a water jump for the steeplechase and an area for the pole vault event - a relatively rare feature in UK school athletics facilities.

Hauraton SPORTFIX components installed at the Harrow School sports complex include; drainage channels around the edge of the running track, sand traps and soft kerb edging around the long jump pit and a water jump kit on the steeplechase track.

At any time in the UK, rain can stop

#### build-up of water can take some time to run away if attention has not been paid to the surface water drainage requirement. At Harrow School tennis courts this is not a problem as a discreet drainage channel run located just below the net efficiently drains away any excess rainwater.

Over the years Hauraton have built up a fund of knowledge, second to none, of how to drain sports areas be they soccer grounds, athletic tracks or tennis courts.







Other components in the SPORTFIX range include; Electrical distribution shafts, Service channels for cable management, pitch dish edging components and drainage channels specifically designed for artificial turf pitches.

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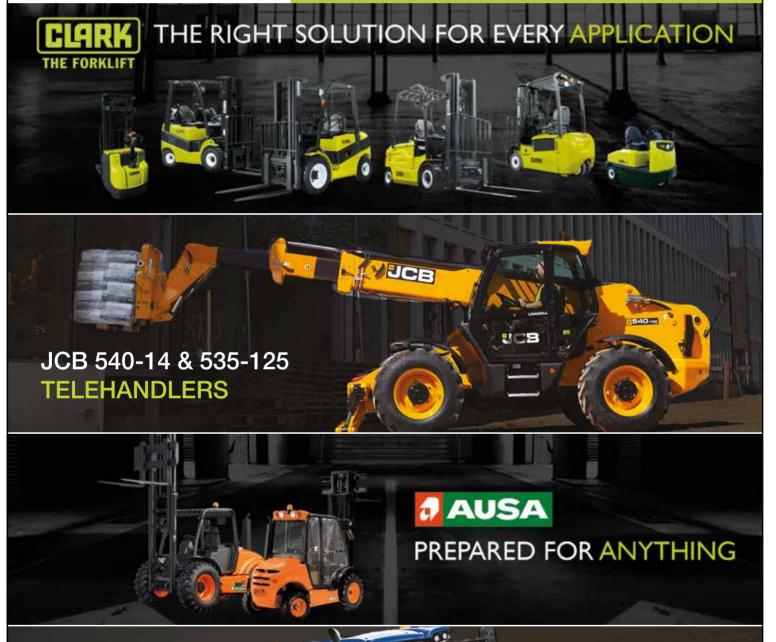
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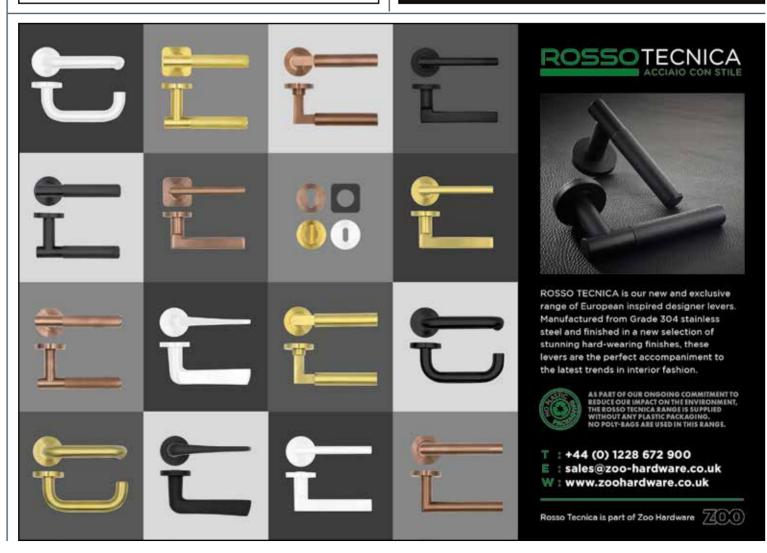


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# Compact and powerful stump grinders from Predator

Predator is an industry leading supplier of high performance, narrow access tree stump grinders, which was established in 2003. The company's founders were originally working in the tree care industry, offering tree stump removal to their clients. Back then, stump grinders were often large wheeled or tracked machines. The machines were frequently built in the US where they have plenty of space to manoeuvre their machinery. In the UK, back gardens tend to provide difficult access, which creates a struggle for arborists attempting to get their stump grinding machinery into a back garden.



"The founders were used to this same problem, and saw a need in the market for a compact tree stump grinder that are powerful enough for commercial stump removal on large sites, but also compact and narrow, to be able to get through the tight garden gates of the UK. The first Predator stump grinders built were the narrow tracked 28X, which were only 26 inches wide and therefore able to get through any garden gate, but with a 28 horsepower diesel engine and deep grinding depth, they could handle nearly any size stump," said Simon Bradshaw, Predator Sales.

From its location in Henley on Thames in Oxfordshire, and its 30 dealer and service centre locations around the UK and globally located dealers in North America, New Zealand



and Australia; Predator supplies cutting edge, tree stump removal tools for Arboriculture professionals, Plant Hire firms, Local authorities and Contractors worldwide.

"We are the only tree stump grinder company that focuses exclusively on the design and supply of narrow access stump removal machinery, making us the best choice on the market for companies and individuals in the UK, where difficult access to the stump is the norm. We offer a comprehensive, affordable range of stump grinders, from portable tools you can carry, all the way to more powerful radio controlled tracked machines," added Simon.

One of the most remarkable machines within Predator's range is its best seller; the Predator 38RX. The Predator 38RX is a radio controlled, tracked machine which is 26 inches wide and maintains an impressive 38 horsepower. Specifically designed to provide narrow access and high productivity, the Predator 38X is able to handle tough access stumps located in places such as back gardens and rough terrain commercial sites. "We have now upgraded the unit with a dozer blade and tow bar. Making it the narrowest machine on the market for its power and performance. It will now grind 22 inches deep, almost twice the depth of the closest competing machine," stated Simon.

The Predator 38RX has been designed to meet the ever toughening regulations, and as such, the noise levels are extremely low and the machine utilises its refined fuel injected Kohler EFI engine, resulting in minimal vibration. The Predator 38RX



is a highly productive and innovate machine, providing an easy to use, low maintenance and compact solution.

In terms of recent developments, Predator saw an increase during the pandemic in response to people taking on more garden, commercial, construction and landscaping projects. Simon explained that, "Our dealer network is constantly growing, prior to the dealer network being launched in 2018, we were selling direct to customers.



Now it is far more convenient to buy and service Predators' as there is often a dealer or service centre on their doorstep. It has made it more important to forecast required components, parts and stock requirements to keep up with demand. Though the COVID-19 situation made manufacturing very challenging, with component delays, the Arboriculture industry was also incredibly busy in 2020."

Predator maintains that it will continue to look at new ways to improve upon its machinery and strives to always provide new solutions to make its machinery more compact, with increased power and performance.

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# Swifix Innovative Fixings for use with EWI and MMC Systems

The SWIFIX fixing solution has been designed and developed specifically for refitting and installing both lightweight and heavy items through External Wall Insulation (ETICS) systems.

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With the growth of the retrofitting sector and requirements under Pas2030/35, the SWIFIX provides the ideal solution to ensure compliance, along with being the perfect maintenance solution for securing items through External Wall Insulation during the life of the system, whilst protecting the integrity of the installation.

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Recently winning the Innovation award at the INCA (Insulated and Cladding Association) Awards ceremony the judges acknowledged that "innovation in fixtures and fittings is essential and were impressed by the range of fixings, universally available, to suit the many different types of EWI systems and finishes and an excellent alternative which contributes to thermal bridging" The judges were also impressed by this companies' ability to identify a gap in the market and successfully develop a solution to ensure the integrity

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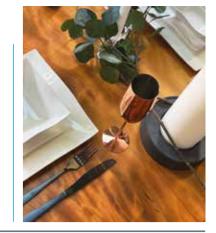
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## ZARGES cases continue to deliver for vaccine rollout

ZARGES, the leading provider of cases for the transportation of hazardous goods, is continuing to support the NHS's COVID-19 vaccine booster programme with its K470 case, enabling the safe and hygienic transportation of



the vaccine from manufacturer to deployment centres.

Transporting the vaccine at the right temperature is essential to preserving its efficacy. For the transport operators tasked with getting the vaccine from manufacturer to deployment during the initial roll-out in 2021, it was vital that they invested in rigorously tested temperature controlled casing.

ZARGES's K470 solution was especially configured to meet these requirements. A lightweight, aluminium solution which is available in 25 standard sizes and capacities, from 13 to 829 litres, the K470 universal box has proved a practical, effective means of transporting the vaccine.

Crucially, cases in the K470 range can provide unbeatable temperature-controlled options. In real-world testing environments, ZARGES cases have achieved storage temperatures of -74.3° - making it the ideal container of choice for cold chain logistics.

Mareike Bleile, Product Manager for Logistics and Industry at ZARGES, said: "The success of the first COVID-19 vaccination roll-out is fantastic and we are delighted that ZARGES cases have played a small role in protecting people against the virus. The specific circumstances in which the vaccinations can be transported highlights the importance of investing in the right cases, with the testing regimen and associated certifications that provide ultimate peace of mind. ZARGES is proud to provide a transport solution to the healthcare industry as the booster rollout continues into 2022; rigorously tested and supremely durable, the K470 range guarantees safe delivery, whatever the content.'

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# New-Look Training Provider Astutis Branches Out With Global Vision

Health and Safety training specialist Astutis Ltd is celebrating its 10-year anniversary with a significant expansion and rebrand of its services to reflect the dramatic changes in the workplace across the world as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Astutis, one of the fastest-growing training providers in the UK, says launching newlyenhanced products and technological capability will future proof the business. However, its mission stays the same - to boost standards and the number of

# Introducing Golden Hour Wine



Project: Golden Wine Hour Product: Neutro Chevron HW16603 Architect: GDP Design Build

Taking its inspiration from early 20th century Paris is the stunning Golden Hour wine shop. Capturing the unique charm of Parisian boutiques, this elegant space sells an array of sustainable wines from across the globe.

To create a space that exudes effortless style along with maximizing the sense of lightness, Havwoods was selected to supply a stunning wood floor solution for this neighbourhood wine shop in Florida.

Neutro Chevron from Havwoods is paired alongside lush soft green walls to create a retail space that evokes warmth and familiarity with its light wood hues and chevron design. To further accentuate the warm tones of the wood, bespoke fittings and furniture have been selected that perfectly complement the parquet floor. The final touches to this raw and textured material palette include polished brass, polished marble and cotton twill all which help to bring the space to life without detracting from the natural beauty of the wood. With the help of Havwoods, this one-of-a-kind space has been transformed to create an inviting space with a hint of Parisian charm.

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qualified health and safety professionals internationally, so that businesses are better prepared to tackle similar catastrophes in the future.

Steve Terry, managing director of Astutis, says: "It's about learning from our environment and adapting towards a more progressive and environmentally sound future. It was vitally important that the fabric of our business was not altered in the process, but revolutionised. Our new brand values reflect our continued mission to make the world a better place. That has not changed, what has changed is the world itself."

Going the extra mile is part and parcel of Astutis' role to help its worldwide customers achieve the very highest Health and Safety standards required by law to safeguard their operations. It has worked with over 4,000 global companies such as Amazon, Sky, Bentley and Aggreko since being set up in 2011.

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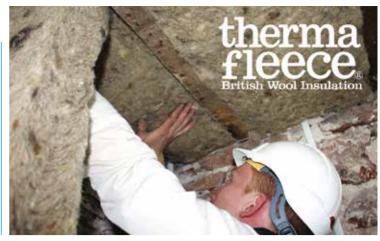
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#### WernerCo brings podium safety awareness to Pasma Tower Week

WernerCo, the leading access equipment specialist, and manufacturer of BoSS® towers, is announcing its support of this year's PASMA Tower Week with a series of safety awareness videos.



The globally celebrated event, launched by PASMA, will bring the industry

together between 6-12th March to promote positive messages about mobile access towers, prefabricated tower scaffolds and low-level work platforms, showcasing the different applications in which these can be used and helping professionals to work safely by demonstrating best practice.

WernerCo is supporting this year's event by contributing to PASMA's 7-part bitesize safety video series with content focusing on podium steps; demonstrating best practice with how to choose a podium, and how to use it safely. The video series, which will also include content on tower stabilisation, fall protection, EN1004 safety standards and more, will be available to view on PASMA's social media and YouTube channels during Tower Week.

Approved PASMA training centre, and recent gold sponsor of falls prevention charity, The No Falls Foundation, WernerCo is dedicated to improving the safety of those who work at height through supporting educational safety initiatives and risk awareness across the industry.

Gurjeeve Bola, Product Manager at WernerCo, stated: 'Falls from height remain one of the biggest causes of workplace injury; and when risks are overlooked due the misconception that using equipment that isn't far off the ground doesn't come with dangers, accidents are all the more prone to occurrence. Educating users towards podium standards plays a crucial role in working safely, and we're looking forward to bringing this vital element of tower safety awareness to this year's PASMA Tower Week.

'We are proud to work closely with PASMA, and to support their education initiatives in work at height safety. It is through relationships like these, between manufacturers and safety-orientated foundations, that as an industry we can hopefully work towards our shared goal of improving safety awareness and ultimately reduce the number of work at height accidents we see each year."

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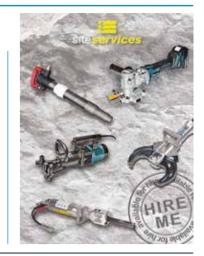
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# Don't Let Limited **Access Limit Your** Options



The UK's rate of new home construction cannot keep pace with inner-city population growth. A new home built today would need to last 1000 years at current replacement rates. In addition, space restrictions in urban areas prevent housing developments where they are most needed Without new housing, people in the UK must make the most of the existing housing stock.

The UK has experienced a rise in Outdoor Living trends over the last decade, as homeowners invest in maximising thei plots. The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated this trend, which saw the UK Landscape industry grow by 1.4% year on year between 2017 and 2022. Industry revenue is anticipated to rise by 5.2% in 2021-22 as trends continue.



#### How can homeowners in cramped, urban housing get in on the Outdoor Living trend?

Azpects Ltd offers a simple solution: EASYClickBase, a synthetic sub-base that significantly reduces the traditional 'dig-out' part of the installation process for patios, paths, and driveways. For example, early feedback shows that for a 50m2 patio, EASYClickBase requires an excavation of around 2-4 tonnes and just 2-5 tonnes of a fine replacement aggregate depending on site conditions. Traditionally, this would require the excavation of 16 tonnes of waste by-products, and the import of 16-20 tonnes of traditional subbase aggregates, requiring either heavy machinery or a significant amount of labour.

Several early adopters of EASYClickBase have reported trimming day's labour from the expected completion time while giving clients the garden they have always wanted.

EASYClickBase is lightweight and easy to carry, making it easy to install even with restricted access. The reduced dig s wastage less of an issue for tight st space for a large skip, as smaller skip bags can be removed by a flatbed vehicle instead.

Manufactured from 100% recycled ABS plastic, any offcuts of EASYClickBase tiles can be recycled again, reducing waste and improving the sustainability of hard landscaping projects.

If lockdown taught us anything, it is how vital outdoor spaces are for our physical and mental wellbeing. With a significant percentage of the UK workforce expected to continue to work from home, it seems likely that investment in hard landscaping will only continue.

Find out more at www.azpects.co.uk





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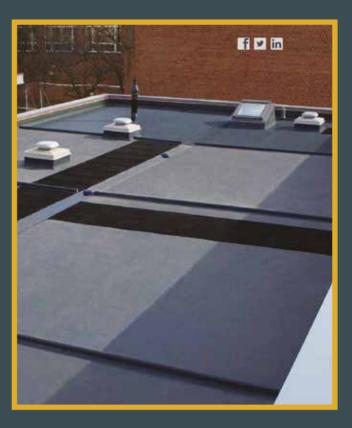


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