

Welcome to the latest edition of the FeRFA enews

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LATEST NEWS

FeRFA BEST PRACTICE AWARDS 2016

FeRFA's Annual Awards will be presented at the event dinner and this is the time of year when we ask you to start thinking about your entries and gathering the information to put forward in the following categories:



[SMALL INDUSTRIAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR](#)
(awarded jointly to a FeRFA Manufacturer & Contractor)
sponsored by [Huntsman Polyurethanes UK Ltd](#)



[LARGE INDUSTRIAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR](#)
(awarded jointly to a FeRFA Manufacturer & Contractor)
sponsored by [Huntsman Polyurethanes UK Ltd](#)



[TRAINER OF THE YEAR](#)
(open to all FeRFA members)
sponsored by [Cobra Insurance Brokers](#)



[SMALL COMMERCIAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR](#)
(awarded jointly to a FeRFA Manufacturer & Contractor)



LARGE COMMERCIAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR
(awarded jointly to a FeRFA Manufacturer & Contractor)
sponsored by [Stallard Kane Associates](#)

You can also read our [Hints and Tips on entering here](#). Entry forms for all awards can be downloaded via the links above. The closing date for entries is Friday 30 September 2016 - note new date.

FeRFA AGM, BLACK TIE DINNER & AWARDS 2016 - Friday 11 November

The AGM and Awards Dinner at the Belfry provides the ideal opportunity to meet with colleagues, old and new, and network in convivial surroundings. At the afternoon AGM you will find out what's happening in the industry and to hear about the latest benefits and services available to FeRFA members. The FeRFA Awards Dinner will be a glittering event in the Woodlands Suite and an ideal opportunity to entertain customers, reward staff or enjoy a pre-Christmas get together with friends.



The Belfry Hotel underwent a major refurbishment in 2014 and offers luxurious accommodation, close to all the major transport links, yet set in the tranquil rolling Warwickshire countryside. It has an excellent leisure complex with pool, sauna, steam room and whirlpool plus a spa offering a range of luxury treatments.

This year the industry event begins in the afternoon with the AGM and refreshments at 3 p.m. and ends with great evening entertainment provided by our host Colin Murray, followed by music and dancing.



Three-time Sony Gold winner Colin Murray is a TV and radio presenter who has covered everything from sport to music to lifestyle in his varied career. He hosts a daily show on talkSPORT and is a regular on the BBC. Following a stint on Radio 1's daytime and then an early evening new music show, he has also he chaired Radio 5 Live's sports panel show Fighting Talk, marshalling the egos of the competing pundits, comedians and journalists.

Moving to television, Colin hosted Match of the Day 2 and the ever-popular BDO World Darts Championships. Away from broadcasting, Colin pens weekly columns for the Metro and the Radio Times, and has written a book, *A Random History of Football*.

The 2016 FeRFA Best Practice Awards will be presented after dinner and we will be honouring this year's Apprentice Graduates with the presentation of their NVQ diplomas and certificates.

You can then dance the evening away or enjoy a drink in the Woodlands Bar.

[Full details and a booking form can be downloaded here](#), so you can reserve your places and tables.

Thanks to our Sponsors for this year's event:



EVENTS

FeRFA GOLF DAY - Thursday 6 October 2016



The Erewash Valley Golf Club is our beautiful new venue for this year's golf day on Thursday 6 October 2016.

Situated in Stanton By Dale, Ilkeston, the golf club fully deserves its reputation as a top class venue with a well maintained 18-hole course along with a welcoming clubhouse. The excellent and scenic use of natural features provides enjoyable year round golfing and will test the skills of all standards of golfer.

The event is open to all members, and you are welcome to bring along customers and colleagues for the day.

The first tee-off time is 09.30 and the last 11.00 for a Stableford 4 balls competition. Bacon butties and refreshments will be available before the start at 08.45.

Play will be in teams of four, so ideally participants are encouraged to put together their own teams but we will of course be able to make up teams if this is not possible for you.

The cost for the day's golf including breakfast and prizes will be £30 per player (plus VAT). Please complete the [booking form here](#) and you will be invoiced for the payment.



TRAINING NEWS

NEXT APPRENTICESHIP STARTS IN SEPTEMBER

FeRFA is starting its next apprenticeship schemes in the Autumn - to start on 27 and 28 September 2016.

Three schemes are available - all of which take two years and lead to an NVQ level 2 Diploma:

- Insitu Flooring: Resin
- Insitu Flooring: Screeds and
- Preparing and Profiling Substrates

All the courses include mandatory topics on health & safety, asbestos awareness, first aid, manual handling, together with work practice/project planning and then there are modules (which are practical and theoretical in either resin, screed or surface preparation topics).

The fees for the scheme are £6,000 per candidate (discounts available for two or more apprentices and previous users of the schemes) and is fully grant funded for CITB registered employers.

If you would like to find out more about the apprenticeships, please visit: [the apprenticeship page](#) where you can also download a [candidate enrolment form](#) or get in contact with FeRFA direct.

e-LEARNING COURSES

FeRFA has a range of on-line e-learning courses available to members. These are free to use and require you to register with FeRFA to receive a username and password. The e-learning site can be accessed here: <http://elearning.ferfa.org.uk/>

The current courses are:

- **Assessing Slip Risk**
- **Work Practice & Project Planning**
- **Specifying & Selecting Resins**

FeRFA also offers one day upskilling courses at a cost of just £50 each (for FeRFA Members) which includes all training, course papers, lunch and refreshments plus a certificate upon successful completion. CITB levy payers may also be eligible for grant

funding of £50 (daily training plan rate).more details on the Upskilling courses that are available please visit the [Upskilling page of the website.](#)

NVQ LEVEL 3 – OCCUPATIONAL WORK SUPERVISION

The next NVQ level 3 will be starting on 14/15 November, and will be held in Nottingham.

It is 10 day course which takes three months and consists of 9 Modules (which are taken over 10 days as off-site training). It aims to raise the general standards of supervisors and equips them to deal with the increasing documentation and awareness involving safety and other legislation.

The cost for the course per candidate is £2520 payable in three instalments, and the current CITB grant is £2,225 (plus 10% if levy paid in time). This includes all the training plus food and accommodation for the training days.

This course meets all the requirements of the UKCG Training Standards for Supervisors.

For more information on this great grant-funded training opportunity click on this link, which gives details on the modules as well: www.ferfa.org.uk/pdf/Training/SupervisorTrainingInfo.pdf

NVQ LEVEL 6 – CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

The next NVQ level 6 will start on 7/8 November and be held in Nottingham.

The course includes 12 days, in two day sessions around 6 weeks apart, in the classroom and at the same time candidates will work, using on-line workbooks, to gather a portfolio of evidence during that time. The process will be fully explained at the first sessions. Once the programme is complete and enough evidence has been gathered candidates will achieve their qualification.

The programme covers the following modules:

- Resource Management
- Leadership and Management + Communication and Customer Care
- Health and Safety
- Planning, Programming and Logistics
- Health & Safety (CDM) + Environmental and Sustainability

The course is £2,800 and grants are available for CITB levy payers totalling £1,900. Hotel accommodation can be booked locally to the course if required, at £50 + VAT per person, per night and includes breakfast but no evening meal.

* CITB grant funding is available to in-scope companies only.

CONFEDERATION OF CONSTRUCTION SPECIALISTS TRAINING COURSES

The Confederation of Construction Specialists deliver **relevant and commercially focused training courses within the commercial aspects of construction projects.**

The focus is specifically on the issues directly affecting specialist construction companies – members and non-members – with training modules that offer targeted and high quality intensive courses – providing clear and practical information and guidance.

A team of qualified and experienced individuals presenting these courses offer many years knowledge and an in-depth understanding of the key issues affecting construction specialists today.

To learn more about the training portfolio on offer visit: www.constructionspecialists.org/index.php/training

If a number of FeRFA members are interested in attending particular courses we may be able to negotiate a discount (please contact FeRFA direct if you wish to explore this).

SIGN UP TO LATEST NEWS FROM CSCS

To read the latest news from CSCS, such as changes to cards as above, and also sign up to its regular newsletter [click on this link.](#)

ASSOCIATE SPOTLIGHT

Each month we have a special focus on FeRFA Associate members who provide specialist services and products into the resin flooring and screeding markets. This month we are shining the spotlight on Dural and Husqvarna.

Full details on all Associate Members are available in the [FeRFA Associates' Catalogue](#).

DURAL

Dural UK Ltd provides a range of profiles for use with resin flooring.

It has a range of profiles perfect for stop beads (ranging from 2mm – 50mm), capping trims (available in 6mm – 12.5mm) or preformed movement joints are available to match or contrast any resin colour (6mm – 50mm).

Dural also works closely with customers to provide a cost effective bespoke profile surface with a quick turn around to solve many problems faced, such as its birds beak capping profile, ideal for use in hygienic areas.

Free site visits can be arranged, or for samples, catalogues and technical information just pick up the phone and call on 01924 360110.

Unit 1a Wakefield Business Centre, Denby Dale Road, Wakefield WF2 7AZ / www.dural.com / 01924 360110



HUSQVARNA

With over 325 years of innovation and passion, Husqvarna Construction Products is a world leader when it comes to equipment and diamond tools.

Husqvarna's floor grinders and dust collectors boast a unique balance between the machine's power and design, and the tool's speed and efficiency. Its range of floor grinders are available in a variety of sizes to suit your job, providing users with unsurpassed productivity and control for preparing, grinding and polishing concrete floors, as well as repairing and polishing terrazzo and other natural stone. With Husqvarna surface preparation machines and HiPERFLOOR, (Husqvarna's floor polishing system), you not only get a beautiful surface but also a high quality, hard wearing floor.

Unit 4 Glenmore Centre, Waterwells Business Park, Quedgeley, Gloucester GL2 2AP / www.husqvarnagroup.com/en / 0844 844 4570



FeRFA's RECYCLING SCHEME

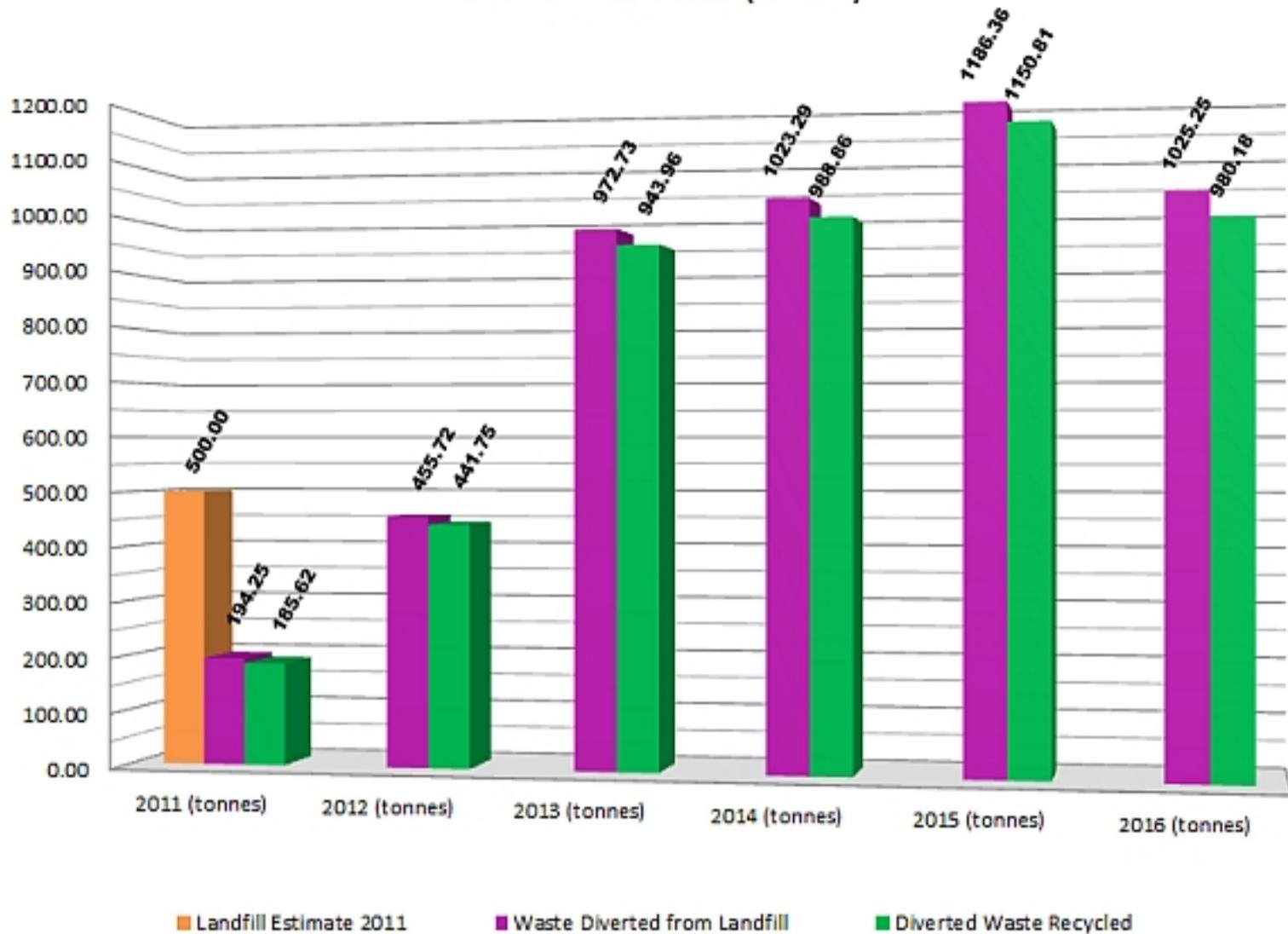
RECYCLING - ARE YOU TAKING PART?

We are set up to easily overtake the total set last year. To date over 1025 tonnes has been diverted from landfill or which over 980 tonnes was recycled. That matches the total for the whole of 2014. This rapid increase is because more members are providing their waste data and are able to display the recycling logo against their company entries. If you aren't submitting your company data, it is very simple to do using our spreadsheet we only require two figures per month - total weight collected and total weight recycled or recovered. [An easy to use template can be downloaded from the Recycling Section within the FeRFA Members Area.](#) The spreadsheet also provides you with a useful graph which you can show to clients and potential customers to demonstrate your commitment to sustainable practices. (If you use [Reconomy](#) as your waste provider, you do not have to provide separate statistics.)

If you are a manufacturer, FeRFA Recycling partner, [Protech Plastics Containers](#) can supply containers in various sizes to suit your product range, which are now produced from **40% recycled material**. Call Protech on 01827 314615.

More details on the recycling initiative are here: <http://www.ferfa.org.uk/recycling.php>

FeRFA RECYCLING DATA (TONNES)



FeRFA's partner in the recycling scheme, Reconomy, can assist you to reduce your total waste management costs, increase your landfill diversion, ensure compliance, under current Environment Agency legislation, maintain consistency and best practice across all sites and back-office functions.

National rates are available now for both hazardous and non hazardous materials - full details from [Reconomy](#).

Members have a dedicated service team at Reconomy who will assist you with all of your enquiries and purchase orders. Service team members are:

- Marie Castle - FeRFA Business Development Executive
- Alyson Westbrook & Georgina Powell - FeRFA Key Account Team
- The direct telephone numbers for the team are 0800 834 133 and 01952 211790 (from mobiles)

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COBRA INSURANCE BROKERS

Cobra Insurance has been working with FeRFA for many years, is extremely experienced in our industry and is able to offer a bespoke range services and products specific to the resin flooring sector, including:

- [Commercial Insurance](#)
- [Retention Bonds](#)
- [Insurance Backed Guarantees](#)
- [Latent Defects Insurance](#)
- [Resin Bound Warranty Scheme](#)

If you have not spoken to Howard Collins before, or it is sometime since you reviewed your insurance needs do get in contact with him, for a FREE insurance health check and a no obligation quote, on 07775

H&S UPDATE PLUS BUSINESS SHIELD STALLARD KANE ASSOCIATES

Stallard Kane Associates Ltd provide a support service to the SME place for both Health & Safety and Employment Law. FeRFA members can access its services for free via the Business Shield - detailed below.



The latest news from SKA looks at:

➤ **Misconduct – but it was after hours !**

- An employment tribunal looked at a case where the employee had been sacked for punching a colleague after a works party. He claimed that this decision was unfair as their spat happened after hours. Did this get him off the hook? [Read more...](#)

➤ **Maintaining your work equipment**

- During a health and safety assessment you were asked about your arrangements for maintaining tools and equipment. All you currently do is repair them if they stop working. Are you legally required to do more? [Read more...](#)
- Other news stories from SKA on current issues [are available here](#).

Don't forget you can benefit from FeRFA's FREE Business Shield in partnership with Stallard Kane Associates to ensure you are always up to date.

FeRFA Business Shield has been created to help FeRFA members access professional, competent advice on Health & Safety and Employment Law matters [at no extra cost](#).

The brochure explains the service that you are able to access but key benefits of FeRFA Business Shield include:

- Access to a library of Health & Safety and HR documents and templates
- Unlimited telephone advice for Health & Safety
- Unlimited telephone advice for Employment Law

There is no limit to how frequently you can call either advice line and there is no restriction on the length of each call.

For more details of this free service please [see the brochure here](#).

FeRFA members have been sent a unique username and password for the FeRFA Business Shield website and then you will receive a courtesy call to answer any queries that you may have regarding FeRFA Business Shield.

In the meantime, please feel free to commence using the advice line on 0345 076 6485. The dedicated FeRFA Business Shield Account Manager is Barry Nicol and should you wish to speak to Barry at any time, you can contact him as follows: Email: barry@skaltd.co.uk Tel: 07854 938693

OUTSOURCED ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES

Sollertia specialises in providing innovative outsourced accountancy services for small to medium-sized businesses in the UK and mainland Europe. The company works with If you are looking to change the way you deal with accountancy services they may be worth contacting - visit <http://www.outsourcedaccountancy.co.uk/>



OTHER NEWS

HOW CSCS SMARTCARDS CREATE SMARTER SITES

Many construction projects still use paper-based systems for checking workers' credentials. CSCS SmartCards provide a more efficient way of managing site staff:



- SmartCards allow on-the-spot checking of credentials and qualifications
- Fraudulent activity and fake cards can be tracked
- Additional information such as training history can be added

To read the full article - [click here](#).

CITB EMPLOYER ADVISORY FORUMS

CITB Employer Advisory Forums are your opportunity to access expert advice and support for your business. The Forums also provide you with an opportunity to have your say and to influence CITB's future strategies. The Forums are free to attend and are held across the country twice a year. Some of the topics being covered at the Autumn events include:

- Grant Modernisation, Levy Simplification and Apprenticeship Levy Transition Arrangements - Your chance to find out more about these key initiatives and feedback your views
- CITB Update - Hear about CITB's current priorities for supporting the industry
- Apprenticeship Update - Local CITB apprenticeship support
- Business Growth Hub - Find out what free business support is available in your area through your Local Enterprise Partnership

Forums normally start at 9.30am and end around 1pm with lunch and refreshments provided. The dates and venues for the Autumn Forums in England are:

- Monday 26th September – Cumbria and Lancashire (Rheged, Penrith)
- Tuesday 27th September – North East (Durham County Cricket Club, Chester-le-Street)
- Tuesday 4th October – West Midlands (Radisson, West Bromwich)
- Wednesday 5th October – Yorkshire & Humber (Cedar Court Hotel, Wakefield)
- Monday 10th October – North West (St Helens Rugby League Football Club)
- Tuesday 11th October – East Midlands (Everyday Champions Centre, Newark)
- Tuesday 1st November – South West (Exeter, venue to be confirmed)
- Thursday 3rd November – London (venue to be confirmed)
- Tuesday 8th November – East of England (Cambridge, venue to be confirmed) or South of England (Basingstoke, venue to be confirmed)
- Thursday 10th November - East of England (Cambridge, venue to be confirmed) or South of England (Basingstoke, venue to be confirmed)

For further information and to book your free place at one of the Forums please email [andrew.bridge \[at\] citb.co.uk](mailto:andrew.bridge@citb.co.uk).

BUILD UK ACCIDENT SURVEY 2016 - LIVE NOW

The 2015/16 BUILD UK Accident Survey is now live for FeRFA CONTRACTOR MEMBERS to submit accident statistics for the last 12 months from 1 April 2015 – 31 March 2016 via the following link:

[NSCC Accident Survey 2015/16](#)

The deadline for responses to this year's survey is **Friday 2 September 2016** - but please don't wait until the deadline to complete it as we will send regular reminders until it is completed. It should only take a few minutes to do, and if you have had no reportable accidents it will be just seconds as all you need to give is number of employees for that period, then click NO to accidents and it is done.



Please note that providing annual accident statistics is a requirement of membership for contractors.

A good response to the survey is vital as the information can be used to demonstrate to clients and others that the safety record of members is better than non-members. It can also help to identify accident trends in order to produce guidance which can reduce the risk of similar incidents in future.

BUILD UK NEWSLINE

The latest edition of the Build UK Newsline is available at builduk-newsline.org.uk where you can find more on:

- Fair Payment
- Health and Safety

- Image
- Pre-Qualification
- Training & Skills and
- Other News

MEETINGS, SEMINARS AND EXHIBITIONS 2016

EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS 2016

SURFACE MATERIALS SHOW 2016



FeRFA is an event partner for the [Surface and Materials Show](#) to be held at NEC Birmingham from 18th to 20th October as part of UK Construction Week. FeRFA members are being offered enhanced packages and discounts on stands. For more details contact Emma Regester Don't miss out on this exclusive opportunity and enquire today. Please contact Emma Regester on 020 225 5254 or emma.regester@media-ten.com

FLOORING SHOW: September 18-20 at Harrogate
[SURFACE & MATERIALS SHOW](#) October 18-20 at NEC Birmingham
[LONDON BUILD EXPO](#) October 26-27 at Olympia, London

FMJ NETWORKING EVENT: [Suffolk](#) – 5th October

APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME DATES 2016

Resin 14: formal modules finished - in Assessment Period
Resin 15: Sep 14-15 for Mod 14 at Instarmac, Tamworth and then Oct 25-27 for Mod 13 at Resdev, Elland
Resin 16: Oct 12-13 for Mod 12 at BASF, Redditch
Resin 17: Sept 21-23 for Mods 6-9 at DSA, Nottingham and then Dec 6-7 at PPC, Lincoln
Resin 18: Sep 27/28 for 1-3 at Ibis Hotel, Rugby East
Screed 1: Sep 14-15 for Mod 14 at Instarmac, Tamworth and then Mod 13 TBA

FeRFA MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2016

FeRFA Council Meeting: Wednesday 21 September at Instarmac, Tamworth
FeRFA Technical Screed Committee Meeting: 14 September at 1.15 (joint lunch with Technical) at Ibis Rugby East
FeRFA Technical Meeting: Wednesday 14 September at 10.00 at Ibis, Rugby East (joint lunch with Screeds Committee)
FeRFA Golf Day: Thursday October 6 at Erewash Valley Golf Club
FeRFA AGM and Awards Dinner: Friday 11 November at the Belfry Hotel

FeRFA MEMBERS' NEWS

FeRFA members can add news stories via the Members Area of the website. For more information on how to access this facility contact FeRFA.

Use the following links for more [COMPANY NEWS](#) or you can go to specific [CASE STUDIES](#) and [GALLERIES](#)



[Kemtile appoints estimator / surveyor Paul Doyle](#)

Kemtile - the hygienic flooring, wall systems and drainage specialists based in Warrington - has further strengthened its capabilities with the appointment of Paul Doyle as Estimator / Surveyor. [Read more...](#)

Kemtile Ltd



[Coatech nominated for prestigious award](#)

Coatech is delighted to announce that they have recently been shortlisted as finalists in the forthcoming 'North Wales Young Business Awards'. [Read more...](#)

Coatech Ltd



[Sika Provides a Rapid Decking Solution at Potteries Car Park](#)

Sikafloor®-32 Pronto deck system provides a fast track solution for asphalt deck at Stoke on Trent shopping centre. [Read more...](#)

Sika Ltd



[New Husqvarna DC 6000 - greater performance and efficiency](#)

The new Husqvarna DC 6000 comes with a self-opening gate valve, new filter and an improved raise and lower function. With all the updates, the new DC 6000 is more user-friendly and contributes to higher efficiency and greater performance. [Read more...](#)

Husqvarna Construction Products



[RonaDeck Low VOC Tool Cleaner/Trowel Finishing Aid](#)

Ronacrete introduces a new low VOC trowel cleaner to its RonaDeck range of resin bound and bonded surfacing products. [Read more...](#)

Ronacrete Ltd



[Kemtile Bids a Fond Farewell to 'Mr Ucrete'](#)

This month, Ian Scriven – one of the country's leading commercial and industrial flooring specialists – will retire from a sector that he has helped drive and develop for over four decades in the UK and Ireland. [Read more...](#)

Kemtile Ltd



[Looking for work in the Resin Flooring Industry?](#)

See the latest vacancies in the resin flooring industry

Visit the [FeRFA Situations Vacant page here...](#)

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