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LATEST NEWS

FeRFA AGM, BLACK TIE DINNER & AWARDS 2017 - Friday 17 November

We have limited places remaining for the 2017 Awards Dinner! If you are interested in attending please contact FeRFA on 07484 075254 or email secretariat@ferfa.org.uk.

If you have a confirmed booking but you have not confirmed your accommodation yet, please do so by 1st October direct with the Belfry on 01675 477098, and quote FeRFA1711 when booking.

This year the industry event begins in the afternoon with the AGM and refreshments at 3pm. The AGM gives you the opportunity to find out what's happening in the industry and to hear about the latest benefits and services available to FeRFA members. **Cobra Insurance Brokers are bringing a Formula 1 simulator to the AGM - where there will be a competition to see who can complete the fastest lap. You don't want to miss out!**

In the evening, we will have great evening entertainment provided by our host Jo Caulfield, followed by music and dancing.

LIMITED
PLACES!



Jo has worked on some of the biggest shows, and with some of the biggest names, in British comedy. Not only has Jo been the regular warm-up performer for Have I Got News For You for many years, she has appeared as a guest on the show, as well as on Mock The Week and Never Mind The Buzzcocks. Jo has also appeared on Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow.

The 2017 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.

Thanks to our Sponsors for this year's event:



FeRFA BEST PRACTICE AWARDS 2017

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 [ACO Building Drainage](#)



LARGE INDUSTRIAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR
(awarded jointly to a FeRFA Manufacturer & Contractor)
sponsored by [ACO Building Drainage](#)



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



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

FeRFA SPECIALIST APPRENTICE AWARD

This new award category is open to all apprentice employers to recognise the very special achievement and contribution from a former FeRFA apprentice to their business. We are asking you to nominate one of your employees who has successfully achieved the NVQ2 via the FeRFA apprenticeship scheme and is now making a positive impact on the success of your business.

To be eligible for this award, apprentices should have qualified before or during 2015 (Resin Groups 1-12, Scottish Group 1, Preparation Groups 1-6).

The Specialist Apprentice Award is nominated by the employer, and will be judged on the information and evidence provided to explain why your employee should win this prestigious award.



SPECIALIST APPRENTICE
(Nominated by employer)
sponsored by [Cobra Insurance](#)

Download the application forms for your chosen award(s) above.

You can also read our [Hints and Tips on entering here](#). The closing date for entries is Friday 13th October 2017

NEW FeRFA MEMBER

This month we are delighted to welcome RCR Flooring Products Ltd.

RCR Flooring Products Ltd

RCR Flooring Products Ltd manufactures a range of products for the flooring industry, including resin coating systems, armoured joints, leave in-place formwork, dry shake surface hardeners & colourants, joint sealants, polymer screeds and decorative flooring products. Installers can benefit from technical advice, products which are designed to work together and products which are easy to handle and install.



***Mill Close, Lee Mill Industrial Estate, Ivybridge, Devon PL21 9GL / www.rcrflooringproducts.com
/ 01752 895288***

NEW SCREED TECHNICAL GUIDANCE NOTE NOW AVAILABLE

The FeRFA Guide to the Specification and Application of Screeds is now available. The document gives recommendations for the selection, the design, substrate preparation, the application and for the inspection and testing of Screed Flooring. Its scope includes cementitious screeds, calcium sulphate screeds, polymer modified screeds and granolithic screeds.

[Read now](#)

FeRFA also has a wide range of other guidance notes covering topics such as Specification & Application of Synthetic Resin Flooring, Resin Bound Systems for External Application, Deck Waterproofing and Wearing Surfaces for Car Parks, Comfort Resin Flooring Systems, Seamless Resin Terrazzo, Slip Resistance amongst other, which can be found [here](#).



TRAINING NEWS

FeRFA UPSKILLING - GRINDING & POLISHING COURSE 11th OCTOBER

The next one day Upskilling course is due to take place on 11 October at The Preparation Group (Lincoln). The course will cover:

- The types of grinders and polisher and how they differ
- The range of applications
- Grinding profiles

- Types of surfaces suitable for polishing
- The process of polishing surfaces
- The different types of segments of diamonds
- Edgework (grinding and polishing)
- Using multi-head grinders for grinding and polishing

To book, call FeRFA first on 07484 075254 and [complete this booking form](#).

FeRFA's Upskilling courses are subsidised for members and cost just £50 per person and are eligible for grant funding (for CITB levy payers). FeRFA can organise upskilling days on a range of topics and, if you have at least six to eight staff members, they can be run at your premises (or another suitable venue) at a time to suit you.

For more details on all the upskilling courses that are available please visit the [Upskilling page of the website](#).

NEXT APPRENTICESHIP STARTS IN SEPTEMBER

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

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

- Insitu Flooring: Resin
- Insitu Flooring: Screeds
- 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.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

If you are looking for career development, then consider enrolling on the NVQ level 3 in Occupational Work Supervision. The next course is due to start on 18th and 19th October.

It is a 10 day course which takes three months and consists of 9 Modules (which are taken over 10 days as off-site training). The cost for the course per candidate is £2,520 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. For more information click on [this link](#), which gives details on the modules.

To take your career to the next level there is the NVQ level 6 - to start on 16th and 17th October.

Previously known as the Level 4 Diploma, the Level 6 course enables those in a Managerial role to gain an appropriate qualification reflecting the skills and knowledge required for their particular area of industry, and also provides a career route for existing construction supervisors.

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 cost 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.

If you are interested in registering for this course, please email secretariat@ferfa.org.uk for more information.

INDUSTRY ASSESSORS REQUIRED

FeRFA is seeking suitably skilled and experienced individuals from the resin flooring industry to train as industry assessors. For more information, please email secretariat@ferfa.org.uk.



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

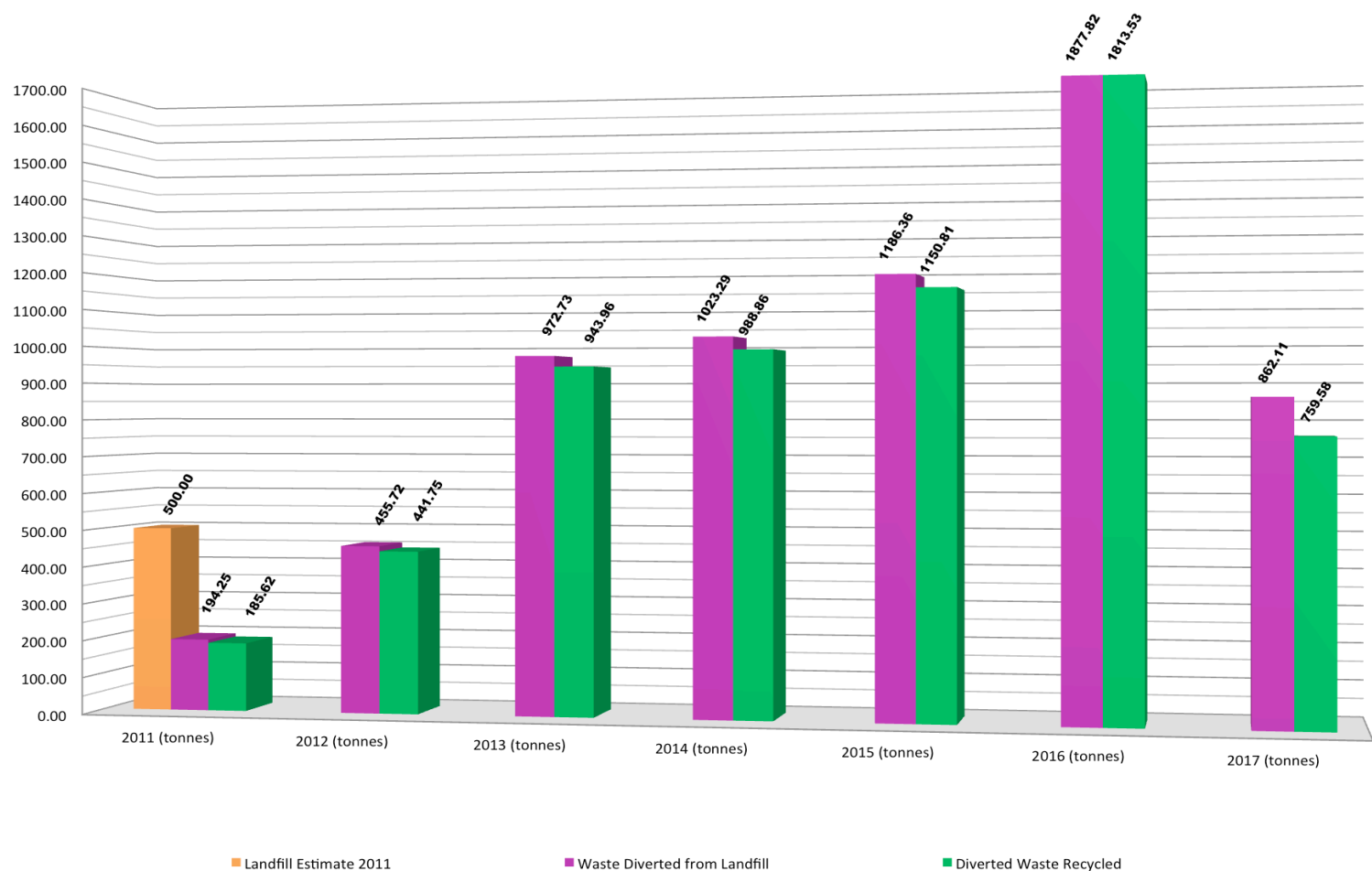


FeRFA's RECYCLING SCHEME

RECYCLING - ARE YOU TAKING PART?

If you are not already submitting your recycling data in 2017 please start doing this now to qualify for the recycling logo within your FeRFA website entry.

It is easy to do using the datasheet (if not using Reconomy) - only two figures are needed per month - total weight collected and total weight recycled or recovered. This is information that should be provided by your waste collector. If it isn't then ask them why not. The spreadsheet includes a graph, automatically generated from your figures - which you can show to prospective clients.



Discover the benefits of using the Reconomy Portal to manage your construction waste

Did you know that the Reconomy Portal will give you round-the-clock access to your key waste documentation and data - across all your construction sites? We would like to show you how to gain:

- control over the waste streams generated on each construction site you manage
- the ability to create detailed reports on your waste management with ease.

By giving you an in-depth insight into the handling of waste across all your building sites, with dynamically updated information, the Reconomy Portal offers an unrivalled opportunity to gain control over your waste management.

Arrange a free Reconomy Portal demonstration today:

[Click here](#) or Call - 0800 834 133

FeRFA's partners in the recycling scheme are:

- [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. Contact 0800 834 133 / 01952 211790
To see Reconomy's National Rates for FeRFA members please [click on this link](#).
- If you are a manufacturer, [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.



FeRFA MEMBER BENEFITS

COBRA LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE FOR FeRFA MEMBERS

Cobra Insurance Brokers have partnered with FeRFA for over 10 years, gaining specialist knowledge and an understanding of the protection needed for the resin flooring industry. The new website, designed specifically to support FeRFA members and their business activity is now available at

www.ferfainsurance.co.uk The website covers all aspects of insurance, risk management and guarantees, as well as a client login portal where you can view your policy documents. FeRFA Members can also request free access to a vast library of resource material.

Cobra offer a free insurance health check plus no obligation quotes. Howard Collins can be reached on 07775 888933 or emailed at howard.collins@cobrainurance.co.uk or visit the [website](#).

H&S UPDATE PLUS BUSINESS SHIELD FROM STALLARD KANE ASSOCIATES

Stallard Kane Associates Ltd provide a support service to SMEs 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:

➤ **Appeal court rules on violence between employees**

A recent case reviewed the extent of an employer's responsibility for violent acts committed between work colleagues. What were the findings and what are the implications for employers? [Read more...](#)

➤ **Can you Dismiss an alcoholic?**

Apparently, 57% of employees regularly drink excessive amounts of alcohol. What if you discover that one of your own members of staff has a serious drink problem. Would this be sufficient grounds to dismiss them? [Read more...](#)

➤ **Gas supplier fined after worker left seriously injured**

A beverage gas supply company has been fined after a gas cylinder exploded and left a worker with life-changing leg injuries. [Read more...](#)

➤ **Other news stories from SKA on current issues [are available here](#).**

Business Shield - free to FeRFA members - ensures you are always up to date.

SKA understands that busy management teams don't always have the time to keep up-to-date with changes in workplace legislation and health and safety policies, which is why FeRFA has supplied FeRFA Business Shield as a key member benefit

All FeRFA members have FREE access to the Business Shield service giving you:

- **FREE** access to the FeRFA Business Shield online portal
- **FREE** and unlimited use of the 24hr hotline
- **FREE** one hour review of your daily activity and associated risks
- **FREE** one hour review of your existing employment contracts

Further details on the service are available in the [brochure here](#).

All FeRFA members are supplied with a unique username and password for the FeRFA Business Shield and can speak to an advisor to answer any queries that you may have regarding the service.

In the meantime, members can access the advice line on 0345 076 6485.

The dedicated FeRFA Business Shield Account Manager is Barry Nicol, please call him on 07854 938693 for more details.



OTHER NEWS

CITB ANNUAL REVIEW NOW AVAILABLE

The 2016 CITB Annual Review is now available. The review gives insight into the work CITB have done in 2016 to address the skills shortage, productivity and health, safety and wellbeing of the construction workforce. [Click here to view.](#)

The Summer newsletter is also available [here](#).

85,000 CRO CARDS SET TO EXPIRE

The Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) is reminding the industry that time is almost up for 85,000 Construction Related Occupation (CRO) cards. CSCS withdrew the CRO card at the end of March this year and all CRO cards issued since October 2015 expire on 30th September 2017.

What each individual card holder needs to do next depends on the qualifications they hold and whether their occupation is considered to be construction related. Many of the 85,000 CRO card holders will be required to register for existing or newly developed qualifications before their CRO cards expire. In others CRO card holders will be transferred to one of CSCS's Partner Card Schemes that are more appropriate for their occupations. For some, where their occupation is not construction related or no suitable qualification exists, a CSCS card will no longer be issued

[Read more about the changes here.](#)

Use the [Card Finder](#) tool on the CSCS website to find out what you need to do next. CSCS can also be contacted on 0344 994 4777.

BUILD UK ACCIDENT SURVEY 2017 - LIVE NOW

The 2016/17 BUILD UK Accident Survey is now live for FeRFA CONTRACTOR MEMBERS to submit accident statistics for the last 12 months from 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017 via the following link:

[Accident Survey 2016/17](#)

The deadline for responses to this year's survey is **Friday 1 September 2017** - 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:

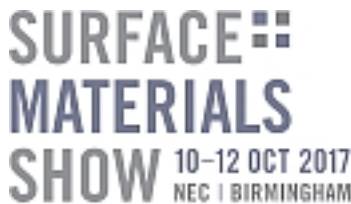
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- Health and Safety
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- Training & Skills and
- Other News



MEETINGS, SEMINARS & EXHIBITIONS 2017

EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS 2017

- [LANDSCAPE SHOW](#) September 12-13, Battersea Park, London (Exhibitors include: Star Uretech)
- [100% DESIGN](#) September 20-21, Olympia London
- [SURFACE & MATERIALS SHOW](#) October 10-12, NEC Birmingham



FerFA is an event partner for the [Surface and Materials Show](#) to be held at NEC Birmingham from 10 - 12 October as part of UK Construction Week. FerFA members are being offered enhanced packages and discounts on stands. For more details contact Jessica Visser on 020 3225 5364 or [jessica.visser \[at\] media-ten.com](mailto:jessica.visser@media-ten.com)

APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME DATES 2017

Resin 16	In assessment period
Resin 17	MOD 14: Sep 13-14 at Instarmac, Tamworth MOD 13: Oct 24-26 at Resdev, Elland
Resin 18	MOD 12: Oct 11-12 at Arturo, Rugby
Resin 19	MODS 6-9: Oct 4-6 at TAC, Nottingham MOD 10: Dec 5-6 at The Preparation Group, Lincoln
Prep 9	MODS 6-8: Oct 4-5 at TAC, Nottingham MOD 10: Nov 28-30 at The Preparation Group, Lincoln

FeRFA MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2017

FerFA Council Meeting: Wednesday 13th September, hosted by Instarmac
Technical Resin Committee: Thursday 21st September at Smart Marketing Works
FerFA AGM and Awards Dinner: Friday 17th November at the Belfry Hotel

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](#)



[Central Flooring Clean Up Again](#)

Carrying any works in a Production Hall can be problematic, however, employing the services of a FeRFA member will undoubtedly reduce any issues. Using fully trained staff who have undergone the FeRFA Apprenticeship scheme will also assist greatly when the floors are being installed. [Read more...](#)

Central Flooring Services & Flowcrete UK Ltd



[Instarmac Ranks Number One in Mid Market 300](#)

Every year Insider magazine lists the Midlands top performing 300 businesses with a turnover of £20 - £50million and Instarmac Group plc are delighted to have been ranked number one in this respected list. [Read more...](#)

Instarmac Group plc



[Integrated Flooring Technologies Shortlisted For Prestigious Business Award](#)

Integrated Flooring Technologies have been shortlisted in the Family Business of the Year Category at the Glasgow Business Awards 2017. [Read more...](#)

Integrated Flooring Technologies



[Sikafloor System Washes Away Fears of Flood Damage Spread at Pharmaceutical Plant](#)

Sika supplied the hard-wearing, moisture-resistant floor to ensure a pharmaceutical plant is safeguarded against potential damage and working hours being lost due to flooding. [Read more...](#)

Sika 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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