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CHRISTMAS CLOSURE 2017/18



Please note that the FeRFA office will be closed
from 17.00 Wednesday 20th December and re-open 9.00 on Wednesday 4th January.
We wish all members a happy and prosperous 2018!



LATEST NEWS

NEW FeRFA MEMBERS

This month we are delighted to welcome Tarmac, Watco, Talasey Group - Natural Paving Products (UK) Ltd and ScreedMasters.

Tarmac

Tarmac is the UK's leading sustainable building materials and construction solutions business.



Portland House, Bickenhill Lane, Solihull, B37 7BQ / www.tarmac.com / 0121 787 5001

Watco

UK based manufacturers of industrial floor coatings, repair materials and anti-slip products designed for floors, steps and ramps.



Watco House, Filmer Grove, Godalming, Surrey GU7 3AL / www.watco.co.uk / 01483 418418

Talasey Group - Natural Paving Products (UK) Ltd

The Talasey Group are the UK's leading independent supplier of landscaping solutions and supply Resiscape, one of the strongest resin bound aggregate systems available on the UK market today. The Resiscape system is quick and easy to install, and offers a choice of 6 standard colour options that are delivered direct to site in 4m2 kits. Resiscape can be used in a number of applications including pathways, driveways and patios, and is suitable for both commercial and domestic applications! The system is also UV stable, and other colour options are available to special order if required.



Talasey House, Belton Road, Sandtoft, Doncaster, DN8 5SX / www.resiscape.co.uk / 0330 333 8040

ScreedMasters

ScreedMasters Ltd are a Specialist floor screeding company. North West based, family owned and run with over 30 years' experience in the flooring and construction industry, a reputation for quality installs and high-level customer service.

Specialising in resin applications, traditional screed, decorative finishes, Micro-cement, floor and slab preparations. Covering numerous major contracts nationwide, everything from heavy-duty slip resistant screeds to bespoke highly decorative finishes. Having the flexibility, experience and knowledge to provide clients with the best solutions and standards possible from consultation through to completion. Screedmasters are able to achieve SR1 standard 0-3 mm under a 2 metre straight-edge.



David Brow Cottage, Bolton, BL3 3TW / www.screedmasters.co.uk / 01204 277318



TRAINING NEWS

RESIN 19 APPRENTICES WELL PREPARED AT LATEST TRAINING SESSION

Resin 19 apprentices had plenty of opportunity to try a range of machines this month at The Preparation Group's training facility in Lincoln.

FeRFA Trainer, Stephen Walker, who ran the two day sessions, began by going through the essential techniques of proper floor preparation and continued, through a combination of classroom teaching and practical experience, with the various methods of surface preparation and the choice of equipment available.

This group has now completed the first ten modules of their two year apprenticeship and will continue their training with further combined classroom and practical sessions on Coatings, Self smoothing, Screeds & Covings and Flowable Screeds.



Apprentices in Resin 19 are: Liam Griffin (Britannia Industrial Flooring), Neil Garnon (F & G Industrial), Mitchell Cross (Orchid Flooring), Luke Oliver, Adam Oliver and Nicholas Lancaster (Polydeck Resins), Ben Tanner and Stefan Mordecai

RESIN 20 APPRENTICES MODULES AT ALTRO



Group 20 resin flooring apprentices travelled to Altro for modules 4 and 5. This, the second block on their training scheme, provided them with a comprehensive introduction to resin flooring systems and was followed by sessions on work practice and project planning on the second day. The apprentices were also given time to get familiar with FeRFA's on-line elearning portal and went through the health and safety module with all passing the on-line test.



Apprentices in Resin 20 are: David Lee (L&S Finishes), Thomas Ward (Surtech), Shane Cashin (Polydeck Group), Khian Humphreys (Page Industrial Flooring), Gerard McNulty and Matthew Longthorne (Reprotec).

PREP GROUP 9 APPRENTICES

Apprentices in this group had 3 days classroom and practical training with FeRFA Trainer, Stephen Walker on the principles of shotblasting.

Apprentices in Prep 9 are: Thomas Mallett (F & G Industrial), Sean Vickery, Richard Hughes (TPS360), Brian George, David Logan (Veitchi Industrial).



NEW APPRENTICES COMMENCE TRAINING



This month we welcomed 5 new apprentices to the surface preparation scheme. The two year course will lead to an NVQ level 2 diploma and are fully grant funded by CITB for in scope employers.

FeRFA Trainer, Stephen Walker, guided the apprentices in this group for the first of their two day modules which included an introduction to the scheme, an induction from CITB, and an in-depth health & safety training session.

Apprentices in this group are: James Brown, Michael Cordiner, Kevin Webster, Benjamin Sibbons (The Preparation Group) and Kristen Coussens (GSB Surface Preparation Ltd).

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 ACO Building Drainage and Boud Minerals.

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

ACO Building Drainage

ACO Building Drainage specialises in the development of corrosion resistant drainage systems and building products for applications across the internal and external built environments. Engineered to eliminate design risk, to optimise installation and to minimise lifetime ownership cost, every product in the range delivers exceptional levels of performance, finish and durability

ACO Business Centre, Caxton Road, Bedford, MK41 0LF www.acobd.co.uk / 01462 810400



BOUD MINERALS

Boud Minerals is a second generation, family-run provider of functional, decorative and lightweight filler materials for a number of industry sectors and applications.

We also provide a number of integrated services consistent with the handling and provision of mineral products such as colour matching, technical coating, dry blending, screening, drying and packaging.



We take pride in our versatility, our flexibility and our absolute commitment to remain independent in our operations. Our philosophy is very much 'if it helps then we're likely to find a way to do it'.

This gives us the freedom to serve most any mineral or integrated service need; to research and develop techniques to improve performance across a range of substrates and to innovate where we feel there may be commercial benefit - for ourselves and for our customers

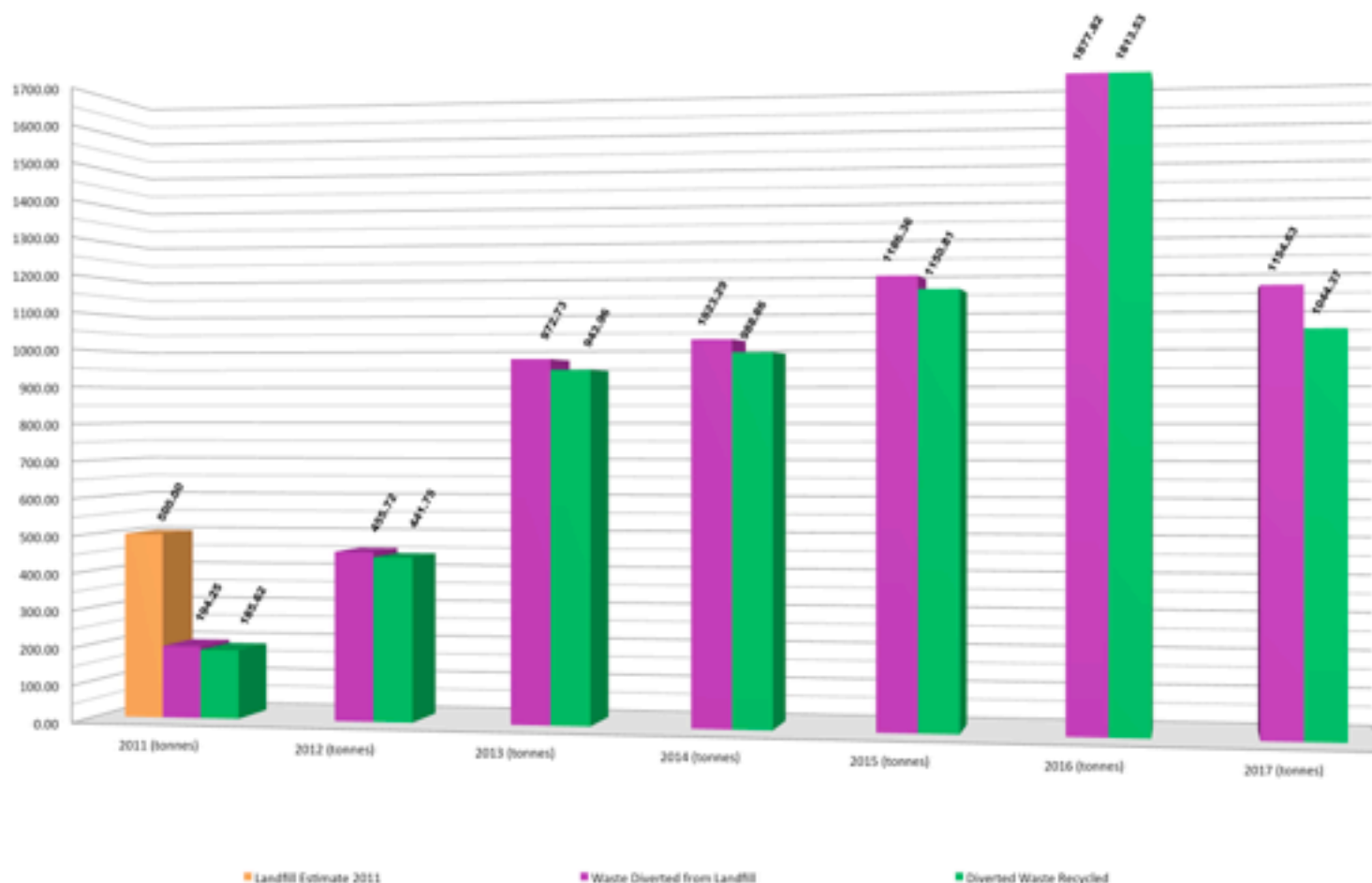
West Bank, Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire PE12 9QH / www.boud.com / 01406 351988

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.



With the New Year just around the corner, we thought that we would share some best practice to help kick off 2018 in the right manner. We asked a few of the team from FeRFA Business Shield to give us their top tips for helping your business...

[Read Stallard Kane's Top Tips for 2018 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



CONSTRUCTION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (CLC) REINFORCES BACKING OF CSCS LOGO AND QUALIFIED WORKFORCE

At the beginning of 2015 the CLC announced (via its Industrial Strategy: Construction 2025) that industry should specify and promote card schemes carrying the CSCS logo with no equivalents accepted. This move remains widely popular as it places the achievement of nationally recognised construction related qualifications at the heart of the industry.

In order to display the CSCS logo all card schemes, including CSCS, are required to meet a number of requirements set out by the CLC. These include agreeing appropriate qualifications for each occupation and setting a minimum standard for skilled occupations at NVQ Level 2.

To read more [click here](#).

ENHANCED VERIFICATION OF OVERSEAS QUALIFICATIONS

The UK's international qualifications agency UK NARIC and the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) have announced additional measures relating to the assessment of overseas qualifications.

From 1st December 2017, overseas construction workers wishing to work in the UK will have the technical content of their overseas qualification mapped against the relevant UK National Occupational Standard for that occupation.

You can read the full article [here](#).

HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT TEST DEVELOPMENT

CITB is reviewing the Health, Safety and Environment (HS&E) test to ensure that it continues to contribute towards a qualified workforce with the right knowledge, skills and training.

From January 2018 the test will be updated to include new question styles. The content of the questions will not change but a few questions may be presented in a different way.

Read about the full list of changes [here](#).

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION IN FORCE IN MAY 2018

The EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into effect on 25 May 2018 and it will be a significant shake up of the existing data legislation.

There will be wide reaching effects on all organisations that collect, manage, process and store personally identifiable and sensitive data. This means there is a fundamental requirement that organisations protect and appropriately manage customer, employee and stakeholder information in accordance with the new Regulation.

Find out more [here](#).

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 & EXHIBITIONS 2017/2018

APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME DATES 2017/2018

Resin 18	MOD 13: Feb 20-22 at Resdev, Elland MOD 13 (Polydeck apprentices only): Mar 13-15 at Polydeck Group Training Facility, Peterborough MOD 14: Apr 11-12 at Instarmac, Tamworth
Resin 19	MOD 11: Feb 7-8 at Sika, Welwyn Garden City MOD 12: May 9-10 at Arturo, Rugby
Resin 20	MOD 6-9: Feb 7-9 at DSA, Nottingham MOD 10: Apr 18-19 at The Preparation Group, Lincoln
Prep 9	MOD 11: Jan 17-18 at The Preparation Group, Lincoln MOD 12: Apr 25-26 at The Preparation Group, Lincoln
Prep 10	MOD 4-5: Jan 10-11 at The Preparation Group, Lincoln MOD 6-9: Feb 7-9 at DSA, Nottingham

FeRFA MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2017/2018

FeRFA Council Meetings: Mar 7, Jun 20, Sep 19
FeRFA Technical Meeting: Feb 1



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](#)



[Major Six-Day Shutdown Project Secures FeRFA Award](#)

More than 3,700m2 of high-performance flooring was installed at a BMW processing plant in under a week thanks to Sika's quick and easy-to-apply Sikafloor®-235 ESD resin coating. [Read more...](#)

Sika & IRL Group



[IFT provided integrated flooring for Coca-Cola](#)

IFT installed 300sqm of Hygienic Wall Cladding, incorporating welded joints, to the new glass storage room at the Coca-Cola manufacturing site in East Kilbride, Glasgow, for Hughes Bros. [Read more...](#)

Integrated Flooring Technologies

[TPS360 Team Up With Flowcrete for St Fagan's National Museum of History Project](#)

TPS360 were successful in the competitive process to be selected by the main contractor to play a key role in redeveloping Wales' most popular heritage attraction. [Read more...](#)



TPS360 & Flowcrete



Harrods Wellness Clinic by Sphere8 and Remmers

Sphere8 and Remmers complete Wellness Clinic floor laying in Harrods, Knightsbridge. [Read more...](#)

Sphere8 & Remmers (UK) Ltd



Super Flat Anti-Static Flooring Required At Top TV Studio

For this TV studio project, ITV required a flooring system with proven, anti-static qualities as static charges can have a disastrous effect on sensitive electrical components such as HD cameras in technical areas with high footfall. [Read more...](#)

Zircon Flooring Ltd & Sika



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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