

Welcome to the latest edition of the FeRFA enews



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LATEST NEWS

NEW FeRFA MEMBER

This month we are delighted to welcome Sureset to associate membership.

SURESET UK LTD

SureSet has been manufacturing, supplying and installing permeable resin bound paving since 1997.

Made in the UK, using only the best resin and premium natural aggregate, marble and recycled products, SureSet offers high quality resin bound surfacing that is permeable, durable, UV stable, accessible, easy to maintain and SuDS compliant.

SureSet offers nationwide supply and installation service as well as a range of supply only products.

Suitable for both commercial and residential projects, SureSet is committed to providing consistently high quality resin bound products, value for money and excellent installation service; backed by an 18-year guarantee.

32 Deverill Road Trading Estate, Sutton Veny, Warminster BA12 7BZ / www.sureset.co.uk / 01985 841180





EVENTS

FeRFA ANNUAL EVENT 2017 - FOR YOUR DIARY!

The FeRFA Annual General Meeting and Dinner 2017 will be held on: Friday 17 November at the Belfry Hotel in the West Midlands.

Following the success of the new format last year, we will again have a shorter afternoon annual general meeting, with time for networking, so that guests can get ready for the evening entertainment and allow couples to travel together.



The Woodlands Suite at the Belfry provides a spacious setting in which to host this popular event and we look forward to welcoming members and their guests in November.

Full details and booking forms will be issued later in the year, but meanwhile please get the date in your diary.

FeRFA GOLF DAY - Friday 16 June 2017



This year we will be returning to the Erewash Valley Golf Club for this year's event on Friday 16 June 2017.

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.

Meet at 9.00 for bacon butties and refreshments, with a first tee-off time is 09.30 for a Stableford 4 balls competition. 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 £35 per player. Details are on the form, but players are requested to pay the fee of £35 per player to Tom Dossett on the day of the tournament. Please complete the [booking form here](#) to hold a place for your team.



TRAINING NEWS

FIRST SCREEDING APPRENTICES QUALIFY FOR NVQ LEVEL 2 DIPLOMAS

Congratulations to Thomas Henderson and Michael Gibbs (pictured left), from Trent Construction Services, who are the first two apprentices on the FeRFA screeding apprenticeship to qualify under the scheme.

The two year screeding apprenticeship, developed in partnership with and grant funded by the CITB, was launched in March 2015. Trent Construction Services provided excellent support to their apprentices throughout the training and assessment periods, enabling them to become an industry first.

Of their achievement, Chris Henderson, MD of Trent Construction Services Ltd, said, "Thomas & Michael have both worked extremely hard over the past couple of years and we're proud to see that this commitment has been recognised in them achieving this qualification."

We are delighted for them both, this is a great achievement. Throughout the two-year pilot scheme, Thomas and Michael have shown such a positive and enthusiastic attitude to learning both the theory and the practical elements for each training module. Their progress has been clearly evidenced by their increased level of skill and competence. The achievement of the NVQL2 is well deserved.

Good luck to them with their careers and we hope to welcome them both to the apprentice graduation at the Belfry in November to receive their framed certificates.



TWO NEW APPRENTICESHIP GROUPS START THIS MONTH

This month we welcomed 14 new apprentices - nine started on the In Situ Resin scheme and five on the surface preparation scheme. The two year courses will both lead to an NVQ level 2 diploma and are fully grant funded by CITB for in scope employers.

FeRFA Trainer Terry Foxley 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.



On the Resin Scheme the apprentices 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 (TPS360) and Gregor Eckert (Veitchi Industrial)

On the Surface Preparation Scheme the apprentices are: Thomas Mallett (F & G Industrial) Sean Vickery and Richard Hughes (TPS360) Brian George and David Logan (Veitchi Industrial)

UPSKILLING COURSES

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.

Topics include:

- Decorative Stone & Quartz Systems
- Flowable Screeds
- Self Smoothing Static Dissipative & Slip Resistant
- Polyurethane screeds & coving
- Work Practice & Project Planning
- Surface preparation to receive resin floors
- Grinding & Polishing
- Specifying and Selecting Resin Flooring

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

CAREER DEVELOPMENT NVQs

If you are looking for career development, then consider enrolling on the NVQ level 3 in Occupational Work Supervision.

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 £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. For more information click on this link, which gives details on the modules as well: www.ferfa.org.uk/pdf/Training/SupervisorTrainingInfo.pdf

To take your career to the next level there is the NVQ level 6.

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.



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 Innoveo and Schluter Systems.

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

INNOVEO

Innoveo Limited is the sole agent of Dorfner in the UK & Ireland. Dorfner mines kaolin and crystalline quartz sand from their own deposits, and through a variety of highly sophisticated refining processes produces the finest quality industrial minerals. Our range of natural and coloured quartz sands and formulated filler systems are used in commercial and industrial resin flooring; in mortars, broadcasting and self levelling floors.



Our well-known brands include DORSILIT- Natural quartz sands, DORSIMIX - Filler blends for industrial screeds and self levelling floors, and GRANUCOL- Coloured quartz sands & blends. The sister company ANZAPLAN specialises in materials analysis and engineering services.

With its 120 year history at the forefront of the minerals processing technology Dorfner is the market leader with its consistent, reliable and innovative products that are highly regarded for their quality & functionality. In addition to our state of the art facility in Hirschau, Germany we are also able to deliver small lots with short lead times from our local storage and blending facility.

6 Lancaster Road, Uxbridge UB8 1AW / www.innoveo.co.uk / 01895 232443

SCHLUTER SYSTEMS LTD

Schlüter-Systems has been the market leader in essential accessories for resin, tile and stone installations since it was founded in 1966. With over 10,000 products in its range, Schlüter-Systems provides second-to-none edge protection, complete system-solutions and dedicated technical support, to ensure you have the perfect support, protection and decoration to your tiling project.



The specialist items for the resin industry include:

- transition profiles
- movement joint profiles

- coved wall connection profiles and
- drainage systems

Our products are supported by excellent technical advice and sales support, ensuring the correct solution for every installation. To find out how we can help you to create longer lasting installations that stay looking fantastic, contact us at:

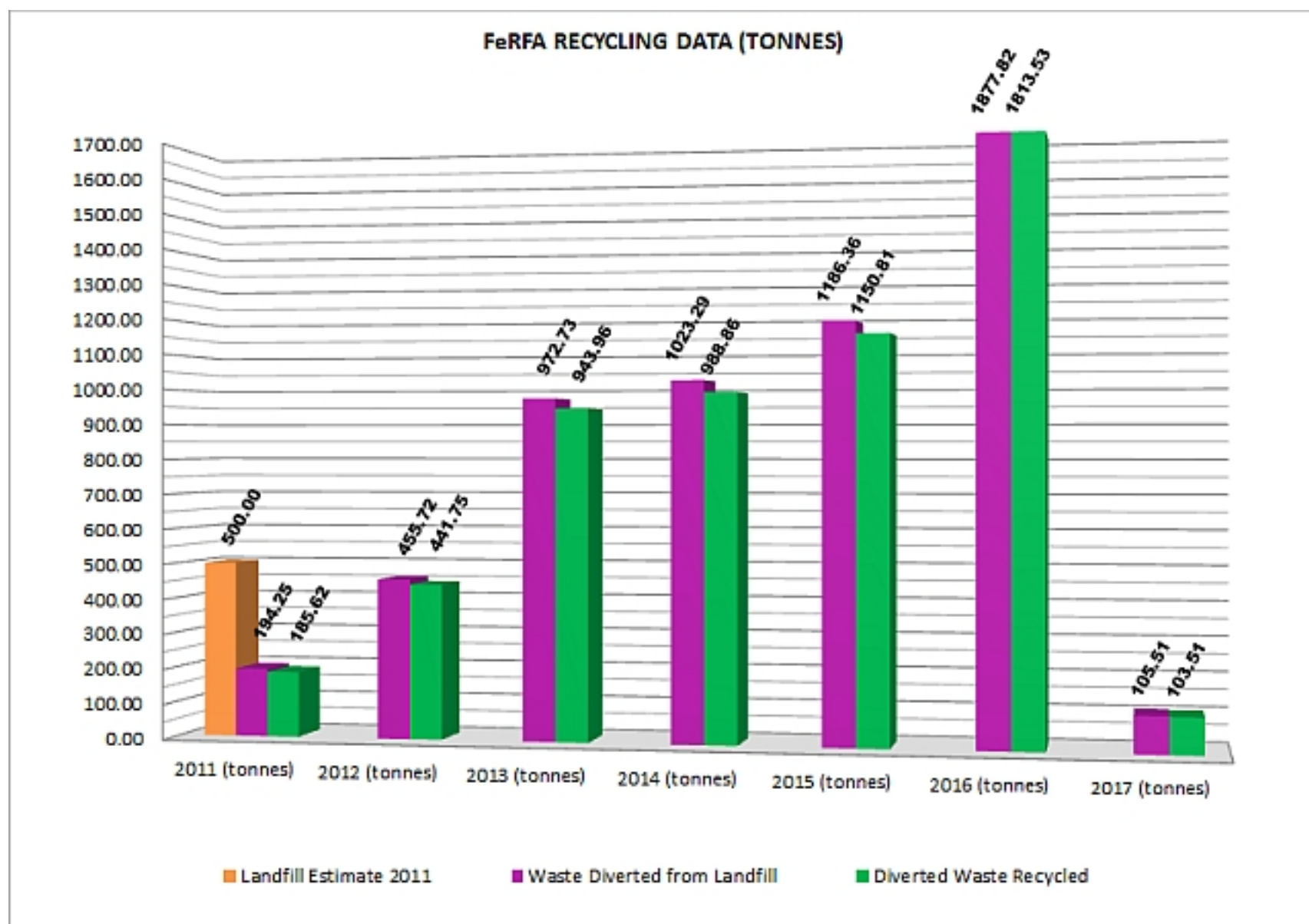
Units 3-5 Bardon 22, Beveridge Lane, Coalville, Leics LE67 1TEC / www.schluter.co.uk/ / 01530 813396

FeRFA's RECYCLING SCHEME

RECYCLING SUCCESS - ARE YOU TAKING PART?

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

If you would like to improve your company's sustainability and learn more about effective and efficient waste management, why not register your interest in a one day Upskilling course. The course will cover the following topics:

- Pre project planning for waste
 - Identify the waste streams produced
 - Potential risks
 - Recycling and disposal options
- Managing Wastes on Site
 - Segregation
 - Maximise Recovery/Recycling
- Overview of the waste regulations, including hazardous waste streams
 - Duty of Care
 - WM3 legislation
- Cost of Non-Compliance
- Benefits of Best Practice of Managing Waste Efficiently



FeRFA MEMBER BENEFITS

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 888933 or email [here](#) or visit www.cobrainsurance.co.uk

H&S UPDATE PLUS BUSINESS SHIELD FROM STALLARD KANE ASSOCIATES

The latest news from SKA looks at:

➤ **Important changes in Employment Law**

In April the government are making changes to The Lower Earnings Limit and National Minimum Wage among others. So, what is changing and how? [Read more...](#)

➤ **Corporate Manslaughter - Don't ignore your duties**

An HSE prosecution identifies what course of action you can expect from the authorities if it's shown that you have paid "scant regard" to your health and safety duties. What's to know? [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.

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 HEALTH, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT TEST: updated revision materials

Revision materials for the CITB Health, safety and environment test will be updated from 1st April 2017. Candidates taking the CITB test from the 1st June should revise from the new version of the revision material.

Candidates taking tests before 1st June can continue to use the 2016 version. [Read more](#)



SEVEN JAILED FOR CARD FRAUD

Seven people have been jailed following three investigations carried out by the Home Office and CITB. Five were jailed for a combined total of 30 years for their part in running a ‘fraud factory’ manufacturing fake documents including CSCS cards.



CSCS is urging employers to help tackle card fraud by checking cards electronically. [Read more](#)

BUILD UK NEWSLINE

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

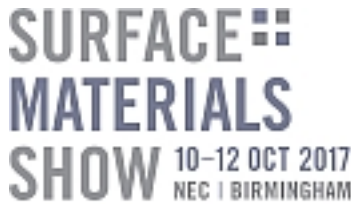
- Fair Payment
- Health and Safety
- Image
- Pre-Qualification
- Training & Skills and
- Other News



MEETINGS, SEMINARS & EXHIBITIONS 2017

EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS 2017

- [MEET THE BUYERS](#): April 26 Amex Stadium, Brighton (organised by ConstructionLine)
- [MATERIALS 2017](#) April 25-26, ILEC Centre, Earls Court, London
- [VISION 2017](#) June 6-7, Olympia London
- [FACILITIES SHOW](#) June 20-22, Excel, London
- [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	MOD 14: Apr 19-20 at Instarmac, Tamworth then in assessment period
Resin 17	MOD 12: May 3-4 at BASF, Redditch MOD 14: Sep 13-14 at Instarmac, Tamworth MOD 13: Oct 24-26 at Resdev, Elland
Resin 18	MOD 10: Apr 4-5 at Preparation Group, Lincoln MOD 11: Jun 28-29 at Sika Welwyn Garden City MOD 12: Oct 11-12 at BASF, Redditch
Resin 19	MODS 4-5: May 17-18 at Uzin/Arturo, Rugby

FeRFA MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2017

FeRFA Technical Meeting: Thursday 15 June
 FeRFA Golf Day: Friday 16 June at Erewash Valley Golf Club
 FeRFA Council Meeting: Wednesday 28 June
 FeRFA AGM and Awards Dinner: Friday 17 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.

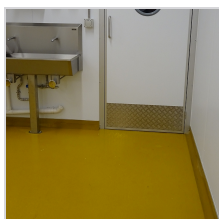
Use the following links for more [COMPANY NEWS](#) or you can go to specific [CASE STUDIES](#) and [GALLERIES](#)



[PPC's 180 Grinder and 202DSLP Vacuum - a formidable team](#)

The Preparation Group has launched the PPC 180 Grinder, designed for use in confined floor areas and for edgework along with the 202DSLP Longopac® Vacuum. Together they are a revolution in removing problematic materials from concrete whilst at the same time controlling and minimising exposure to dust. [Read more...](#)

The Preparation Group



[No slip ups in delivery of smart, durable surface to high-tech food plant](#)

Sika provided a hygienic, resilient floor built to withstand the long-term rigours of an industrial, state-of-the-art food production plant. [Read more...](#)

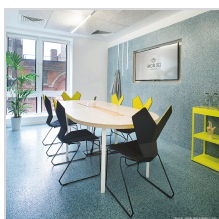
Ultrasyntec Ltd & Sika Ltd



[Instarmac Celebrates Top Honour for the 8th year](#)

Instarmac Group plc were delighted to secure a position in the prestigious 'Sunday Times Best Small Companies to Work For' for the 8th year at the recent awards ceremony held in London earlier this year. [Read more...](#)

Instarmac Group plc



[Flexible floor and wall solutions for The Office Group](#)

The Office Group wanted a unique front of house design for Angel Square, an office building based in North London [Read more...](#)

Altro Floors & Surtech Ltd



[Husqvarna Group to acquire HTC](#)

Husqvarna Construction Products has announced an agreement to acquire the HTC Floor Grinding Solutions division. [Read more...](#)

Husqvarna Construction Products



[How Can PAS 402 Help Reduce Waste in Your Building Project](#)

Through the creation of PAS 402, everyone in the industry can now have confidence that the construction and demolition material that goes into a skip and leaves a site will be handled according to a strict standard. [Read more...](#)

Reconomy



[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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