

Welcome to the latest edition of the FeRFA enews



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## LATEST NEWS

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

Tickets for the 2017 Awards Dinner have now sold out.

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.

**SOLD OUT**



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 on 17th November. **You have less than 3 weeks to submit your entries** into 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 NVQL2 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 GSB Surface Preparation.

### GSB Surface Preparation

GSB specialise in surface preparation works prior to commercial floor covering, highway resurfacing, runway & taxiway resurfacing and bridge deck rehabilitation. Using road planers, they also specialise in removal and preparation surfaces nationwide.



***2a Princes Street, Metherringham, Lincoln, LN4 3BX / [www.gsb-sp.co.uk](http://www.gsb-sp.co.uk) / 01526 322370***



## TRAINING NEWS

### RESIN 17 LEARN HOW TO APPLY FLOWABLE SCREEDS

Apprentices from the 17th resin flooring group thoroughly enjoyed their final training session - run by FeRFA trainer Terry Foxley and Andy Hill from PFT Central. Everyone had the opportunity to handle the specialist pumping equipment used for the application of the flowable screed and were guided through each step of the process of mixing and laying pumped screeds. The group were shown the correct setting up procedure of the M-tec mixing pump, preparation of the floor area, setting levels, how to carry out flow tests and safe operation of the pump.

Instarmac kindly supplied all the screed materials as well as hosting the two-day session at the Tamworth headquarters, the apprentice PPE was supplied by VI Distribution.



The apprentices have one final module and will then continue their training gaining on-site supervised experience with their employers, all of which will be logged in preparation for their assessment with Industry Assessors Kevin Cook and Mike Squirrell.

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The apprentices in Resin group 17 are: Jake Brown (Central Flooring), James Murray (Surtech), Simon Murphy (Ultrasyntec), Daniel Moreland (Polydeck Group), Gary Ashby (Polydeck Group), Charles Abel (Hart Site Services).

### 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](#).

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

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**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](mailto:secretariat@ferfa.org.uk) for more information.

## INDUSTRY ASSESSORS REQUIRED

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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](mailto:secretariat@ferfa.org.uk).

## ASSOCIATE SPOTLIGHT

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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 Brett Specialised Aggregates and Sureset UK Ltd.

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

## BRETT SPECIALISED AGGREGATES

Brett has been supplying high performance, high-quality dried aggregates into a wide range of sectors for over 30 years. We manufacture bespoke dried products such as fine-sized aggregates, including market leading brands such as Durite Calcined Flint, Permwhite White Calcined Flint and Flintag, for use in flooring applications. As part of the Brett Group a large percentage of our materials are sourced from Brett-owned quarries giving additional control throughout their supply chain. 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.



*Sturry Quarry, Fordwich Road, Sturry, Canterbury, Kent CT2 0BW / [www.brettspecialisedaggregates.co.uk](http://www.brettspecialisedaggregates.co.uk) / 0845 608 0572*

## 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.

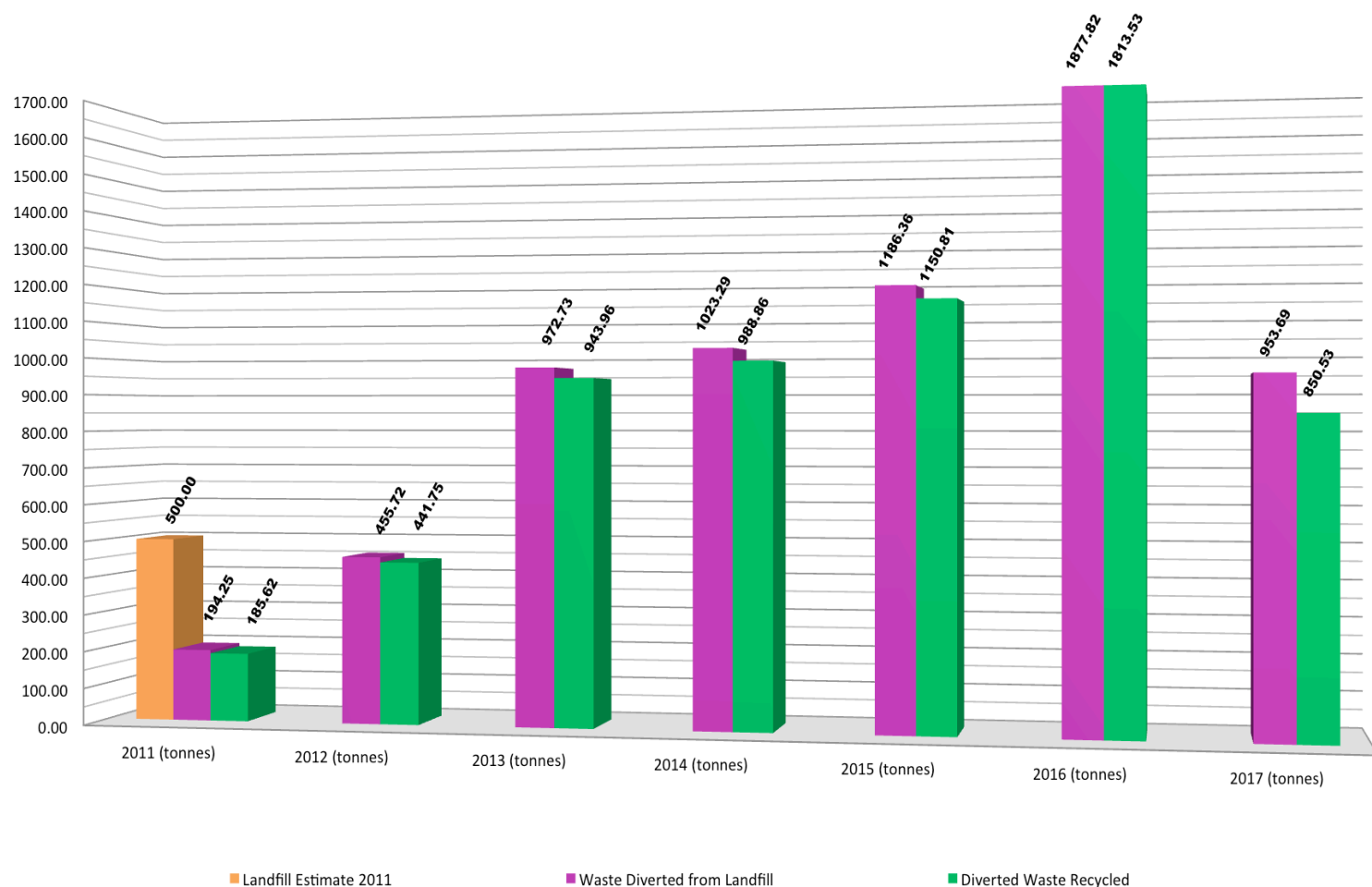
*32 Deverill Road Trading Estate, Sutton Veny, Warminster BA12 7BZ / [www.sureset.co.uk](http://www.sureset.co.uk) / 01985 841180*

## 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](http://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](mailto: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:

➤ **Are you looking after your young workers?**

The law protecting young workers is pretty strict, and as a flurry of recent cases shows, there are serious consequences for those who get it wrong. What do you need to know? [Read more...](#)

➤ **Untaken holiday: a right to carry over?**

Let's suppose that an employee has not taken their full annual leave entitlement due to circumstances beyond their control. Are they automatically allowed to carry the balance of it over into your next holiday year? [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 TO HOST EMPLOYER FORUMS

Employer forums are run twice a year at various regional locations. They are your opportunity to have your voice heard on what is important to your business. General topics up for discussion include Grant updates, Levy changes and advice on topics such as HSE and support CITB can provide.

To book your place, [click here](#)

### REPORT SHOWS £17.8m IMPACT OF CITB LEVY PAYERS' MONEY

CITB's Funding Impact Report highlights clearly how CITB levy payers' money is being used to increase training, qualifications and promote construction careers.

The largest group to receive funding in the period were micro and small employers (231), followed by construction federations (38), large employers (18), CITB-funded training groups (9), medium employers (6) and one Trade Union.

You can read the full report [here](#)

### BUILD UK NEWSLINE

The latest edition of the Build UK Newsline is available at [builduk-newsline.org.uk](http://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

➤ [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 17	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 AGM and Awards Dinner: Friday 17th 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.*

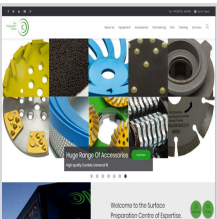
Use the following links for more [COMPANY NEWS](#) or you can go to specific [CASE STUDIES](#) and [GALLERIES](#)



### [Instarmac Achieves Prestigious RoSPA Gold Medal Award](#)

Instarmac Group plc are delighted to have been awarded the coveted Gold Medal, an honour only given to those who achieve 5 consecutive Gold Awards in the annual RoSPA Health and Safety Awards. [Read more...](#)

**Instarmac Group plc**



### [The Preparation Group's New Website Goes Live](#)

The Preparation Group, specialists in environmentally friendly solutions for preparing, cleaning and finishing, has launched a new website. [Read more...](#)

**The Preparation Group**

[IFT appointed on the £30 million cinema and leisure development in Darlington](#)



IFT was contracted to provide flooring for the Feethams Leisure Development in Darlington. [Read more...](#)

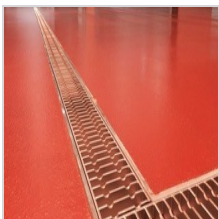
## Integrated Flooring Technologies



## [Altro resins transform university renovation](#)

Altro resins were used for the renovation of a 30 year old building into the University of the West of England (UWE) Future Space. [Read more...](#)

### Altro Floors



## [Ultrasyntec Ltd at New Bacon Slicing Factory](#)

After a lengthy tendering period and various site visits, Ultrasyntec Ltd were very privileged to attain the project against some fierce competition for the new production facility for Europe's largest importer & exporter of sliced bacon. [Read more...](#)

### Ultrasyntec Ltd



## [Instarmac are proud to announce the acquisition of Aztec Aerosols](#)

Instarmac Group plc announce that they have acquired Aztec Aerosols Ltd based in Crewe. [Read more...](#)

### Instarmac Group plc



## [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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