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FeRFA E-Newsletter



FEBRUARY 2020

FERFA AWARDS - SAVE THE DATE!



The FeRFA Annual Awards will be held on Friday the 27th November at Celtic Manor Resort, Coldra Woods, The Usk Valley, Newport, South Wales, NP18 1HQ.

Further details will be announced in the March edition of e-news!

NEW MEMBERS

FeRFA would like to welcome the following members:

Thortech Ltd

Thortech Ltd are the UK's first choice for anti-slip coatings, resin bound aggregates, road surfacing, epoxy flooring, footbridge surfacing and resin driveways.

There are 2 sides to the business, Thortech Ltd & Thortech Bridges & Marine Ltd.

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Stort Chemicals Ltd

Stort Chemicals Ltd is one of the leading independent speciality chemical distributors to the Coatings and Fragrance & Flavours industries in the UK & Ireland. Founded in 1981, we are still 100% family-owned, recently welcoming the third generation into the company.

[click here to read more](#)



DC Flooring UK Ltd

Coupling a wealth of knowledge with and an unparalleled determination for customer satisfaction is the key to their success. They realise each and every project is unique, working closely with their suppliers and manufacturers to achieve the best possible solutions for their clients is paramount.

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TRAINING NEWS



FeRFA are currently accepting applications for the **Resin Flooring** and **Surface Preparation apprenticeship** courses.

The courses run for 18 months covering a mix of formal off-site instruction alongside supervised on-the-job training at employer level with a final assessment by a CITB approved assessor.

All courses lead to an **NVQ Level 2 qualification** and the blue **CSCS Skilled Worker card**.

Substantial grant funding is available for eligible CITB levy payers. Spaces are **limited** so don't delay. Contact the [FeRFA office](#) for further information.

ASSOCIATE SPOTLIGHT

This month, FeRFA are highlighting three more of our Associate members. Associate members are companies who are involved indirectly with the manufacture, application and maintenance of resin flooring such as Surface Preparation Plant Suppliers, Chemical Suppliers to Manufacturer members, floor cleaning machinery suppliers, test houses etc.



Boud Minerals provide functional, decorative and lightweight mineral fillers for resin and cementitious flooring and a number of other



We provide technical support to the food, drinks and allied industries worldwide. The practical application of technical excellence lies at



The Talasey Group brings together a diverse and high quality range of landscaping products, from which to create inspired outdoor living

industries and applications. the heart of all that we do – spaces. Our collection is one
Boud Minerals provide practical scientific, technical, of the UK's largest ranges of
mineral filler products for: anti legislative and information landscaping materials, with
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renders, anti-static systems, Click [here](#) for more info.
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MEMBER BENEFITS

Contract Flooring Journal



FeRFA members benefit from a **FREE** subscription to Contract Flooring Journal (CFJ) magazine. Please email your contact details to [FeRFA](#) or [CFJ](#), along with your FeRFA membership number to register. To find out more about Contract Flooring Journal please follow this [link](#).

COBRA Bespoke Insurance Service



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 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](#).

FerFA and COBRA are excited to offer a facility which gives all your resin floor protection with an **INSURANCE BACKED WARRANTY**. The scheme has been set up so that **all your customers** benefit from the **security** of an **Insurance backed warranty** once you are signed up. You pay an upfront premium based on your annual turnover and then simply register each resin contract online when completed.

[Read more.](#)

H&S Advice and 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. 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.

The dedicated FerFA Business Shield Account Manager is Barry Nicol, please call him on 07854 938693 for more details. Read more about Stallard Kane [here](#).



FeRFA Recycling Scheme - are you taking part?

FerFA partners **Reconomy** and **Footprint Recycling** can assist you to reduce your total waste management costs, increase your landfill diversion, ensure compliance, under current Environmental Agency legislation, maintain consistency and best practice across all sites and back-office functions. Contact Reconomy on 0800 834 133/01952 211790 and Footprint on 01484 660770/01484 667556

If you are not already submitting your recycling data to FerFA 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

More details on the recycling initiative are [here](#).

You can also read Reconomy's brochure [here](#).

CASE STUDIES

Are permanent non-slip solutions possible for the food industry?



The flooring in industrial facilities needs to be suitable for the activities being carried out. In many industries, and in particular in the food and beverage plants, there is a regulatory requirement to provide a non-slip texture to prevent staff working there from slipping.

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MEMBER NEWS



Star Uretech Press Release

Star Uretech joins the Good Business Charter

Star Uretech is delighted to announce it has joined companies such as Capita, London City Airport and Deloitte in signing up to the Good Business Charter (GBC), an accreditation that seeks to raise the bar on business practices for employees, tax, the environment, customers and suppliers.

Star Uretech is proud to be the first in the Resin Flooring sector to join the GBC. It has never been more important for businesses to regain trust and show they care about more than just profit.

The Good Business Charter exists for all companies and charities with 10 employees or more across all industries and sectors and works through a simple online self-certification process. At a time when people are caring more about who they work for and who they buy from, the Good Business Charter offers a straightforward accreditation which recognises organisations which prioritise and care for their employees, the environment, customers and suppliers, whilst also paying their taxes according to the spirit of the law. The GBC and its members seek to inspire many other businesses to follow suit.

The Good Business Charter has the support of both the CBI and the TUC which both have trustee representation on its board. Other partners of the GBC include the Living Wage Foundation and the Prompt Payment Code. The GBC has been set up by a charity called the Good Business Foundation and accreditation will be free for all companies in the first year.

Chairman of the GBC board, Simon Fox, said:

“The Good Business Charter brings together 10 standards, most of which already exist, but in separate places. We have brought them together to give a coherent overall position for businesses to aspire to. We believe that the GBC has enormous potential to change business practice for good. We hope that because of its simplicity and cost effectiveness, it will quickly gain support.”

Mark Almond of Star Uretech Ltd, said:

“We take great pride in the ethical way in which we choose to run our business and we are delighted to receive accreditation from the Good Business Charter. We aim to prove that it is not just possible to run a successful company which chooses to do the right thing but that an ethical approach actually helps us to achieve our targets and continued success”





Kemtile Appoints Northern Territory Manager



Leading hygienic flooring company [Kemtile](#) has put the experienced George Morton in charge of existing clients and new business development across the North of England.

George brings 30 years' of construction and flooring installation expertise to the Territory Manager role and will now work as part of an extensive commercial team based in Kemtile's UK HQ in Warrington.

Kemtile, which celebrated 40 years trading history in 2019, was acquired by US-based [RPM Performance Coatings Group](#) in July 2018, joining the worldwide [Stonhard](#) division, a specialist epoxy resin flooring manufacturer with a 90-year pedigree of its own.

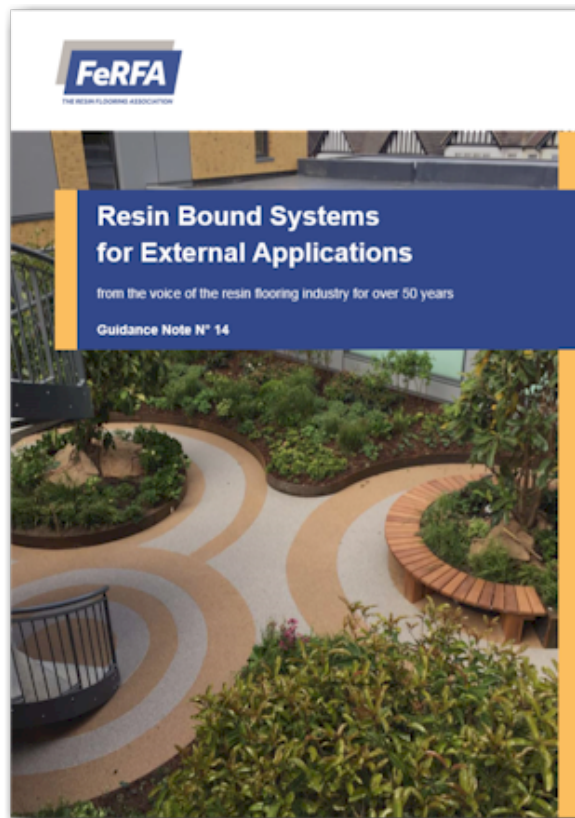
It represents a new era in the UK for both firms, combining in-depth expertise for specification, manufacture and installation all under one roof for the first time.

It's full circle for George, who spent three years with Stonhard until 2013, where he added resin flooring to a vast knowledge of concrete floors and construction in general and established an enviable sales record.

[read more](#)

OTHER NEWS

The new version of The Resin Bound Systems for External Applications Guide is now available to view on the FeRFA Website.



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Ricoh Arena,
Coventry, UK
2-3 JUNE

2020

The leading UK coatings exhibition dedicated to paints, inks, adhesives, corrosion protection and construction chemical industries www.surfex.co.uk



CITB are offering **funding** of up to £10,000 to assist micro and small construction companies to develop a stronger skills base. Specifically, it provides an extra incentive for you to access CITB grant eligible training. This can be used for short duration courses that last between 3 hours and 29 days and qualifications such as the FeRFA NVQ Level 2 diplomas in In-situ Resin Flooring, Surface Preparation and Screeding.

Funding to Support Training - Including NVQs

You can apply for funding if you are a CITB-registered employer with up to 99 directly employed staff on the payroll. Employers can apply for funding once every 12 months. Simply complete the application form which can be downloaded [here](#).

If you need further details please contact Dave Rowlands CITB Advisor at david.rowlands@citb.co.uk or 07887 984 897.



We've opened registrations early to give you an opportunity to express your interest and priorities

now in our Employer Roadshows this March, April and May. This is your chance to tell us what matters most to your business and how CITB can support your skills needs. When you sign up, you can pick which topic is most important to you, give us your comments and ask questions.
[Register today](#)

The agenda made for you

We've listened to all of the feedback following our autumn roadshows, and we're using your comments to shape our spring events programme. They will be more tailored to your specific needs and give you solutions that will make a difference to your business. You told us you wanted more time to speak to CITB representatives and other employers in your area. You also told us you wanted more open discussion time so you really feel listened to. With that in mind, you can expect to see more time for networking, discussion and problem-solving, as well as a variety of sessions to pick from.

Registering your interest now allows you to have your say and indicate which location you would like to attend.

To express your interest in attending an Employer Roadshow and help shape the agenda, [click here](#). We can't wait to welcome you.



Build UK Members Improve Payment Terms

Build UK has published the [latest payment results](#) for its members, which continues to drive greater transparency and present a coherent picture of payment practices within construction.

Contractor members recorded particularly [positive results](#), significantly reducing the time taken to pay invoices to an average of 36 days, down from 45 days just 18 months ago. On average, they are now paying 91% of their invoices within 60 days, increasing from 80%.



Brexit Transition

After leaving the EU on 31 January, the UK has entered a transition period and will continue to participate in the EU Customs Union and Single Market until 31 December 2020. Find out how to prepare on Build UK's dedicated [Brexit website](#).

[Click here for more news](#)



MANUAL HANDLING AT WORK – we’ve recently revised our leaflet for employers. This brief guide explains the problems associated with manual handling and includes practical advice on reducing the risk of injury. Download for free at <http://bit.ly/2Umzzbl>

MEETINGS & EVENTS

The background of the poster is a photograph of a golf course with green grass, a sand trap, and trees in the distance.

GOLF DAY

📍 Erewash Valley Golf Club
Ilkeston, DE7 4QR

📅 Friday 12th June

💷 £180 per team of 4

Email Tom Dossett to book your places:
TomDossett@remmers.co.uk

Apprentice Scheme Dates 2020

Resin 23	Mod 13: March 3-5 @ Resdev, Elland
Resin 24	Mod 10: March 17-18 @ The Preparation Group, Lincoln
Resin 25	Mod 1-3: March 24-25 @ SMW, Stone

FeRFA Meetings & Events

Technical Meeting : 4th March 2020 @ SMW, Stone
 Council Meeting : 11th March 2020 @ Ibis Hotel, Rugby East
 Technical Meeting : 10th June 2020 @ SMW, Stone
 Council Meeting : 24th June 2020 @ SMW, Stone
 Technical Meeting : 2nd September 2020 @ SMW, Stone
 Council Meeting : 30th September 2020 @ SMW, Stone

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