

FeRFA E-Newsletter



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CORONAVIRUS (Covid-19)

Please find us on social media @FeRFAResin or go to our [dedicated webpage](#) to follow the latest in Coronavirus (Covid-19) updates. The information is constantly changing and we will keep you updated regarding all the latest information.

We hope you all stay safe during these uncertain times.

UPDATED SITE OPERATING PROCEDURES

On the 15th April, the Construction Leadership Council made available a new version of the [Site Operating Procedures](#), designed to keep construction sites, including resin flooring work, operational in a safe manner during the coronavirus pandemic. FeRFA has been instrumental in helping develop the latest version, via its discussions with Build UK. The document is based on Public Health England guidance on social distancing and has support from across the industry, as well as from Government.

The most important updates in the new version of the document are:

- Confirmation that the HSE is the enforcing authority for the Public Health England guidelines;
- A requirement for sites to monitor the implementation of the procedures;

- Further details on who should not travel to work;
- Guidance for those who have no option but to share transport to work;
- Planning of work to avoid close working;
- First aid and emergency service issues.

The guidance in other countries of the UK may differ from the above. The latest guidance in Scotland can be found [here](#).

The latest guidance for Wales is [here](#).

The latest guidance for Northern Ireland is [here](#).

FeRFA GOLF DAY - CANCELLED

The FeRFA Golf Day, which was due to take place on Friday 12th June at Erewash Valley Golf Club, has been cancelled due to the current coronavirus situation.

If you have any queries regarding your booking, please email secretariat@ferfa.org.uk

VI DISTRIBUTION CONTINUE TO OPERATE AND DELIVER

VI continues to operate with a reduced number of staff, where possible staff are working from home and in line with government advice the warehouse continues to dispatch orders on a daily basis.

Supply Chain and Product Update

In order to help keep sites operational and to keep the construction and other industries open, VI are working hard to improve availability of all standard stocked items along with an increased range of cleaning and sanitising products and general site operating supplies, all in line with the government advice and changes to the Site Operating Procedures (SOP).

One challenge faced has been the break down in certain supply chains, some manufacturers for the time being have closed and others offer a reduced service.

That said the stock of VI's most popular items are holding up well.

One area of stock which has been affected is certain items of PPE.

Much has been said regarding PPE availability in the press and VI have been seeing this on some of the products that would normally be stocked.

Understandably manufacturers are prioritising the NHS and healthcare providers and therefore those said items are becoming harder to source in terms of availability and price.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information regarding products impacted by the break down in supply chain and what actions VI are taking in the short to medium term in order to overcome this shortfall along with alternative products and delivery information.



KEEP YOUR TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE UP TO DATE

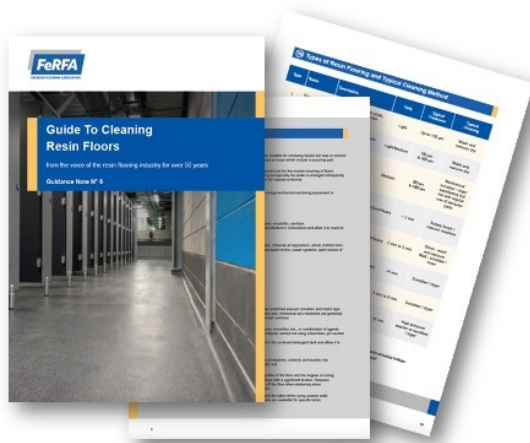
Those who make best use of any current opportunities to upskill themselves will be best placed to take advantage of the expected recovery in business when it comes.

FeRFA now has two documents online which can be easily accessed in a page-turning format, so that they are read just like a hard copy publication.

The first is **Resin Bound Systems for External Applications (Technical Guidance Note No. 14)**, which covers all technical aspects of resin bound surfacing as applied to concrete and asphalt surfaces. The guide discusses design, application, care and maintenance and other relevant aspects of installing a resin bound system in an external application. This document can be accessed [here](#).



The second document is the **Guide to Cleaning Resin Floors (Technical**



Guidance Note No. 6). This document takes the reader through the process of establishing an effective cleaning programme for the full range of resin flooring systems. It stresses the importance of the cleaning regime in maintaining the technical performance of the flooring system and describes how this should be achieved. The document can be accessed [here](#).

FeRFA AGM & BEST PRACTICE AWARDS



The FeRFA Annual General Meeting and Awards Dinner 2020 will be held on **Friday 27th November** at **Celtic Manor Resort**. The FeRFA Best Practice Awards Dinner will take place in the **Caernarfon Suite** and promises to be a glittering affair. The large space offers an ideal opportunity to entertain customers, reward staff and enjoy an early festive celebration with friends and colleagues. FeRFA look forward to welcoming members and their guests in November. See the sections below for further details on the event.

The cost for the dinner is £90 (plus VAT) with discounts available for tables of 10+.
Dress code is Black Tie.

If you would like to attend the AGM and/or the Awards Dinner, please complete the booking form [here](#). There is no cost to attend the AGM but booking is essential.

ACCOMMODATION

Home of The 2010 Ryder Cup and host venue of the NATO Summit 2014, the five-star Celtic Manor Resort is set in over 2,000 acres of panoramic parkland at the gateway to

Wales. With four hotels, a large convention centre, two exceptional spas, two state-of-the-art health clubs, fishing, adventure golf, treetop high ropes course and tennis courts, Celtic Manor Collection provides a complete experience for business, leisure and golf travellers.

FeRFA has negotiated a special rate for the night of 27th November of £133.33 (plus VAT) per standard double room and £112.50 (plus VAT) per standard single room including breakfast in the main Resort Hotel at Celtic Manor. Room upgrades are available at an additional cost. To take advantage of this rate please book directly with Celtic Manor by 23rd October online at celtic-manor.com or by calling 01633 410337 using the promotional code RFA271120. All rooms booked under this code are non-refundable and non-transferable. There are other accommodation options available on-site at Celtic Manor, please go to the website for more information.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



An exciting range of sponsorship opportunities are also available for this year's FeRFA Best Practice Awards.

Awards sponsorship provides you the opportunity to showcase your brand at the biggest annual event in the resin flooring industry.

View the sponsorship packages [here](#).

NEW MEMBERS

FeRFA would like to welcome the following new members:

Northern Star Flooring Ltd

Northern Star Flooring Limited (NSF) is an experienced resin flooring contractor located in the North of England. We are not limited geographically. We can add value and assistance to our customers. We are able to carry out nationwide site surveys, be responsive to time sensitive projects and audits and offer highly competitive pricing.

[Click here to read more](#)



Surface Prep NI

Surface Prep NI is a family run business operating out of the Belfast area. We offer surface preparation and resin flooring solutions to the UK and Irish markets. To ensure each job receives quality care and attention to detail we only use our in-house trained workforce.

[Click here to read more](#)



F H Harvey

Founded in 1966 as F H Harvey & Sons (Decorators) Ltd, F H Harvey UK Ltd is a family owned industry leading specialist within the UK Construction Sector. We have the capabilities and expertise to deliver complete decoration and maintenance solutions to a diverse range of construction industry, facilities management and private clients whilst maintaining our traditional values of quality and service.

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TRAINING NEWS



All training has been postponed until further notice.

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.



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.

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Click [here](#) for more info.



Established in 1989 in the ceramic and accessories market, Genesis quickly became a leading brand in the UK and around the world supplying trims, nosings and edging profiles. Genesis have been exporting since 1990 and are now available in over 70 countries, winning the Queens award in the process. Since then Genesis have diversified the range to cross over into the contract flooring, ceramic and soft flooring tools and more recently entrance matting industries.

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Husqvarna's floor grinders and dust collectors boast a unique balance between the machines power and design, and the tools speed and efficiency. Our 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, polishing concrete floors, as well as repairing and polishing terrazzo and other natural stone.

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Click [here](#) for more info.

MEMBER BENEFITS



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](#).

MEMBERS NEWS

Kemtile Director Stephen Westley Retires

Stephen Westley, who has run the Kemtile hygienic flooring business with co-director Jamie Cook, for over 40 years, is retiring and moving to an ad hoc consultancy position from this month.

The move follows the acquisition of Kemtile by US-based RPM Performance Coatings Group 18 months ago.

Stephen has been working with Jamie and the senior management team at RPM since then to effect a smooth integration of Kemtile people and service delivery within the wider Group, which serves 65 countries worldwide.

[Read more](#)



CASE STUDIES

IFT Installs Flooring at New £11m State-of-the-Art Scottish Fire & Rescue Training Centre

The site provides many training facilities including classroom learning; road traffic collision (RTC); domestic, industrial and commercial building training; urban search and rescue; petrochemical; and working at height.

[Read more](#)



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MEETINGS & EVENTS

FeRFA Meetings & Events

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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