

# FeRFA E-Newsletter



## June 2020

### 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.**

### FeRFA Welcomes New Vice Chairman

FeRFA is delighted to welcome a new Vice Chairman - Bill Woodham, Target Market Manager at Sika.

Bill started in the building and construction industry at a builders merchant in July 1995 as a 16 year old straight from school, carrying out a variety of roles in both heavy side and light side building materials, later joining Tarmac Topblock selling into Main Contractors and Specifiers. He later joined Celotex



Insulation, part of Saint Gobain, as an Area Sales Manager and progressed his career in the business to Sales Director. It was in this role that he was approached by Sika to take up the role of National Sales Manager for Flooring in April 2018, then becoming Target Market Manager in February 2020.

## FeRFA Best Practice Awards - Postponed

As reported in last month's e-news, FeRFA Council has taken the view that there is still insufficient clarity as to whether large scale indoor gatherings will be permitted or safe by the time of the planned date in November. It is also not clear whether FeRFA members, who understandably have other key priorities at this time, will have sufficient resources available to compile their entries in time for the judging process to take place.

To ensure a new date for the event, FeRFA has been working closely with the Celtic Manor Resort who have been very supportive in what is also a difficult time for the hospitality industry and we have agreed a date of **11th June 2021**.

Bookings for the new date will become available in due course and FeRFA looks forward to a different and successful Awards event in June 2021, the first FeRFA awards to be held in Summer since the event began in 2002.

## TRAINING NEWS



We are working closely with our members, partners and CITB to get our training programme safely back on track as quickly as possible.

Contact the [FeRFA office](#) for more 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.



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## INDUSTRY NEWS



### Skills Stability Plan 2020-21

The [Skills Stability Plan 2020-21](#) outlines CITB's work for this financial year and sees them protect apprenticeships, the Grants Scheme and direct employer funding through the Skills and Training Funds.

### Levy Collection 2020-22

CITB are extending the current payment holiday until September and giving Levy-payers the option to spread their payments over up to 12 months until August 2021. Next year, CITB are proposing to Government a 50% cut in Levy bills, delaying collection until September '21, with the option to spread payments over six months, up to February '22. Taken together, these measures mean that employers will pay 25% less across two years, with a payment holiday now when industry needs it most.

### Engagement with Industry

CITB have confirmed with the Department for Education that they will not run the usual

Consensus process and instead they will speak to employers and industry groups to seek their views on CITB's plans for next year. This will allow CITB to focus their efforts entirely on supporting industry and will not place any more burden on employers and partners right now.

CITB's [COVID-19 urgent messages page](#) is refreshed daily and includes updates on the full range of work they are carrying out.



### **Working Safely During Coronavirus**

The Government has updated its [Working safely during coronavirus - Construction and other outdoor work](#) guidance to reflect the new 'one metre plus' social distancing requirement from 4 July 2020. Construction sites have essentially been operating in this way since the Site Operating Procedures were first published on 24 March, and the feedback we have received so far is that sites are intending to maintain the social distancing practices already in place. The Construction Leadership Council (CLC) will publish an updated version of the Site Operating Procedures later this week.

### **Business & Planning Bill**

The Government was set to pass a new [Business and Planning Bill](#) on 29th June which covers a range of issues, including [measures](#) to boost the construction industry as called for by the CLC and Build UK:

- Companies will be able to request extended and flexible site working hours through a fast-track application process. [Draft guidance](#) confirms that Local Authorities will have 14 calendar days to consider applications and, if they do not make a decision within that time, the revised working hours will be [deemed to have been consented to](#).
- Planning permission deadlines for sites with consent which have an expiry date between the start of lockdown and the end of this year will be extended until 1 April 2021.
- The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) will have the ability to use more than one procedure, such as written representations, hearings and inquiries, at the same time when dealing with a planning appeal to speed up the process.

[Read more updates on Build UK's website](#)

# **MEMBER BENEFITS**

## **NEW! CONTRACT REVIEW SERVICE**



#### CONTRACT AND LEGAL SERVICES

FeRFA have partnered with BEB Contract & Legal Services so that as a member of FeRFA, you will get 10% off their Bronze, Silver and Gold packages for bespoke, robust contracts.



Contact BEB on 01604 217365 or email [info@bebconsultancy.co.uk](mailto:info@bebconsultancy.co.uk) and quote FeRFA10 to get started.

BEB are passionate about protecting businesses with watertight contracts. It's what they do, day in, day out. Their approach is hands-on so they'll find out as much as they can about what your business does, how you work and any problem customers you may have had – because it's only when talking about those practical, real-life issues you've encountered that BEB get to really understand how to protect you from those things happening again, in your Ts & Cs.

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## 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](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](#).

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

### Fosroc Launch Patchroc 250

To complement their existing floor repair mortars Patchroc and Paveroc, Fosroc have recently launched Patchroc 250. Patchroc 250 is a one part cementitious repair mortar that holds a number of characteristics such as: applied at a thickness from 25 – 250mm in one pour; ready for the application of resin products in as little as 3 – 4 hours; and its low heat generation and low hydration shrinkage reduces the risk of cracking even at high application thicknesses.

Patchroc 250 can be used on repairs internally or externally and is strong enough to receive a number of resin finishes having been tested to BS EN 1504 – 3 R4 class.

[Read more](#)





## Sika Launches Sustainable Rapid-Apply Flooring Range



Global building products manufacturer, Sika, has launched a 'next generation' range of primers and coatings which fulfil the flooring market's need for rapid, durable products with added sustainability.

Sikafloor®-150 and Sikafloor®-151 are multi-purpose primers which benefit the environment, as well as create durable, high-performance flooring. Comprising two-part, epoxy resin and suitable for use as levelling mortar and mortar screed, the products conform to the environmental 'low-emitting materials' standard: LEED v4 EQc 2. The primers' low odour composition enhances their strong sustainable performance.

In addition, Sika has launched Sikafloor®-2640 – a solution when reliable performance and rapid, easy application are a prerequisite. This two-part, epoxy floor coating and seal coat, which offers excellent blush resistance, provides either a seamless smooth, high gloss finish; or optimum slip, mechanical and chemical resistant profiles in areas such as car park decks, warehouses and manufacturing facilities, food and drink manufacturing plants, airport hangers, workshops and garages.

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## CASE STUDIES



# Koster Aquatecnic Provides Long Term Solution to Aintree Grandstand Degradation Issue

Aintree Racecourse is located in the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton, Merseyside, England. The racecourse is best known for annually holding the world-famous Grand National steeplechase. The Grand National meeting usually takes place in April over 3 days.

The grandstand was suffering badly from water ingress to the areas below due to the floor coatings and joint seals degrading over years of exposure to the elements.

Koster flooring systems were specified to provide a long-term solution to the exposed areas, providing a decorative, slip-resistant finish suitable for UV exposure and the weather conditions faced in the UK.

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## MEETINGS & EVENTS

### FeRFA Meetings & Events

Technical Meeting : To be arranged  
Council Meeting : 30th September 2020

## CHEMUK

CHEMUK 2020 was re-scheduled for Sept 16-17 2020 - moved from its original May 2020 date (reflecting the Covid-19 lockdown & imposed travel & distancing measures).

At this point in time, UK Government has still not provided a 'green light' for the official re-commencement of such large-scale business & industry events, and/or issued instructions

on any required new health & safety protocols, for venues, visitors, exhibitors & contributors.

Therefore, CHEMUK has made the decision to postpone the event until 2021. The new date is 12-13 May 2021. The venue for the 2021 CHEMUK event will move to the NEC Birmingham, in its 'premier' Hall 1. The decision was not taken lightly, but reflects exhibitor opinion.

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