

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.

FeRFA AGM & BEST PRACTICE AWARDS - POSTPONED

The FeRFA Council has reluctantly taken the decision to postpone the 2020 Apprentice Graduation and Awards Ceremony until June 2021.

Council has taken the view that there is currently insufficient clarity as to whether large 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 necessary entry and judging process to take place.

FeRFA was on track to recognise its 150th NVQ Level 2 Graduate at the Awards this year,

but this may not be possible due to the restrictions imposed on face-to-face training and assessments. Following ongoing discussions with training partners and CITB, it is aimed to ensure a speedy return to training when safe to do so.

To ensure a new date for the event, the FeRFA Secretariat has been working closely with the Celtic Manor Resort in South Wales, who have been very supportive in what is also a difficult situation for them currently, and we have settled on a mutually agreeable date of **11 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 annual awards to be held outside Autumn since the event began in 2002.

“We are sure that members and the whole industry will understand and support this very difficult decision,” says Mark Spowage, CEO. “There is simply too much uncertainty around the original November date to enable us to proceed. Our principal concern is for the safety of everyone attending the Awards and for all those involved in the event in any way. We now look forward to seeing everyone in Wales next summer, when we’re confident that our Awards can take place with the same quality, style and success that we have enjoyed over many years. We hope that all our members, friends and family stay safe and well and we thank you for your continued support.”

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

NEW MEMBERS

FeRFA would like to welcome the following new members:

LKAB Minerals Ltd

LKAB Minerals is an international industrial minerals group, supplying over thirty minerals into a wide range of product applications. LKAB Minerals is a subsidiary of the Swedish iron ore producer LKAB, one of the leading producers of upgraded iron ore products. Products supplied to the flooring industry include a range of environmentally friendly Gypsol binders, used in the manufacture of flowable floor screeds and DekorFlake, a decorative mineral utilised to provide aesthetic finishes for a variety of floor types.

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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.



Anhydritec is the UK and European Market leader in Anhydrite (calcium sulphate) technology with over 25 years of experience in the formulation of self-levelling



Bio8 are suppliers of specialist floor cleaning products to remove difficult to clean substances such as forklift tyre marks off concrete,



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resin and painted floors. Maintenance products to keep floors clean and prevent build up of dirt as general maintenance routine.
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reduce waste and increase recycling thereby saving costs and improving environmental credentials. We handle all waste: hazardous, aggregate, WEEE, general municipal, mixed recycling, wood, cardboard, plastics, food, metal and textiles.
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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

Chris Orme Joins Fosroc



Chris Orme has joined Fosroc as National Specification Manager. Chris will be working alongside Fosroc's area teams across the UK and ROI and will be responsible for developing opportunities and specifications for Fosroc's Concrete Repair, Coatings, Grouts, Flooring and Sealant ranges. With over 20 years' industry experience working in sales, marketing and technical roles within the construction products sector.

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Sika Launches Contractor Schemes And Additions To Its Innovative Product Range



Sika showcased its latest customer initiatives and flooring products during a presentation at its site in Preston.

Attended by Sika customers from the flooring and car park markets, the two-day programme took place late February prior to lockdown measures being introduced. It included an in-depth introduction to the company's new contractor schemes,

demonstrations of its new, innovative flooring solutions, and question and answer sessions hosted by Sika's Technical and Application teams.

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CASE STUDIES

Epoxy Floor Fitted For Boots Factory

Flowstone Industrial Flooring Limited was contracted to carry out floor refurbishment works to a Boots UK Ltd cosmetics packaging hall in Nottingham. operating from a 280-acre site on which important listed buildings sit side by side with state-of-the-art technology in the Nottingham Enterprise Zone. The site was acquired by Boots in 1927 and it is where the anti-inflammatory drug Ibuprofen was invented.

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

FeRFA Meetings & Events

Technical Meeting : 23rd June 2020

Council Meeting : 24th June 2020

Technical Meeting : 2nd September 2020

Council Meeting : 30th September 2020

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