



**JULY 2021**



## **FeRFA JOIN THE CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION**

FeRFA are now Trade Association members of the Construction Products Association. The CPA acts as an 'umbrella' trade body for dozens of product-specific trade association members. Altogether, the Trade Association Members themselves represent thousands of companies, many of which are SME's and family-run businesses. The depth and breadth of these members, along with the technical and market expertise they contribute to the CPA, help reflect the key role our industry plays across the UK.' FeRFA members will be able to access a wealth of information on the members area of the FeRFA website. For example, a summary of The CPA's Construction Industry Forecasts - Summer 2021 Edition can be found

[here.](#)

## NEW MEMBER

**FeRFA would like to welcome our new member:**

### **ABC (Floors) Ltd**

Specialising in industrial resin flooring installation and repairs: install polymer screeds, build up/infill screeds, epoxy, polyurethane and MMA coatings, screeds, self levelling compounds and non-slip and hygienic finishes  
Civils and Groundworks: Installing internal stainless steel drainage gullies, channels and kerbing and internal underground drainage alterations.

Click [here](#) for more info



## **Managing Coronavirus**

Build UK has updated its **COVID-19 flowchart** with the latest information on when to self-isolate.

Following the lifting of restrictions from 19 July, the Government has published updated **Working Safely guidance** which includes **construction** and **offices and factories**.

Information on **working in other people's homes** can now be found within the construction guide. The **Site Operating Procedures** remain available as a reference document and should continue to be followed where members wish to maintain social distancing on site, and the **Use of Face Coverings in Construction** has been updated in line with the latest Government guidance.

## **Growing Pressure to End Pingdemic**

Build UK continues to support the **CBI's call** for fully vaccinated individuals identified as close contacts to be made exempt from self-isolation as soon as possible, rather than wait until 16 August. The current 'pingdemic' is affecting all sectors of the economy, including construction, and the CLC has also now issued a **press release** calling for the change in

policy to be brought forward to “*ensure the industry doesn’t grind to a halt*”. As it stands, the Government has identified a **list of sectors** where critical workers may be able to leave self-isolation to go to work in order to prevent “*major detrimental impact on the availability, integrity or delivery of essential services*”. However, the list is extremely limited and does not include construction, and the exemption will only apply to a small number of workers in a sector.



## An Infrastructure Revolution

The latest in Build UK’s series of factsheets on major infrastructure projects features **Old Oak Common Station**, one of four new stations being delivered as part of Phase 1 of **HS2**. The £1.67 billion project will create the UK’s most connected station, including the only intersection between HS2 and Crossrail, as well as a new park and public square, which will help to generate economic growth in North West London by creating commercially viable space for housing and business.

Build UK has now published 14 **factsheets** covering a range of national and local projects, including **Hinkley Point C**, **Perry Barr Regeneration** and the **South Wales Metro**, and they are designed to help everyone in the industry explain what each project is and why it is being built in Britain today.

## Materials Update

The CLC Product Availability Group has issued its latest **statement** on the availability of construction products, which confirms that in addition to price inflation ‘*stability and accuracy of supply remains the overarching concern*’. The products that are most affected include roofing products, timber, insulation and bagged cement.

**Talentview**  
CONSTRUCTION

## Register for Talentview Construction

Members can now advertise all their opportunities for new entrants, including apprenticeships and work experience, on **Talentview Construction**, a new dedicated online platform for those looking to secure their first role in construction. Talentview sits alongside the **Construction Talent Retention Scheme** providing a ‘one stop shop’ for the recruitment and retention of skills across the industry. After calling for an apprentice matching service for a number of years, Build UK is delighted to welcome the launch of Talentview which should make it much easier for young people to join the industry.

Members can **register for Talentview** now and upload all their 'first job' vacancies ready for its full launch in September.

# TRAINING NEWS



Approved Training Organisation

## FeRFA TRAINING Resin Groups 25 and 26 Modules 6-9

FeRFA's NVQ L2 In Situ Resin Flooring training continued in July with the members of Resin Groups 25 and 26 attending Modules 6-9 at Training and Assessment Consultants Ltd in Nottingham. All learners were awarded certificates in Emergency First Aid at Work, Manual Handling & Safe Lifting Techniques, Push-a-Long Floor Sawing, Abrasive Wheels and UKATA Asbestos Awareness.

FeRFA would like to thank the following members for their continued support of their employees, the industry and the Specialist Applied Skills Programme:-



In the last twelve months we have been proud to see no less than ten of our learners achieve their Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Specialist Concrete Occupations (Construction) - In Situ Flooring (Resin). We would like to thank their employers - Central Flooring Services, Euro Resin Solutions, IRL Group, Thortec, TPS 360 and Zircon Flooring and of course our assessors - Kevin Cook and Jack Longden.

**We are currently inviting applications for our 27th Group which is due to start in October**

**Hurry! Spaces are limited so don't delay!**

The course is **heavily grant funded** for eligible employers and leads to an NVQ Level 2 qualification and the blue CSCS Skilled Worker card.

The course runs 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.

Contact the **FeRFA office** for more information.

## Mandatory training for industrial and professional users of diisocyanates in the EU

Be ready for compliance on 24 August 2023

[Click to sign-up for updates](#)



Training is becoming mandatory for industrial and professional users of diisocyanates in the EU from 24 August 2023. ISOPA and ALIPA are developing a comprehensive training programme.

You can sign up for updates to make sure that your organization is ready using this [form](#).

For further information on training requirements, please visit: [safeusediisocyanates.eu](https://safeusediisocyanates.eu) and watch the latest ISOPA/ALIPA [YouTube](#) video.



Department for  
Business, Energy  
& Industrial Strategy

The BEIS Goods Regulation Team ran a webinar on 20<sup>th</sup> July entitled **The UKCA mark: the new domestic regime.**

**For those unable to attend, the team are** running another webinar on Tuesday 17th August.

If you would like to attend then, please sign up [here](#).

## 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.



**innoveo**

The Resin Mill are a specialist supplier and one stop shop of resin bound materials. Offering nationwide delivery, we are proud to offer the highest quality UVR resin and a huge selection of resin bound colours, carefully mixed to ensure strength as well as cosmetic appeal. We continually promote the highest standards across their permeable paving resin bound industry. We have a dedicated training academy, The School of Resin and have a nationwide approved contractor scheme for homeowners.

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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. For more information on our products and services please visit our website.

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Innoveo Ltd is the UK Agent for Gebrüder Dörfner GmbH & Co.

Dörfner mines kaolin and crystalline quartz sand from their own deposits and through a variety of highly sophisticated refining processes produces the finest quality industrial minerals.

Our range of natural and coloured quartz sands, and formulated filler systems are used in commercial and industrial resin flooring; in mortars, broadcasting and self levelling floors. Dörfner is represented by Innoveo Limited in the UK & Ireland.

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## **CITB e-COURSES**

### **SITE SAFETY PLUS: COVID-19 - SETTING UP AND OPERATING A SAFE CONSTRUCTION SITE**

Version 2: January 2021 update is now available online.

Learn at your own pace, anytime, anywhere

Click [here](#) for more details





## **Workplace fatality figures for 2020/21 released**

**HSE has released its annual workplace fatality figures for 2020/21.**

The provisional data released shows that a total of 142 workers were killed at work in Great Britain in 2020/21.

In statistical terms the number of fatalities has remained broadly level in recent years – the average annual number of workers killed at work over the five years 2016/17-2020/21 is 136.

The figures released relate to workplace incidents. They do not include deaths arising from occupational exposure to disease, including COVID-19.

More details on the figures, including comments from HSE's Chief Executive, Sarah Albon, are in [this press release](#).

## **Building Safety Bill introduced**



**On Monday 5 July, the Building Safety Bill was formally introduced in the House of Commons.**

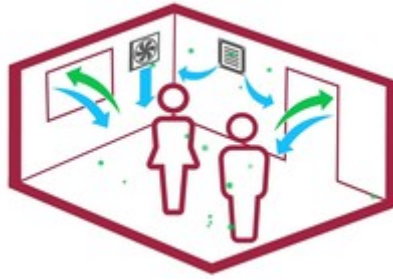
The introduction of the Bill is an important milestone for the proposed reforms to building safety law. It also paves the way for the official formation of the independent Building Safety Regulator.

To find out more information about the Building Safety Bill, read [this press release](#).

You can learn more about the [Building Safety Regulator here](#), and signup for [email updates](#).

**Having good ventilation will help reduce COVID-19 transmission**

**at work**



HSE's [updated guidance](#) will help you identify poor ventilation in work areas and take practical steps to improve it. This can help reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading in your workplace.

HSE also have a [new video](#) setting out the key advice.

## **Keeping workplaces safe as COVID-19 restrictions are removed**

**England has moved to Step 4 of the UK government's COVID-19 roadmap. This has meant the removal of many restrictions.**

HSE's [webpage on keeping workplaces safe](#) outlines some of the changes you need to know about. Despite these changes, you must still control risk and review and update your [risk assessment](#).

Find a full range of COVID-19 related information and advice on HSE's [coronavirus pages](#).

For all the latest health and safety updates [visit the HSE website](#).



### **CTRS remains free to use until 2022**

The Construction Leadership Council (CLC) has confirmed its continued commitment to supporting the Construction Talent Retention Scheme.

The CTRS will remain completely free to use for all construction businesses and candidates until at least April 2022. In the meantime, the CLC is working with the CITB and others to support its on-going development, which includes developing a new 'Talentview Construction' early careers offering.

[Learn more about the future plans](#)

**Help us to retain great talent in the UK construction industry**



# MEMBER CASE STUDIES

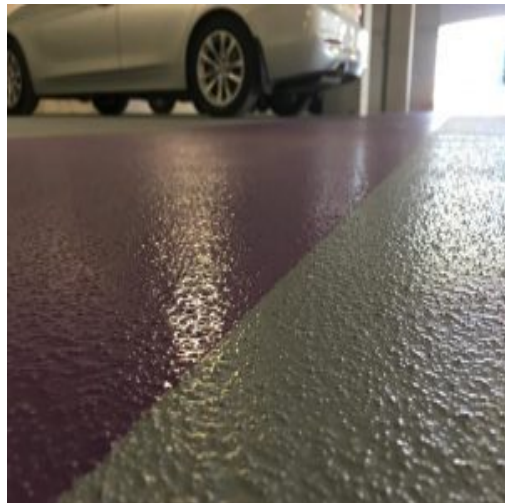
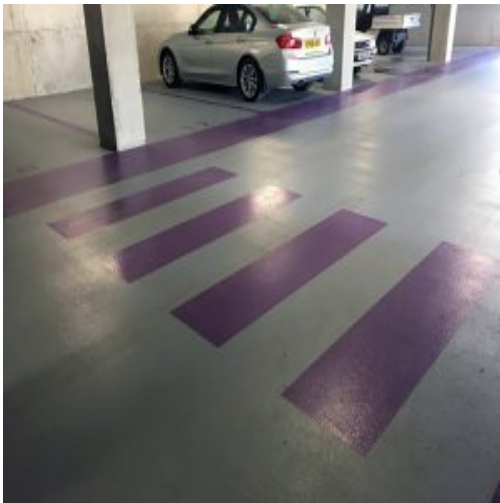
## Audley Retirement Village

Audley Retirement Village's latest luxury development in Worcestershire officially opened its doors in October 2018. Sitting in the heart of landscaped parkland, 101 apartments and cottages surround a restored schoolhouse Grade II Victorian mansion.

Remmers Deck Protect ED Silver System was specified by Architects Gaunt Francis of Cardiff, South Wales. The internal deck extends to 600m<sup>2</sup> with parking for 22 cars. The heavy duty system was installed throughout by **TPS360**, and can withstand heavy vehicular traffic under continuous use providing a seamless, crack bridging and visually appealing finish.

### System Properties

- Decorative
- Waterproof coating
  - Anti slip
  - Flexible
  - Seamless
- Abrasion resistant
- Two layer membrane
  - Elastic
- Crack bridging
- Durable

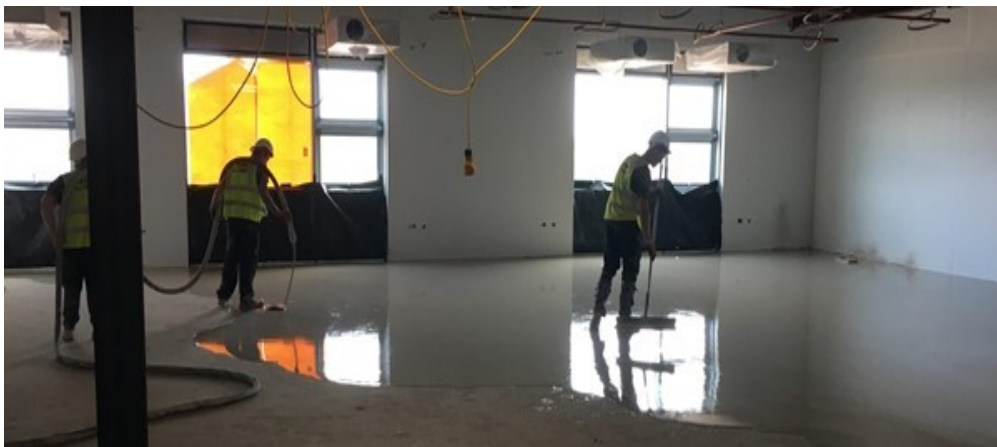




## **Pump Applied Screed for Eastern High School, Cardiff**

**TPS360** were contracted by Willmott Dixon to improve an uneven substrate measuring 4,740m<sup>2</sup> over two floors.

Fast setting Remmers Optiplan Base was pumped throughout both areas, using levelling pins to maintain the predetermined datum set by the client. The hardened screed was ready in just 24 hours to begin the final application of Remmers Multiplan SiC.



## **IFT's fully integrated flooring service appointed for iconic ice-cream makers new premises**

**IFT** was appointed by Advanced Building Contractors to install the polymer screed and Heavy Duty Polyurethane flooring at Equi's ice cream makers new premises at Rutherglen Links Business Park.

IFT's fully integrated flooring service provided the client with continuity of service in being able to install both the SBR screed, which produced the essential strength for the polyurethane resin, as well as the Ucrete UD200 finish at 6mm which incorporated a radius coved skirting. This gave the client the one flooring contractor to deal with and ensured a

high quality of service. IFT also installed the appropriate falls to ensure that the finish floor will shed water towards and into the drain gulleys.

Ucrete UD200 meets customer demands in various industry sectors where robust hygienic floors are required. These floors are tolerant of substrate moisture and rapid curing facilitating the maintenance of tight constructions schedules and reducing down time in refurbishment applications. The combination of temperature, chemical, impact and wear resistance ensures that a correctly specified Ucrete floor will last for many years. Ucrete floors have been widely used throughout the food industry for over 40 years, with many older floors still in service, and are accredited for use in facilities operating HACCP based food safety systems. They are non-solvented and have been awarded the Eurofins Gold Seal for indoor air quality, they do not taint food stuffs even during application and do not support biological growth.

Equi's is a fine example of Scotland's food and drink sector and we are delighted to have been involved in the production of their new premises.



## MEMBER BENEFITS



# H&S Advice and Business Shield from Stallard Kane Associates

FerFA are keen to provide additional benefits to our members and we work hard to secure partners who offer simple solutions that could help you and your business.

For a number of years, our partner **Stallard Kane Associates Ltd** have provided FerFA Business Shield as part of the FerFA membership package and as we approach the anniversary of this long term relationship we are delighted to confirm the expansion of the offering moving forward.

With immediate effect you will receive the following services for **FREE**:

- **Unlimited** HR & employment law telephone support via the FerFA Business Shield helpline on 0345 076 6485
- **Unlimited** health & safety telephone support via the FerFA Business Shield helpline on 0345 076 6485
- Access to the FerFA Business Shield exclusive members area with many downloadable templates and guidance such as risk assessments.
- Complimentary gap analysis to review your current health & safety and/or HR & employment law management systems. This can be carried out at your premises or remotely subject to availability.
- Complimentary training needs analysis

The above are **ALL** included as part of your annual FerFA membership and there is no charge to set up additional access.

Your dedicated Account Manager is **Barry Nicol** who will be more than happy to discuss the above in greater detail should you have any queries, wish to arrange a meeting, or if you indeed require additional consultancy support on top of the above complimentary benefits such as the creation of documentation including policies, contracts of employment or indeed workplace and site audits. Barry's contact details are:

Barry Nicol

Email: [barry@skaltd.co.uk](mailto:barry@skaltd.co.uk)

Mobile: 07854 938693

In addition, should you be unable to find your login details, or if you wish to set up additional users from your company to the service at no extra charge, please email Barry ([barry@skaltd.co.uk](mailto:barry@skaltd.co.uk)) and he will arrange accordingly.

Read more about Stallard Kane [here](#).

## PIB Insurance Brokers

PIB Insurance Brokers will continue to have access to a wider range of experts across many different industry sectors and insurance types. They'll also be able to draw on the skills of colleagues in PIB Risk Management and PIB Employee Benefits to provide you with important services beyond your insurance needs, should you need them. If you would like to speak to Howard about your company insurance needs and organize a **free insurance health check** please don't hesitate to contact him at [howard.collins@pib-insurance.com](mailto:howard.collins@pib-insurance.com) or call him on 07775 888933.

FeRFA and PIB Insurance Brokers 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.



## 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.

BEB can help with:

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- Shareholder agreements
- Manufacturing and distribution agreements
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- And much more

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- Protects you fully
- Is clear and unambiguous
- Contains clauses that could be risky for your business

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS



## Surfex moved to June 2022

Following review of the major considerations, the Board of Surfex Ltd - unanimously supported by OCCA - has taken the decision to reschedule the dates in the interests of allowing Surfex to take place in a period that offers a high degree of confidence in a successful outcome.

**Accordingly the dates of Surfex are 7 – 8 June 2022.**



## CHEMUK 2021 Expo

**NEW DATES:** 15th & 16th September, 2021

NEC, Birmingham, UK

Free To Attend – Admission age: 18+

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Targeting chemical & process specialists & sector management teams embracing chemical synthesis, formulation / blending & manufacturing / processing segments

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