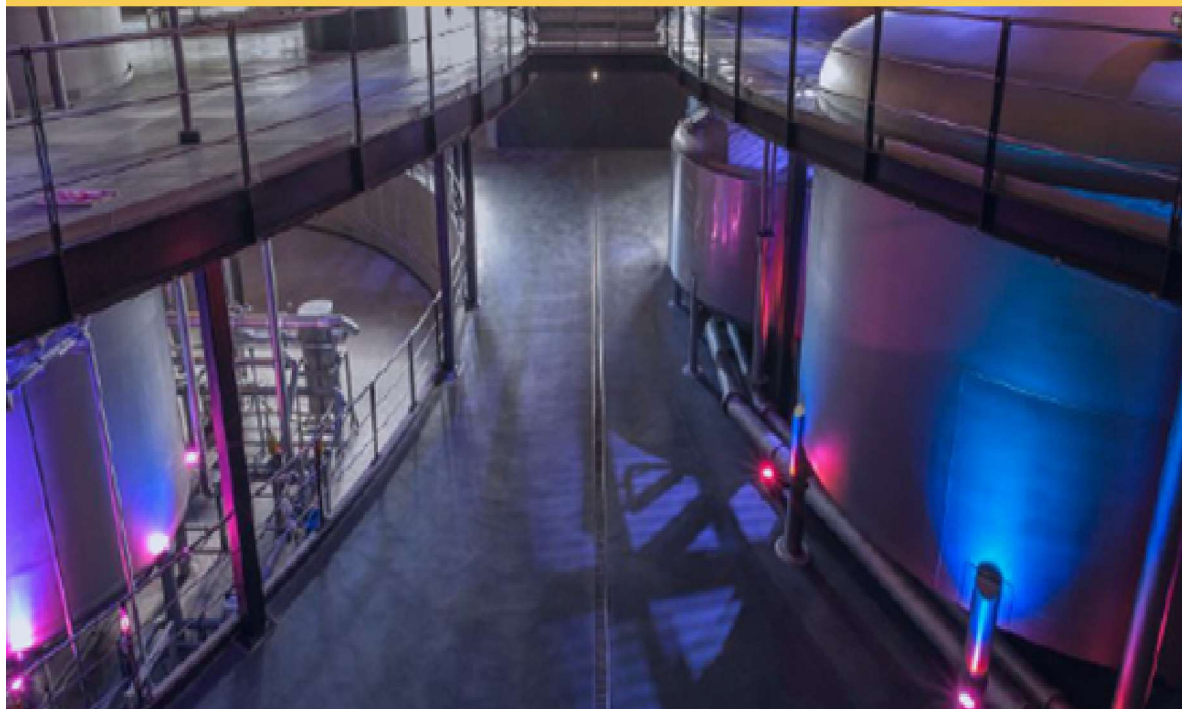


FeRFA E-Newsletter



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FeRFA Awards 2022

FeRFA's 2022 Awards are being held on Friday 18th November 2022

- further details coming soon.

Entries will be opening shortly for the awards so now is the perfect opportunity to start thinking about who to nominate for the following categories:-

- Small industrial project of the year**
- Large industrial project of the year**
- Small commercial project of the year**
- Large commercial project of the year**
- Outstanding contribution to FeRFA**



Are Your Contact Details Up-to-Date With Us?

A reminder to all members - if you have not already done so, please complete the form in the link below to make sure that we have your up-to-date contact information:-

<https://forms.monday.com/forms/0d84d323677491652e8b9435173ac908?r=use1>

Government Simplifies Rules on UKCA Marking

UK Conformity Assessed (UKCA) marking is replacing CE marking and the Government has **announced changes** to make it simpler for businesses to apply the UKCA mark for most products placed on the GB market (England, Scotland and Wales) from **1st January 2023**:

- For products that have already been tested by an EU notified body by the end of 2022, including **construction products** under AVCP, manufacturers will be able to apply the UKCA mark without the need to re-test.
- Spares will continue to be accepted onto the GB market where they comply with the same requirements that were in place at the time the original products or systems they are being used to repair, replace or maintain were placed on the market.

- The need to re-test existing imported stock will be removed, allowing CE marked products that are imported into the UK by the end of 2022 to be sold without the need to meet UKCA requirements.

Whilst further guidance is expected, if a construction product is covered under AVCP system 3 and placed on the GB market, either for the first time or after it has been modified, from 1st January 2023, then it will need to be tested by a UK notified body to achieve the UKCA mark.

For more details see [BEIS presentation](#) and there is further help/guidance on the [government website](#)

Is Your Company Using/Handling Diisocyanates?

Training is becoming mandatory for industrial and professional users of diisocyanates in the EU from 24th August 2023.

ISOPA and ALIPA are developing a comprehensive training programme.

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

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



Build UK People Survey Share Your Views

The latest [People Survey](#) is now live!

Against a backdrop of skills and labour shortages and discussions on the benefits of direct employment, Build UK is looking to understand current levels of employment and vacancies across companies of all sizes in membership. To complete the online survey, you will need to have to hand information on the number of people in your workforce, including direct employees and apprentices and what happens to them once they complete their apprenticeship.

Previous surveys have helped to secure a range of support for the sector, including Talentview, and provided a real insight into where apprentices are employed. The results of this survey will help Build UK to improve the Journey from Education into Employment in the industry.

Deadline for responses is **Friday 8th July**.



Help to Grow - Take Your Business to the Next Level

In the March 2021 Budget, the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced the new 'Help to Grow' scheme to help SMEs across the UK learn new skills, reach new customers, and boost profits. Eligible small businesses can access:



Help to Grow: Digital will offer free impartial guidance via an online platform to help SMEs identify their digital technology needs, assess technology purchasing options and implement new technologies in their operations. It will also offer eligible businesses a voucher covering up to half of the costs of preapproved, new-to-firm digital technology solutions up to a maximum of £5,000.



Help to Grow: Management is an intensive 12-week national training programme, that looks to improve SME leadership and management skills. Participating business leaders develop their skills in areas such as financial management, innovation, and digital adoption, and develop a tailored business growth plan to lead their business to its full potential.

To find out more and register click [here](#)

TRAINING NEWS



Training continued this month

with Resin Groups 25 & 26 candidates successfully completing their final module
- 'Flowable Screeds'.

They will now move onto the site-based assessment stage.

Learners in the group were:- Lewis, Jenson and Ryan from TPS 360 Ltd, Cole from
CJ Surfaces, and Cameron and Shane from F H Harvey UK.





Pictured above:- getting to grips with the art of pumping screeds on day 2 of their training, made possible by the contributions of Markham Pumps (Sheffield) Ltd, Ardex UK Ltd and The Preparation Group Ltd.



Pictured above:- An impromptu visit from Ardex representatives Daniel Fairhurst and Amelia De Grandis, with Jack Longden FeRFA Trainer and Assessor.

Special thanks to [Ardex UK Ltd](#) for providing the screed.
We would also like to thank FeRFA Training Officer, Jack Longden,
and [The Preparation Group](#) for the use of their training school.



**Enrolling now for next training intake
commencing September 2022**

FerFA has been successfully running training schemes since 2006, enabling employers to raise the skills level within their companies and provide a route for unskilled employees to gain an industry-wide recognised qualification and the CSCS blue Skilled Worker card.

FerFA currently offers two Specialist Applied Skills Programme (SAP) schemes for all newcomers to the industry:

**In Situ Flooring: Resin
Prepare and Profile Substrates**

Both courses run for 18 months and lead to an NVQ level 2 Diploma and CSCS Blue Skilled Card.

All schemes are supported by the CITB and grant funded for CITB levy-payers and there is no upper age limit for trainees.

The modules are taken at various locations around the country, including the training facilities of FerFA manufacturer and associate members.

For further information [click here](#) or contact the FerFA office:

secretariat@ferfa.org.uk

Tel: 07484 075254

MEMBER PRESS RELEASES



Husqvarna Construction has launched the first wave of its recently rebranded Blastrac and Diamatic surface preparation product range. The fully integrated offering including floor scrapers, scarifiers and floor grinders are available to order in all key markets.

Click [here](#) for more details.



Dust Control

The Preparation Group's range of machines, equipment and professional teams tackle projects in factories, warehouses, power plants and more industrial facilities; and as such they are acutely aware of and vigilant about the hazardous, and potentially toxic, risks of dust.

[For more information click here](#)

MEMBER CASE STUDIES



BMW and MINI are some of the motoring industry's biggest and most prestigious manufacturers. The Swindon site is part of BMW Group's international production network for both BMW and MINI models.

Why they got in touch with Central Flooring

Central Flooring Services have been working with BMW for more than 12-months on resin flooring projects. This time they had a demarcation job which was 3000 linear metres of line marking – with crossing and hatching walkways.

About the project

Planning for this project was meticulous – work was carried out during the client's normal busy production to make absolutely sure that they didn't interrupt their flow.

On top of what they had planned, they were asked to carry out lots of additional work, which they still completed on time – no problem.

The team at BMW gave **Central Flooring** a 'big thank you' for delivering what they promised – a flooring finish that met with their expectations – and for following to a 'T' their site health and safety regulations.



Johnnie Walker Experience: Princes Street, Edinburgh

Ancorite Surface Protection are proud to have been involved in the delivery of the prestigious floor finishes package for Diageo's flagship Johnnie Walker Visitor Experience, located on Princes Street in the heart of Edinburgh.

Ancorite was tasked to realise a stunning conceptual vision that would turn the former landmark department store building into a modern and interactive space, whilst retaining its original elegance.

The flooring package developed by the Design team needed to meet the varied challenges that this old eight-level floor building presented. The team opted for CPG Flowcrete as the preferred manufacturer due to its product range, which offered a varied and comprehensive system from initial sub floor renovation to final high-end aesthetic resin finishes.

The floor systems installed started with the renovation of the sub floor, and Flowcrete K screed and Isocrete systems were used to repair and level the floors throughout the whole

building.

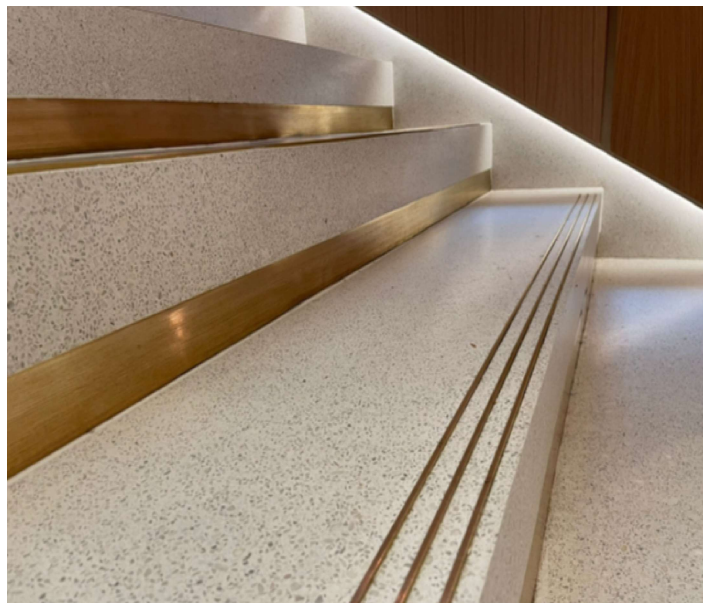
The floor finishes specified for the prestigious visitor areas and main feature staircase were required to be of a high aesthetic quality, be hard wearing and easily maintained. The system had to be versatile so it could be formed seamlessly to the large floor areas as well as be suitable to be manufactured accurately to create nearly two hundred precast stair treads, risers and nosings.

The Flowcrete Mondeco Resin Terrazzo system was chosen as it offered all of the above and more.

Utilising different terrazzo colours and solid brass inlays, the system delivered a beautiful floor that accentuated the quality and style of the build throughout.

In addition, Ancorite was also tasked with several specific floor systems to meet other site requirements – from comfort floor resin to the whisky tasting bar room and visitor areas, to anti-static floor to the whisky cellar area and general plant room, and epoxy floor finishes to the back of house.

For more information on this project or to discuss how Ancorite can help, [please get in touch with the team.](#)



ASSOCIATE SPOTLIGHT

This month, FerFA are highlighting two 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.



For over 20 years, internationally recognised construction companies have been trusting Apollo Construction Solutions to manufacture and supply high performance resins, adhesives, sealants and primers. During this time, we have worked with many decorative surfacing companies to ensure that they can offer beautiful hardwearing permeable solutions compliant with SUDs regulations. Apollo's focus is on innovation, relationship building and staying ahead of market requirements. This allows us to create quality products that solve real-end user issues, whilst providing added-value services, including compliance, technical, logistics and marketing support.

Click [here](#) for more info



Stort Chemicals 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. We specialise in technical sales and are always keen to add to our portfolio of products. Approaches from raw material manufacturers who are looking to introduce their products or improve their presence in the UK are always welcome.

Click [here](#) for more info

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.
- Complementary 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.
- Complementary 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 Amanda Modev 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 complementary benefits such as the creation of documentation including policies, contracts of employment or indeed workplace and site audits.

Tel: 01427 678 660

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 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.

Click [here](#) for more information



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 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 T&Cs

BEB can help with:

- Terms and conditions
- Sub-contractor agreements
- Shareholder agreements
- Manufacturing and distribution agreements
- GDPR and privacy policies
- And much more

OR are you signing contracts you don't really understand? BEB offer a unique review service where they will check and confirm if the contract you've been sent:

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

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