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# Finding the right funding for you

**F**inding the right funding can be not only frustrating and tedious, but a long and often challenging task. Having a hands on approach, SME funding UK has over 20 years' of experience, specialising in commercial funding and invoice finance, and is well equipped with the resources, expertise and knowledge to assist you throughout the process of business funding. The company understands that as a business owner, you need quick results that provide you with the best funding solution. Utilising its expertise and access to over 150 lenders, SME funding UK has built a solid reputation on finding the right funding for its clients, echoed by its multitude of happy clients and testimonies.

SME funding UK Ltd is a business finance broker which was established by current Owner Henry Audley-Charles, to source almost any form of business finance for UK and Channel Island businesses, using traditional, alternative, peer to peer and fin-tech solutions. Henry maintains an impressive amount of experience and has been working in the banking industry for a multitude of years. Working with all the major players in the industry, Henry has worked with Lloyds, RBS and HSBC in Commercial and Senior Business Development roles as well as being the Regional Sales Director for an Invoice Finance Company.

Henry stated, "We are an Independent, ethical, FCA authorised and regulated finance broker. We help businesses borrow money from the right lender, at the right price."



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SME funding UK Ltd assists its clients to find the right funding for a variety of needs including helping with new and used: equipment, tankers, tools, trucks, vans and yellow plant. This is in addition to business finance requirements, including: Asset Finance, Bridging, Construction Finance, Personal Guarantee Insurance, Buy to Let, Cashflow, Commercial Mortgages, Invoice Finance, Loans, Property Development and Working Capital.

SME funding UK Ltd maintains a varied and vast amount of accreditations, positioning the company firmly at the forefront of the industry for its expertise. Some of its most notable accreditations include being authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, a member of the National Association of Finance Brokers and Financial Intermediary & Broker Association, and is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office. As the company is FCA authorised, this provides SME funding UK with access to better quality lenders ensuring that they can offer their clients the best deals.

SME funding UK Ltd's sheer commitment to assisting its clients is evidenced throughout its operations by various personal client testimonials.

Committed to assisting any UK business needing business finance and with constant expansion in terms of its services, SME funding UK Ltd also provides consultancy services to SMEs to help improve business systems and processes, specialising in the sales ledger and sales order process. In addition, the company is consistently searching for new financing and services to offer its clients and has recently launched aviation and marine financing.

With its reputation being built on continuously exceeding expectations for its clients, SME funding UK Ltd is looking ahead to its future, set on continuing its hands on approach and

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## Direct Hoist News

# Way above the rest

**D**irect Hoist specialises in GEDA construction hoists and transport platforms, providing high quality, reliable hoist equipment to the construction industries. Boasting a team of hoist experts, the company implements a cost-efficient construction hoist solution for a variety of hoist requirements. With over 30 years of experience, the company showcases its wealth of knowledge through hire and sales of GEDA hoists and accessories.

Through the use of GEDA, the hoists guarantee reliability as they are manufactured through traditional German manufacturing practices of competence. Direct Hoist provides a vast range of GEDA Hoists, from small to large sizes, and

it provides a diverse range of hoists with load capacities of 150kg to 3,700kg.

In terms of hoist types, the company maintains a diverse range of hoist products and capabilities. Direct Hoist provides a range of hoists for hire and hoists for sale. Within these ranges they include: scaffold erection hoists, goods hoists, transport platforms, inclined tile hoists and XL hoists.

With the highest quality being of the upmost importance to Direct Hoist, the company adheres to providing modern, sustainable hoists, which are maintained, installed and dismantled by a team of highly-qualified hoist specialists.

With this in mind, Direct Hoist boasts an array of accreditation, including Constructiononline, and the firm is also a member of Construction Plant-hire Association, Construction Hoist Interest Group and Construction Industry Training Board.

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## Tuff Waterproofing's Best Stand is platform for new product launch

Tuff Waterproofing, one of the UK's leading suppliers of heavy-duty waterproof flat roofing, used UK Construction Week as the platform for the launch of its latest product innovation, a new single-resin GRP roofing system which offers an exceptional combination of flexibility and durability.

The company won Best Stand at the UK's largest construction event as it showcased its new Tuff Stuff Flexible GRP, an extra-tough and seamless waterproof membrane which is designed for fast curing and application to a multitude of surface types and structures. Its single-resin system avoids the need to apply a separate base and topcoat.

Tuff Stuff Flexible GRP can be added to vertical

sections without sagging and applied directly to felt, asphalt, single-ply, GRP, concrete, timber or metal. The product is crack resistant, with no risk of weak points, and uses granule hardener rather than liquid catalyst for safer and easier use. Its fast-curing qualities enable walk-on times of between 30 and 60 minutes.

Greg Gimenez, Managing Director of Tuff Waterproofing, commented: "Our expert product development team works closely with customers and our UK-based manufacturing facility to produce an evolving product range. UK Construction Week was the ideal opportunity to introduce our latest introduction to the market, and we were delighted to receive the award for Best Stand which capped a very successful show. Tuff Stuff Flexible GRP received

extremely positive feedback from visitors. They appreciated the advantages it offers as a one-pot solution. The product can also be used to overlay existing roofing, avoiding the time and cost involved in stripping back and replacing it."

Tuff Stuff Flexible GRP is the latest in a wide range of Tuff Waterproofing products which are suitable for multiple flat roof applications. The company's flagship product is its acclaimed TuffStuff® system, which uses the latest liquid polyester resins, glass fibre mat reinforcement and flexible edge trims to create a fully integrated 100% waterproof seamless finish.

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## New innovation to the TuffStuff® range; TuffStuff® flexible GRP

Tuff Waterproofing is a provider of waterproofing liquid solutions for flat roofs, which are comprised of GRP, flexible GRP and polyurethane. Using its advanced TuffStuff® formula range, which uses the latest liquid polyester resins, glass fibre mat reinforcement and flexible edge trims, it creates a fully integrated 100% waterproof seamless finish. The TuffStuff® product range is used for various applications and across multiple domestic and commercial environments.

With an impressive history which spans across 30 years experience, Tuff Waterproofing has invested heavily in research and development, company processes and its team to ensure that its TuffStuff® range of products, continue to exceed expectations and set new standards in flat roof waterproofing solutions. From the company's bespoke premises based in North Yorkshire, Tuff Waterproofing maintains its operations on a national scale, supplying its products through a dedicated Stockist network located throughout the UK.

The company has continuously accumulated growth year-on-year and established an enviable reputation, becoming a key figure in the GRP flat roof market and resulting in TuffStuff® becoming the UK's premium designer and supplier of heavy-duty GRP waterproof flat roofing systems.

Regarding its team, TuffStuff® maintains a dedicated product development team that work closely with its customers to produce a consistently, evolving product range that is suitable for multiple flat roof applications. This commitment to continuous development is echoed throughout the company and

its dedicated team of UK based product developers work with UK manufacturing facilities, with the ambition of pushing and setting new standards of GRP roofing systems, to new levels.

A vital part of the company's business is its exceptional technical support service and Tuff Waterproofing ensures it provides premium quality and agility, in responding to and resolving customer queries professionally, efficiently and to the highest standards. The company prides itself on providing the highest standards of customer service and its main ambition is to instil confidence in its customers, that they feel fully supported.

In terms of the company's most recent developments, Tuff Waterproofing has further expanded its TuffStuff® product range and is now offering its latest GRP roofing innovation; TuffStuff® flexible GRP. TuffStuff® flexible GRP is a single resin solution that provides an exceptional combination of versatility and durability. It's extremely quick to lay and does not require stripping or re-decking of the roof, saving customers both time and money. It can be applied to a variety of surface types and structures including vertical sections, with no need for costly additives.

Requiring only two coats and 225gsm reinforcing mat, it can be applied within two hours. The TuffStuff® Flexible GRP forms a highly flexible, extra tough and seamless waterproof membrane, making it an ideal solution for areas of heavy-duty foot traffic. The solution can be applied directly to felt, asphalt, single-ply, GRP, concrete, timber or metal. Its highly flexible, extra-tough and seamless waterproof



membrane makes it reliable when added to vertical sections without the concern of sagging. Furthermore, the solution is a fast-curing system with walk on time of between 30-60 minutes. Once laid and whilst curing, the product is showerproof.

Specifically designed for durability in mind, the TuffStuff® Flexible GRP is extremely robust with one coat needed for a 10 year system or two coats required for 20 year system, and is crack resistant with no risk of weak points. The 20 year system qualifies for a 20 year guarantee on materials.

As the company looks towards the future, Tuff Waterproofing foresees many challenges that they will have to overcome, but believes firmly that it has the right structure in place to provide the company with the perfect platform to be able to consistently respond and evolve its product range, while providing outstanding support to its customers.

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# Family run business in fifth generation

**V**andecasteele Houtimport is a fifth-generation family run business that imports timber and timber products from over 45 countries worldwide. Its facilities are located in Kortrijk, Aalbeke, Belgium, where the company specialises in the import, trading and export of tropical hardwood from Africa, Southeast Asia and South America. The company also provide Scandinavian and Russian Softwood, Siberian Larch, North American Soft and Hardwood and European Hardwood.

Established in 1883 by Louis Vandecasteele, the company has been passed down through the generations to its current owner Stefaan Vandecasteele. Stefaan took over the running of the company in 2000 and together with his son Louis and daughter Margaux, keep the company's family spirit alive.

of sawn timber products. In a matter of days, Vandecasteele Houtimport has the resources and ability to adapt and bridge the gap between sources of supply in Africa, Far East, South America and North America to Europe. This makes the company the first choice with many importers and merchants.

Utilising its vast and impressive stockholding of hardwoods and softwoods coupled with its strong environmental credentials. Vandecasteele Houtimport not only cares about nature and certified wood, but it guarantees to its customer, the commitment to only trade timber that comes from well-managed certified forests. With trust and reliability being an integral part of Vandecasteele Houtimport's DNA, it also holds the validation of many certificates from well-known organisations.



Constantly seeking to promote cordial relations with customers and suppliers alike, the heart of the company runs off mutual trust from all parties involved. Having the ability to adapt and react to the ever changing, fast-paced industry, Vandecasteele Houtimport always puts the customer's demands at the forefront of its service.

Working alongside timber importers, timber merchants and wholesalers, the company is able to deliver stock that is difficult to source within days using its own fleet of 18 vehicles. Its impressive set up allows its storage facility which is situated on 39.5 acres of land to accommodate more than 120,000m<sup>3</sup>



### Aligns with the 17 sustainable development goals

Vandecasteele Houtimport has set a challenging goal to stock 100% certified timbers from 2025. Currently, 100% of the softwoods the company stock is already

certified and over 50% of the tropical hardwood. This number is continuously growing and makes Vandecasteele Houtimport the biggest stockholder of certified tropical timbers in Europe.

Currently stocking over 140 timber species, Vandecasteele Houtimport now provides its newest addition of stock that is certified European Beech and Oak in Joinery, Prime, Super Prime grades and flooring. The variety of stock from the company embellishes the company's taglines of 'Choose Life, Choose Wood' and 'Using timber is good, using certified timber is wonderful!' Vandecasteele Houtimport really do love what they do and have a strong passion to grow within the industry.

One way in which the company is making growth take place is its reaction to how BREXIT has and will change the industry. To combat new rules and importation structures, Vandecasteele Houtimport has set up a company in the UK – Vandecasteele Timber Ltd – which will facilitate the trade to all UK partners. A further challenge Vandecasteele Houtimport has had to overcome is the barriers created by COVID-19.

The business model of Vandecasteele Houtimport is to hold and keep all stock of over 140 different timber species. 18 months later, gaps have started to appear. Due to its extensive range of timber species that the company has invested in for a long time, now allows for lesser-known certified timber species to be promoted to its customers. The company take great pride in its work, with a mission to continuously invest in the best performing traceability and certification procedures, the highest quality organisational process and the permanent training of its employees.

Vandecasteele Houtimport endeavour to show that timber is the world's most ecological and sustainable material. And its future plans only echo the company's approach to sustainability within the industry. Vandecasteele Houtimport has a dedicated team to ensure all due diligence is up to date and in addition to the strict process, the company has invested in



a forest engineer in Brazil to ensure full control on the CoC of the Brazilian timbers purchased.

### Circularity

Vandecasteele Houtimport are passionate about timber being used for sustainable building and construction material. Every step the company make boasts several ecological advantages showcasing the use of timber compared to traditional materials. With a low embodied energy and minimal carbon impact, timber really is the most sustainable material. It has an ecological, recyclable and biodegradable nature which is why Vandecasteele Houtimport is implementing a strict sustainability policy in all of its future actions and activities.

### Long-term vision

Every step Vandecasteele Houtimport take, succinctly reveals the dedication and passion of the company and its future goals. As the company strive to be the European market leader in the trading of the richest assortment of certified timber, exclusively sourced from well-managed certified forests it is not going to be an easy journey, but it will most certainly be rewarding.

With the goal of maximising the social, economic and environmental value of timber, now and for future generations, Vandecasteele Houtimport is creating economical sustainable change in a world that needs it most.

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## Lightning Protection Risk Assessments News

# Stay safe with lightning protection

South West Lightning Protection provides a number of services throughout the UK including lightning protection, early streamer emission systems, upgrades of older systems, earthing services and design, safety line testing and inspection of horizontal safety line systems and PPE.

Established in 2014, South West Lightning Protection



was created by Gary Libby who has over 40 years' experience in the industry. Located in Plymouth, the company also has an office in Scotland. "Our core service is lightning protection installations and testing; we also design new systems. As we are a small company in comparison to our competition, we strive to provide a personal service to our clients." Stated Gary.

In recent news, South West Lightning Protection has commenced testing of roof mounted horizontal cable based mansafe systems, permanent ladders, guard rails, and safety anchors. These services are provided individually from the company's lightning protection services, and to save the client money, can be combined.

South West Lightning Protection work throughout the UK to assist its clients with their project requirements regardless of their location. Within its lightning protection service, South West Lightning Protection is able to offer a full installation and testing service, including BSEN62305 systems, BS6651 upgrades, NFC 17 102 early streamer emission systems and BS7430 earthing systems.

Some recent projects have included chimney upgrade works in Cumbria, new air termination networks in London and a new roof tape system in Plymouth. South West Lightning Protection record all test conditions and results, and a reminder is sent out before the next test is due.

The system South West Lightning Protection use provides an alternative solution to protecting structures where the installation of a British system is not a feasible or a viable option. Some benefits of its early streamer emission device include a more aesthetically pleasing device as the system only requires two down conductors and earth terminations to provide a path

to earth. It is cheap to install and maintain, and as the number of roof conductors, down conductors and earth terminations are reduced, the system has a lower carbon footprint.

Its clients include electrical contractors, ministry of defence, NHS, companies in the sectors of water, commercial, telecoms and facilities management, as well as individuals. The company holds a health and safety accreditation by SafeContractor which audits the company training and safe systems of work. All company engineers are CITB card holders for the work

they undertake, and DBS checked.

Inevitably, South West Lightning Protection experienced a disruption in the industry from COVID-19, however, as the company provides a safety critical work to the ministry of defence, it was classed as an essential business, so work was able to carry on at a reasonable level. "We have produced a company COVID-19 policy which protects both SWLP operatives and clients. We work with clients to ensure we are in compliance to any restrictions on work which may be stipulated by customers." Stated Gary.

As South West Lightning Protection continue to grow within the lightning protection sector, the plan is to provide long term employment to its existing work force whilst adding new members of staff. "Whatever your requirements, we're here to help." Mentioned Gary.

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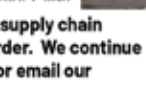


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**B**uilding Update is proud to announce that DCON Safety Consultants Limited has received our Commitment to Excellence Award for 2020.

DCON Safety Consultants Limited offers leading health and safety consultancy and construction statute advice services. The company prioritises and specialises in the highest levels of informed and intelligent advice, senior project resource allocation



and compliance assurance. Informed by industry expertise, DCON Safety Consultants Limited knows that every project has potential risks, no matter what its potential benefits, so its team of highly experienced construction professionals helps to ensure clients' statutory conformity.

Upon gaining understanding of the specific needs, goals and desires of each client and their project, DCON Safety Consultants Limited is dedicated to implementing a design and construction management plan that will meet or exceed these requirements.



And, DCON Safety Consultants Limited ensures that there is honesty, integrity, trust and professionalism underpinning every project.

Moreover, the company's services are centred on three delivery principles:

- **Maximising Quality:** the company implements proven health, safety and wellbeing strategies to help clients achieve high quality and cost-effective work commensurate with the design of their projects.
- **Minimising Risk:** the company effectively manages design and delivery risk on projects to match each client's desired risk level profile.
- **Managing Compliance:** the company relies on its extensive background working on a wide variety of projects to assist clients in developing, monitoring and maintaining compliance performance.

This excellent service would not be possible without the leadership of Diarmuid Condon, a construction industry leader who brings unique perspectives to encourage, support and mentor the abilities of his colleagues. As a construction professional with a surveying background and experience spanning two decades, Diarmuid is emblematic of DCON Safety Consultants Limited's commitment to providing outstanding services to clients.

Diarmuid has contributed his invaluable expertise to over 400 projects over 20 years, with a client list including public sector departments, corporate owners, real estate developers, main contractors, design professionals and infrastructural bodies. With this incredible portfolio, Diarmuid is helping DCON Safety Consultants Limited to become a leader in health and safety consultancy across the construction industry.

Key to DCON Safety Consultants Limited's services is working as a Project Supervisor



for the Design Process (PSDP) in various sectors across the Irish construction market. No project is too simple or too complex for the company's PSDP consultants, all of whom are construction professionals with an average of 20 years' experience in the built environment. The ability to maximise this knowledge and skillset means DCON Safety Consultants Limited can generate distinctive and innovative ideas from traditional PSDP service inputs and outputs.

Additionally, DCON Safety Consultants Limited offers planning compliance assurance services. The ability to strategically support a positive planning decision is exclusive to the company. Its Draft Construction Management Plans (DCMP) inform the overall planning, coordination and control of a project from the beginning of construction to completion. The DCMP also safeguards the obligation placed upon a client to produce a safe, functional and financially viable project.

DCON Safety Consultants Limited also provides its main contractor clients with intelligent, practical, and reasonable physical site safety advice to support compliance and good practice adherence. Behavioural safety outcomes inform how the company approaches each solution with the contractor and their supply chain, identifying opportunities for improvement.



performance; and improve overall corporate reputation, including greater staff satisfaction and a more efficient procurement and supply chain.



Finally, DCON Safety Consultants Limited can offer a safety expert witness service, which is headed by Diarmuid himself. He has extensively supported safety-related matters, and is a certified and competent safety professional who will work with clients to identify exactly what kind of safety expert is needed. Then, he will use an extensive network of contacts to recruit the right person to protect clients' interests.

DCON Safety Consultants Limited's fantastic service offering and proven track record



To complement this, DCON Safety Consultants Limited can also help with clients' health and safety strategy. Its holistic and integrated approach can help unlock substantial benefits for clients by providing a structured, objective and SMART framework for full optimisation through the creation of an environment that embraces health, safety and wellbeing.

This means DCON Safety Consultants Limited helps clients to improve their health, safety and environmental performance; enhance staff satisfaction thanks to improved performance; improve risk management and corporate governance with a clear audit trail; gain confidence from long-term planning, better sustainability and

of offering leading health and safety consultancy services makes the company a worthy winner of our Commitment to Excellence award. Such achievements are proof that DCON Safety Consultants Limited is well-placed to help ensure your safety, health and wellbeing and make your project possible.

If you are interested in finding out more information on DCON Safety Consultants Limited's full range of excellent services, head to the website or get in touch directly using the contact details below.

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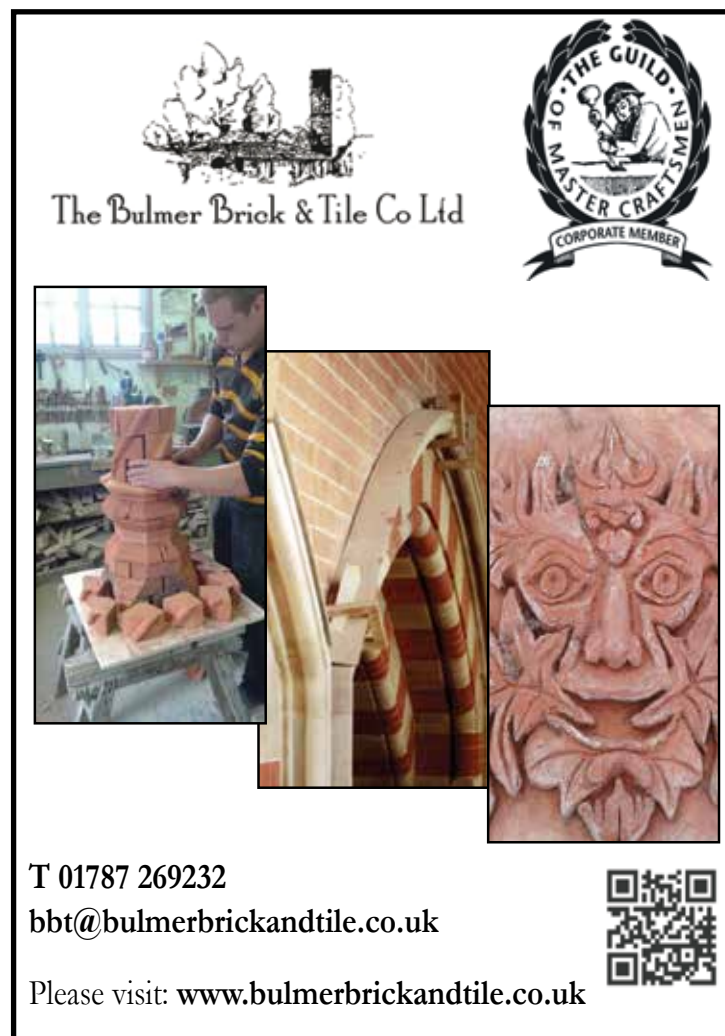
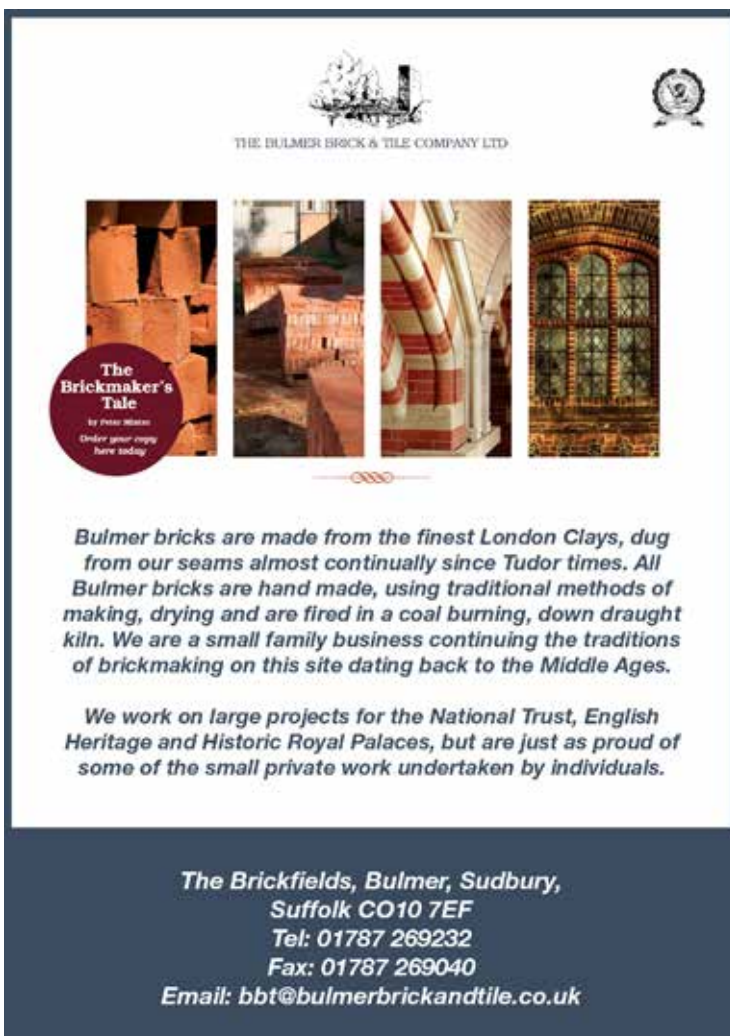
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# Demon Designs: Experts in glass

**B**uilding Update is always looking to showcase companies who are offering only the highest quality services, delivering an exceptional customer experience throughout the entire working relationship.

Established in 2011 by Dominic Meakins, Demon Designs specialises in bespoke solutions for glass structures, offering consultancy, design and build services to exceed its clients' requirements every time. Fuelled by a commitment to excellence, the team at Demon Designs always goes the extra mile to ensure complete customer satisfaction, no matter what the project size.

"We pretty much provide everything glass related," Dominic explained. "A big seller last year was the switchable glass panels that turn from opaque to clear using a remote control or light switch. We can put this in almost any glass installation, from wall panels to windows – we have used it on glass floors and even to create a two-way mirror."

One of Demon Designs' key advantages is its comprehensive service, offering everything the customer might need for their project. "Many of our customers want the hassle removed. For example, if they want a walk-on glass floor installed, they don't want to get a builder in to cut the hole, a plasterer to make good and a decorator to finish it off. We can do the lot, including engineers' calculations." Indeed, with the ability to provide a one-stop-shop for all project requirements, Demon Designs is the number one choice, no matter how complex the design.

Recently, Demon Designs joined Check-a-trade, with a view to obtaining more domestic customers in preparation for the uncertainty of the current commercial market. "This has had some success, but we still find that the vast majority of our customers are either returning customers or new customers by recommendation, and you can't really get a better endorsement than that!"

Indeed, as well as a loyal customer base, this commitment to customer satisfaction has resulted in impressive successes for Demon Designs over the past eight years, and this year has been no different. "It's been an interesting year for us," Dominic told us. "We have seen a shift in the type of projects we win, moving away from large commercial fit-out projects towards domestic 'Grand Designs' type projects and installations.

"In the past year we have designed and installed two glass stages, which were very

interesting projects and highly pressured with regard to time and expectation. We were also very lucky to have been awarded the contract to install all the glass for the hospitality areas at Tottenham Hotspur football club, as well as fit out several of the NFL areas."

In the coming years, Demon Designs is looking to complete more complex projects, to help the company grow even further and build upon its achievements since its inception eight

years ago. "We want to take on more bespoke projects, big or small. I personally believe that you can only improve by pushing your boundaries, and this is true for business also. We are constantly taking on more challenging projects, often from other companies who don't want the risk. The great thing about this is that we often work for companies that would be considered competitors in other fields."

Indeed, Demon Designs' future ventures are

highly anticipated as it continually develops and improves upon its capabilities. The company is always interested in taking on new customers, either commercial or domestic, so get in touch using the details below or head to the website if you wish to discuss your ideas.

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# Your material handling partner

In this issue of Building Update, we are proud to announce that we have selected Davison Forklift as our Forklift Solutions Company of the Month.

Davison Forklift became a limited company in 1977 and grew as supplier of forklifts to the manufacturing, logistics and supply chain of the West Midlands and surrounding areas. In the summer of 2017 the company was purchased by the Malcolm Harrison Group of Companies with the intention to grow organically and extend our hire portfolio. As part of this ambitious growth projection in early 2021 we moved into our current premises located outside Telford in Shropshire.

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# Complete compliance solutions



We are pleased to announce that CheckedSafe has been selected as the recipient of our Commitment to Excellence Award.

Since 2014, CheckedSafe has provided simple and inexpensive tailored compliance solutions. Established by Gary Hawthorne and Darran Harris, CheckedSafe is a SaaS platform compliance provider providing several apps and a web-based reporting system that is multi-functional and secure.

The CheckedSafe system offers organisations a complete solution, enabling them to manage and protect their workforce and comply with legal compliance requirements whilst reducing cost and liability. "We can provide you with a fully integrated solution - you can be completely paperless - also by using our system properly you will have a legally defensible product. We bespoke templates on the app to suit individual requirements, our latest release now means that the client can also do this themselves," said Gary.

Located in Burnley, its system is global and can be accessed from anywhere as long as you have an internet connection for the management portal, the app itself works off line and on-line so there is no restriction on using the app.

Both Darran and Gary's individual expertise has resulted in CheckedSafe being a nationally recognised company. "I am a transport professional with 30+ years in commercial

transport, and Darran has 25+ years as a solicitor, so our individual skills set us apart from other "IT" providers in the industry," said Gary.

CheckedSafe has a range of services from vehicle compliance solutions, compliance and regulations, risk assessment and incident reporting tools via the App that enables them to offer the client a complete solution. Gary explained, "We constantly develop our product from user feedback. We release new features at least every quarter and a new app probably every four months depending on what features we have developed. Customer feedback is critical to us, we know a lot about transport, but the end users have great ideas that we take on board and use to develop free of charge and push out to the CheckedSafe community."

CheckedSafe's web-based reporting system is accredited by DVSA and the FLTA and utilised across all fleet types of HGV, PCV, VAN, plant or utilities. If it needs a checklist, CheckedSafe can digitise and catalogue it, providing you with a cost-effective compliance solution.

With much of the industry yet to explore, over five



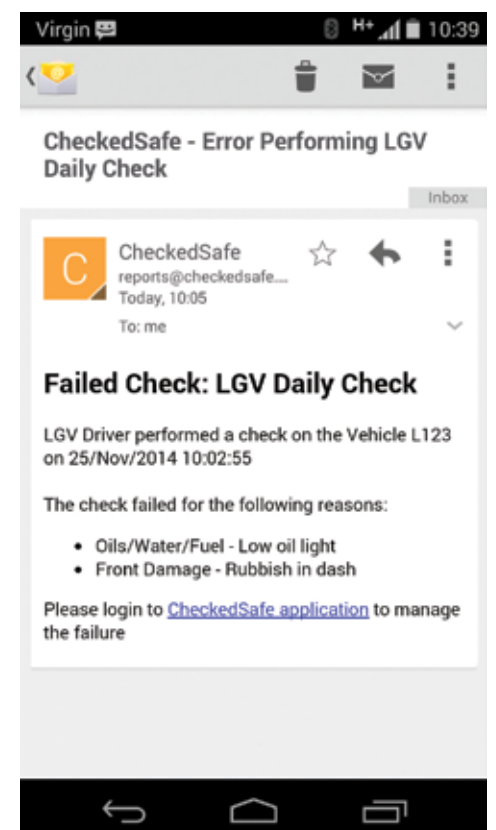
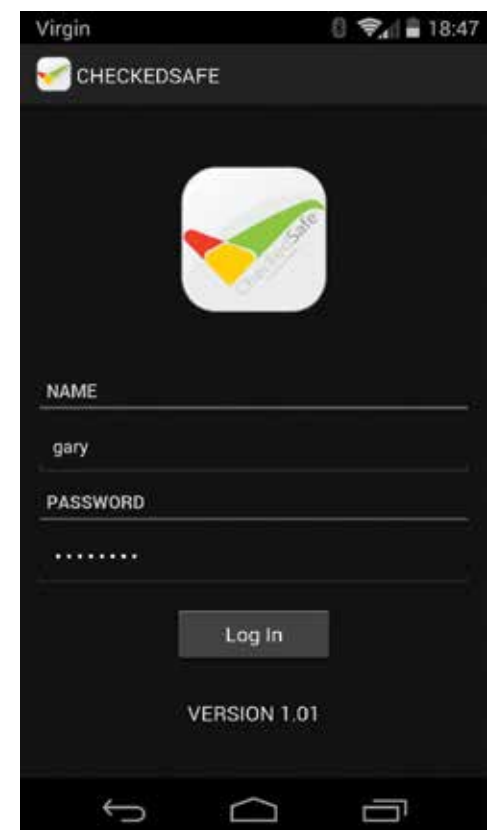
million commercial vehicles in the UK and over 20 million pieces of plant, there is a huge market for CheckedSafe to expand into. "Our plan is to furrow into the fleet industry and develop new features, and if from this market we get new ideas then we will look to develop them further. We have recently developed our API to link with Dynamic 365 for a large crane operator which will come into development later this year/early 2022," stated Gary.

Despite COVID-19, CheckedSafe has managed to outsource all marketing resulting in an increase in in-bound enquiries. Utilising platforms such as Zoom and Teams, less time has been spent travelling and more focus has been on growing the business from home.

Eight years ago, CheckedSafe was an idea, that today, has flourished into a fully successful business. Gary and Darran are passionate about what they do and provide a skill set that boasts professionalism and expertise. "We know our industry and our clients have an immediate infinity with us and put faith in us," said Gary.

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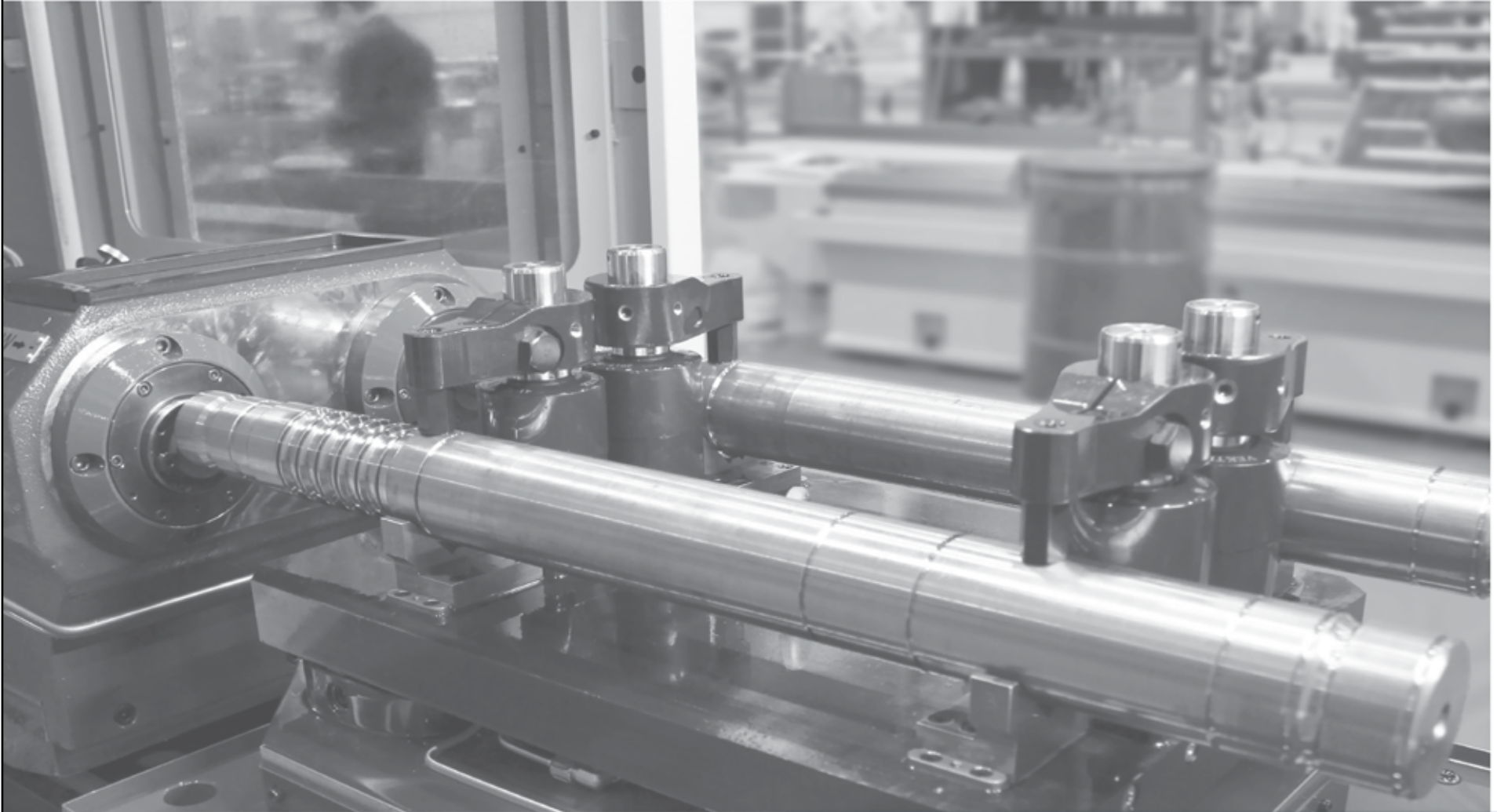
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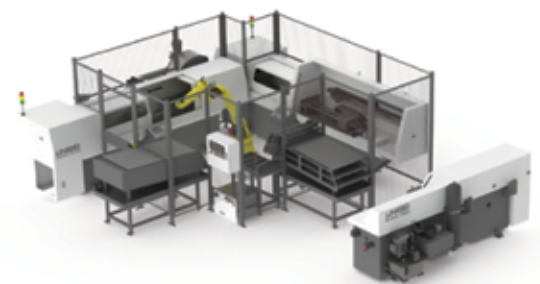
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There are many advantages to the planting of trees on less productive or unused land areas and farmers and landowners can now obtain a number of government grant and funding options to help with establishing new woodland areas.

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#### Woodland Creation Benefits Include:

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- Game cover
- Improving the amenity value



# Planting a brighter, greener future

In this issue of Building Update, we have selected Tomorrow's Forests as the recipient of our Commercial Reforestation Company of the Year.

Encouraging biodiversity and sustainability, Tomorrow's Forests (TF) are tree planting experts in the UK, specialising in high volume commercial reforestation and providing quality support services for industry, resource management, government, private landowners and public institutions.

"We are on a mission to fight climate change by creating UK forests. We offer a full range of tree planting services from restock, beat-up, stake and tube, hedging and windbreaks," noted Toby Brusey, Business Operations Manager.



TF was established in 2014 by founders and managing directors, Nick Hollingworth and Elisabeth Boivin, and provides the latest reforestation industry leading practices to the UK market. The company offers clients a full range of products from tree planting, vegetation management, eco logging, woodland surveys and land reclamation.



In addition to TF, Creating Tomorrow's Forests (CTF) was established in September 2020, by Nick and Elisabeth, which is designed to help businesses and private members improve their sustainability profiles and reach net-zero goals, all while creating biodiverse forests right here in the UK.



In terms of the last 12 months for the company, we caught up with Toby who explained that, "It has been a good year at Tomorrow's Forests and a very busy one. We launched CTF back in September 2020 and both CTF and TF have grown their workforce, contracts and clients.

CTF is now a UK finalist in the BUPA eco-Disruptive challenge which is a global initiative challenge which seeks to find industry leading start-ups in the sustainability sector, while our Tomorrow's

Forests operations have continued to grow, with the 2021/22 planting season forecast to be our biggest to date.

While the global pandemic has continued to surge, we think there has been an increase in demand over the last 18 months for tree planting projects. With COP26 also in the headlines in November, there has been a push for sustainable materials to be

used in construction, such as timber. Our industry is in a good place at the moment, and we are set to grow and evolve with it."

Indeed, the last year has been a productive and busy year for both companies. There have been a few noteworthy accolades for CTF over the past year, including being



selected as the winner of the Bupa eco-Disruptive 'Biodiversity' challenge, which looked at ways to increase, restore, or protect biodiversity around the world. In the programme, CTF worked with Bupa to create diverse new forests and habitats, encouraging people to engage with their local biodiversity and educating them to understand how to preserve it.

CTF has also recently been recognised by The Times as a winner of their Earth Ad Fund Award.



CTF has seen a noticeable rise in business partners joining its venture over the past few months, which shows a real interest in habitat creation, biodiversity and tree planting initiatives from UK businesses and private members.

Speaking about why this is, Toby said, "A lot of competitors plant overseas in Africa and India, using third-party partners, whereas we own all of the land that we plant on and we plant using our own team of in-house planters. There are no third party contractors at any stage of the process. This means we have complete control and freedom to manage the land and the trees in the best possible way. It also means we can provide complete oversight to our customers at every stage of the process and provide something that is real and tangible that they can come and visit for themselves."

CTF's continued focus is on increasing awareness, educating their partners and encouraging others to take up this opportunity. There are a number of ways in which both businesses and private members can get involved. For businesses, they can plant trees on behalf of their employees or their customers, they can plant trees to offset manufacturing costs, or they can plant trees as part of a wider sustainability plan. For private members, some of the ways in which they can get involved include gifting a tree to a friend

or loved one, signing up to plant trees monthly, or planting trees on an ad-hoc/one-off basis.

Toby added, "There are many ways to get involved and these are just some examples. We love to work with businesses and our private members on any bespoke ideas they might have about how we can work together to get more trees planted in the UK."

As the company looks ahead, TF maintains big aspirations for their future. In the short-term, TF is in the early stages of an extremely busy planting season. As well as this, the company is currently making additional land purchases to run its new program on biodiversity units and to further develop their existing sustainability tree planting projects for businesses and individuals in the UK. As for the long-term, the company maintains ambitious plans with a look to start overseas habitat creation operations and furthering its global reach, while also ensuring that both companies grow in a sustainable growth model.

In closing, Toby remarked on the company's acceptance of our award, "we are very proud to receive this award. It's a massive team effort, from our amazing planters, foremen and women, supervisors and office staff. They are all hard working and dedicated and we are very grateful to have them on board on our crazy journey. This award is a nice way to highlight everything they do and how it is being perceived out there."

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