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This year, Kelly Tanks are expanding their fleet and product range as well as improving their facilities and attracting more talent to team KT. Kelly Tanks are also looking forward to giving back to their local community and keyworkers again this year with continued volunteering and donations.

Innovation and sustainability also remain the focus, kicked off with the introduction of a mobile renewable energy system that



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Horticultural & Equestrian News

Plants and Sundries to the Trade

Based in Lower Withington, Near Macclesfield only five miles from junction 18 M6, Four Oaks Cash & Carry is now the largest Horticultural 'one stop shop' in the UK! Since day one, we have attained our impeccable range and service to our customers propelling us far in front of our competitors. The Manager, Marlon Kent, who has over 30 years of plant and tree knowledge, handpicks our stock. Pre-COVID-19 restrictions Marlon would travel to Italy and Spain in the early months of the year, ensuring only the best quality of stock is acquired. This stock would include specimen trees, plants and sundries to the trade. Nowadays, as with most things, this is done via the internet, quality is not compromised as the stock is now 'visually picked.'

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stone, sundries pots and bowls, a large range of sundries are available as well as a new range of aggregates being added to the company's Autumn stock. Seasonal specials are common at Four Oaks, alongside its superb selection of planted hanging baskets and patio pots.

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Davison Forklift was established by John Davison back in the mid-sixties, and was sold to Malcolm Harrison in 2018. Based in Shifnal, Shropshire the company maintains a rich history and has grown significantly since its inception, seeing impressive growth year on year.

"We are a machinery hire company specialising in the hire of forklifts, tractors and telehandlers. We sell, repair and hire the aforementioned machines. We are also dealers for Clark, Haulotte and Ausa. In addition, Davison Forklift is also part stockists for Clark, Hyster, Samsung, Doosan, Linde, Lansing, Ausa and many more.

Throughout the years, Davison Forklift has explored new sectors and moved its focus into the hire and sales of new product ranges. By consistently expanding upon its product range, has enabled Davison Forklift to be able to discover and move into new sectors and enter higher markets, developing a broader customer base. Davison Forklift has positioned itself firmly at the forefront of the material handling sector, offering a broad range of products, complemented by a highly skilled team of trained forklift engineers that carry out on-site repairs, servicing and health checks. The company specialises in the hire and sales of forklift trucks and is the authorised UK dealers for Clark, Haulotte and Ausa. In addition, Davison Forklift is also part stockists for Clark, Hyster, Samsung, Doosan, Linde, Lansing, Ausa and many more.

In terms of recent developments, Davison Forklift has seen a recent relocation, moving to a new rural location in Yew Tree Lane in Shifnal, Shropshire. This move has helped the company explore new marks and helped to facilitate an investment into new equipment. As such, Davison Forklift has turned its attention to the hire and sale of tractors and telehandlers.

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Regarding its tractor range, the company currently offers one tractor manufacturer available for hire; the New Holland T7.210. New Holland is renowned as a Clean Energy Leader for its active promotion and development of sustainable agricultural technology, offering solutions that enhance efficiency and productivity, while respecting the environment. The T7.210 is a great addition to the company's range and offers a power range of 140 to 210 HP, with a rated engine speed of 2200 rpm.

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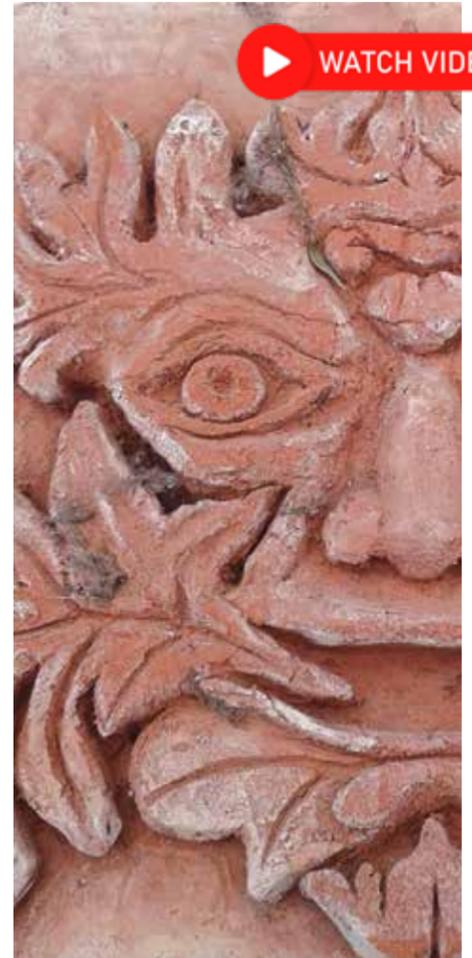
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Together we can restore biodiversity and rewild our world



In September 2020, Creating Tomorrow's Forests was established by Nick Hollingworth and Liz Boivin, with the mission to fight climate change and restore biodiversity across the UK. Creating Tomorrow's Forests enables businesses and individuals to actively invest in the natural environment, by channelling their funding into high quality biodiversity restoration and afforestation projects.

Sister company, Tomorrow's Forests, which was established in 2014, specialises in high volume commercial reforestation, and provides the planting expertise linked with scientific research, to make sure the right species of trees are planted in the right areas, and additional habitat such as ponds and meadows are created alongside to maximise the biodiversity at each site.

"We started acquiring land, offering businesses and individuals the chance to give back to nature and create biodiversity in places where it has been lost," explains Liz. "We are very excited about this project, and it is going well because businesses are prioritising sustainability and examining their environmental impact. We have already

completed tree planting on a new wet woodland site in North Somerset and are currently working on new habitat creation projects in the North Devon Biosphere.



A lot of people are becoming more interested in biodiversity restoration and tree planting and the benefits it has, sequestering carbon and increasing biodiversity and habitats for animals. I think COVID-19 has brought things into perspective for a lot of people in this sense."

Indeed, although the pandemic halted many of Tomorrow's Forests' operations in line with the construction industry, it meant they had more time to focus on developing their new venture. "We wanted to work on expanding Creating Tomorrow's Forests, acquiring more sites and diversifying what we offer.

So as well as offering tree planting services for our customers, we have now launched a totally new biodiversity banking programme which empowers businesses and individuals to fund active ecosystem restoration.

process from start to finish. And it is certainly true what Liz says – during the lockdowns across the world due to COVID-19, nature reclaimed many areas and people had more time to take stock and really discover what state the world was in.

"Oceans were cleaner, animals were wandering the streets where they hadn't been before – it really put things into perspective for people. It's important we take care of what we have. Scientists have been saying for years that we need to protect our climate, but it's easy to forget about this in day-to-day life. Putting a break on everything we were used to during the lockdown switched many people's focus to nature, with more of us taking walks in nature and in woodland.

For this reason and because of the push for carbon capture schemes and biodiversity



For the first time investors can channel their funding into specific high quality habitat creation projects including wetland, meadow, woodland, or marine seagrass ecosystem restoration."

In return for their investment, customers of Creating Tomorrow's Forests will then receive detailed updates on the progress of their project and can visit the site in person, engaging them with the whole restoration

restoration, Creating Tomorrow's Forests has been getting more and more interest from businesses and individuals.

We are looking forward to developing the company further throughout the year and are already working on a number of exciting projects. We currently plant 2 million trees each year with Tomorrow's Forests, and we want to reach the same point with our sister company, while also restoring biodiversity and creating new ecosystems throughout the UK."

As well as offering expertise in restoring habitats, Creating Tomorrow's Forests also offers professional biodiversity offsetting services for businesses and construction projects required to demonstrate a biodiversity net gain. You can contact the team to discover more about their full range of flexible habitat creation services.

If you would like to find out more information on either Tomorrow's Forests or Creating Tomorrow's Forests, get in touch.

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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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Fire Safety News

Your partner in fire safety



DB Fire Safety Limited is situated in Peterborough, and was set up in 2013 by its Managing Director, David Black. David is a qualified fire risk assessor with over 30 years' experience working in the fire safety industry, with accreditation including from the Institute of Fire Safety Managers, 'Register of Competent Fire Risk Assessors.'

David first launched DB Fire Safety Limited after gaining experience working for two years as an independent fire safety consultant.

Recognising the need for his services, David launched DB Fire Safety Limited to provide independent fire safety consultancy, serving clients throughout the UK. "We are an independent fire safety consultancy specialising in carrying out fire risk assessments," said David Black, Managing Director.

DB Fire Safety Limited's main operations consist of carrying out fire risk assessments and providing fire strategy documents for new buildings under construction. "In addition to offices and factories, we specialise in carrying out fire risk assessments of schools, residential care premises, and blocks of flats. We also assist building contractors and architects in developing fire & evacuation strategies for buildings under construction or renovation," added David.

Through the company's industry leading expertise, DB Fire Safety Limited understands the difficulties in navigating fire safety legislation, and as such, the company prides itself on being 'your partner for fire safety'.

Under David's leadership and industry leading expertise in the fire safety industry, the company is well equipped to assist its clients and help to provide their client's businesses with a comprehensive document to identify potential sources of ignition, the likelihood of a fire occurring and the potential impact that a fire would have on its occupants. An assessment is then made of the documented procedures that outline actions that need to be followed in the event of any fire incident, and the required level of training and practice needed.

One of the main advantages of using DB Fire Safety Limited's services is its honest and efficient service, as an independent business without any conflicting interests. David explained, "The benefit of employing ourselves is that we have no potential conflicts of interest in supplying or maintaining fire extinguishers, fire alarm systems, or installing fire doors etc."

The company also provides in-house training for Fire Wardens and Fire Marshals, as well as online courses, to keep staff and businesses compliant and safe. In addition, DB Fire Safety Limited also provides training courses for general fire safety awareness, which can be carried at the client's premises or via its online E-Learning modular courses. The online courses are a great resource for refresher training.

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THE FIRE SAFETY ORDER

The Fire Safety Order 2005 requires that all businesses, including schools and all other educational establishments, have an up-to-date fire risk assessment and that staff receive instruction in fire safety procedures. Legislation also requires that fire risk assessments are reviewed on a regular basis (recommended to be at least annually).

It is critical that there is a suitable and sufficient set of procedures for staff to follow in the event of a fire emergency. Therefore, all staff must receive appropriate training in those procedures must be tested by carrying out regular fire evacuation drills.

It is also strongly recommended that all staff should receive instruction in general fire safety awareness. Such training would enable staff to fully understand the fire hazards and risks in their respective areas and, therefore, hopefully help prevent a fire from occurring in the first place.

In many schools, there may also be a requirement for senior staff to be designated as Fire Marshals; to have particular responsibilities in the event of fire.

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PRESERVATION OF THE FOREST

In a well-managed forest, only mature trees are harvested, which amounts to one to three trees per hectare. After that, felling will not take place for at least 25 years. In this way the forest is preserved for the future. Mother trees, trees with bee nests and the like are of course not harvested.

POSITIVE EVOLUTION

Isabelle Polfliet notes that a positive evolution is noticeable in consumer purchasing behaviour. Customers are increasingly asking questions about certification and the origin of the timber. Buyers are becoming increasingly aware of the need to use certified timber.

"Importing tropical wood goes further than just asking for

certified wood. Internally, the processes and procedures must also be in order. Say what you do and do what you say. This means a continuous evolution within our company, because there are always new insights and legislation does not stand still ('the new Deforestation Law'). Due to our collaboration with external experts, we are broadening our internal knowledge and continuing to make progress."

Considerable steps have already been taken with the arrival of the EU Timber Regulation, but we can and should do even better. "We want to see and monitor a stronger application and support for certified timber. Vandecasteele communicates continuously with the users via the website and campaigns in order to get that

message out. This is necessary, because the purchase of FSC® certified wood contributes to 14 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (or SDG's) of the United Nations'. Since the year 2000 Vandecasteele Houtimport has committed itself through the Corporate Durability Charter by signing up to environmental objectives exceeding the applicable legislation. In 2018, the charter started a partnership with CIFAL Flanders, the local HUB of UNITAR, the Training and Education centre of the UN. In 2021, Vandecasteele Houtimport was the first timber company in the world to have obtained the international recognized "SDG Pioneer certificate" from UNITAR CIFAL.

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The Belgian fifth-generation family company, founded in 1883 Vandecasteele Houtimport still has to deal with old prejudices on the use of hardwood. "Everyone knows that timber is a sustainable material", says Isabelle Polfliet, Compliance Manager at Vandecasteele, "a lot of users still associate tropical timber with the disappearance of the forests." Nevertheless, Vandecasteele Houtimport is fully committed to certified timber.

Sustainability and reliability are an essential part of Vandecasteele Houtimport's DNA. The company is determined to achieve the goal of trading only certified timber by 2025. Isabelle Polfliet: "As far as softwood is concerned, we are at 99%. The challenge, however, lies with the tropical hardwood and today we are at 66%!" Vandecasteele Houtimport has a clear vision: only certified timber has a future.

Substantial investments have been made over the years to be able to realize this future perspective. "You cannot achieve this goal overnight. This is a long-term job, in which all partners must be included. If we want to assure our customers that we keep our promise to only trade timber that comes from well-managed, certified forests, we need to be sure that all our trading partners share the same strictest certification and sustainability processes as we do."

This has resulted in several actions within the company. "First of all, we were assisted by external experts to get the procedures and protocols in order within our company. For example, we apply a responsible purchasing policy that must be signed by every supplier." Secondly, the team at Vandecasteele was reinforced with a forest engineer in Brazil. "That way we can keep a finger on the pulse of every shipment and we are able to accurately apply the ever-changing legislation in Brazil with great precision."

This sends an important signal to our suppliers. They know that doing business with Vandecasteele Houtimport means: complying with a procedure that is continuously refined and adapted. Every timber transport requires approval. When in doubt the timber is not accepted by us."

DIGITALIZE

Last year another important step was taken in the partnership with 11 Foundry and their product Fibertrace. "This is in line with our intention to digitize all processes within our company. Fibertrace allows us to register all processes related to compliance in a structural and transparent way," says Isabelle Polfliet.

"The choice for certified timber does not mean that we push all non-certified suppliers aside. We have a preference for certified wood. By working together with external auditors, we can carry out field audits and share the results and the expenses with colleague importers. This enables suppliers to gain insight into their processes and where there are areas for improvement. In this way, we will gain certified suppliers in due course."

Vandecasteele has a long-term commitment to preserving the forests. The family business imports more than 125 different types of wood from 40 countries and has 105,000 cubic meters in stock, mainly certified hard and soft woods.

"This wide range of wood species is also due to our support for the LKTS program of FSC Denmark. With this we want to help promote the use of lesser known species. We keep these lesser-known types of wood in stock and offer them as an alternative. Too often, regulations refer to the known types of wood. From the point of view of good forest management, one must dare to choose the right durability class for an application instead of a specific type of wood."





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A great ConSept from Allerton



Not only does Allerton install high quality units, the company also focuses on continual service of the equipment. This means that units Allerton has made and installed, of which there are over 1,200, are all still working efficiently across the country.



Allerton UK is a leading off mains drainage company, covering sales, servicing, commissioning, and repairs of all types of septic tanks, sewage treatment plants, sewage pump stations and soakaways. Working across the East Midlands and beyond, Allerton boasts a team of dedicated and experienced workers, all trained with British Water to ensure they are in the best position to properly assess a situation and correct it.

Established in 1974 by Jon Allerton, the company was originally concerned with draining farmers' fields. However, in the late 1980s, Allerton needed a new direction, and so began its work in off mains drainage.

As well as its sewage treatment plants and sewage pump stations which are made on the premises, Allerton also makes the ConSept. This converts septic tanks into sewage treatment plants, and can be fitted without excavations, apart from the shallow cable and air pipe trenches. This means customers can save around £3,000+VAT by avoiding excavators on site.

The ConSept uses the existing septic tank, removing the need to install a heavy plant or new tank, and it is quick to install to save time, money, and disruption. Moreover, it is manufactured using high grade composite materials and non-ferrous components, meaning the ConSept does not corrode. The equipment also has low maintenance costs, requiring servicing just once a year and desludging and emptying once every two years. Allerton will of course service and maintain all their own equipment, servicing, repairs, and surveys of sewage treatment plants is a major part of their work. The final effluent is discharged into a watercourse or soakaway, and installation and commissioning by Allerton's British Water Accredited engineers is included in the package.

"In particular, we make sure everything is explained to the customer from the beginning and throughout the process, and we always do what we say we will," said Jon Allerton, Director. "Minor problems are sorted out by engineers on site, and all the initial customer worries are dealt with in advance. We offer initial onsite advice, help with all paperwork such as planning and Environmental Agency permits, installation and ongoing servicing, including repairs. Every aspect of what we do is to please the customer."

In line with its ongoing expansion, Allerton has been taking on more staff and training them all to British Water standards. "I'm 78 soon, and the company has been recently restructured and is now Allerton Bradley Ltd. Jason



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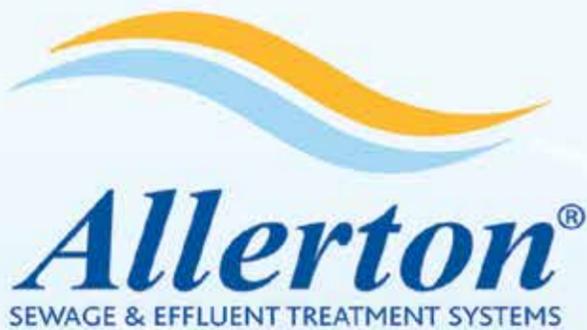


Bradley has been a large shareholder for several years, and has worked for the company for most of his life. His knowledge of all things sewage is vast, and at 36, he ensures the company can look forward to another 50 years of good service, and pleasing people!"

Allerton is continuing to expand, thanks to the real and immediate need of the company's services. Allerton's capabilities are helping people across the country save money, maintain their compliance with regulators, and ultimately protect the environment.

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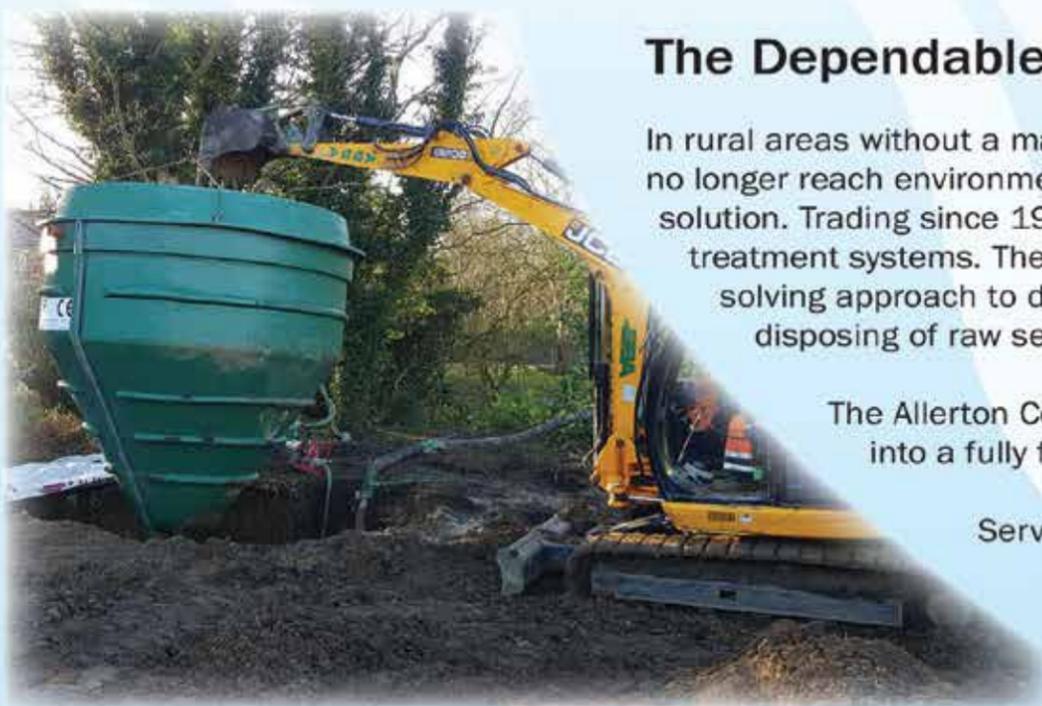
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Suitable mostly for builders of commercial properties, Service Sealing Solutions Ltd has a large range of DOYMA products that come with a 25-year warranty. DOYMA product brochures are available on the website and include products that have been supplied to some of the UK's largest projects such as HS2 and Kings Cross in London. DOYMA has recently released its new generation Curaflex Nova® gaskets which are the perfect solution for any professional tradesman instantly looking to solve sealing problems and can be adapted to multiple applications.

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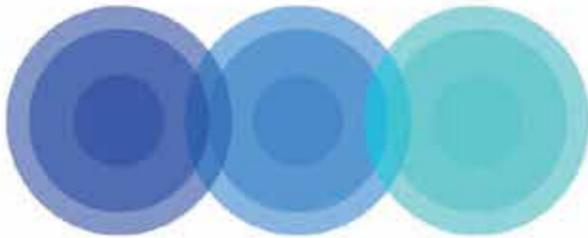
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At Building Update, we take pride in showcasing the very best services provided by companies that provide a wealth of benefits for their industry. As such, in this issue we are proud to announce that we have selected Service Sealing Solutions Ltd as our Sealing Solutions Provider of 2022 and the recipient of our Commitment to Excellence Award.

Service Sealing Solutions Ltd provide a number of different sealing solutions across the UK to both the public and private sectors. As the sole UK distributor for the sealing industry's top manufacturers; DOYMA, FRANK and HKD, Service Sealing Solutions Ltd offers the UK the



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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.

Regarding its progression over the last year, Tuff Waterproofing is pleased to have continued to progress significantly since 2020. With the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic affecting many industries, Tuff Waterproofing was able to remain open throughout and further developed on its product range during the last 12 months.

We caught up with Greg Gimenez, Managing Director of Tuff Waterproofing and asked him about the company's developments over the last year, he stated that, "We have progressed very well. We didn't have to close during the Pandemic because we are in the construction industry, so the government's directive was to stay open. We have mostly remained the same, we're always trying to develop new products and develop our existing products. We're quite happy with the overall year and foresee further progression for 2022."

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.

"As I have always said, the life blood of this company is the service, exceptional training and technical support that we give. It's more than just providing products, it's all about the service and support," Greg added.

In terms of the company's most recent developments this year, Tuff Waterproofing has further expanded



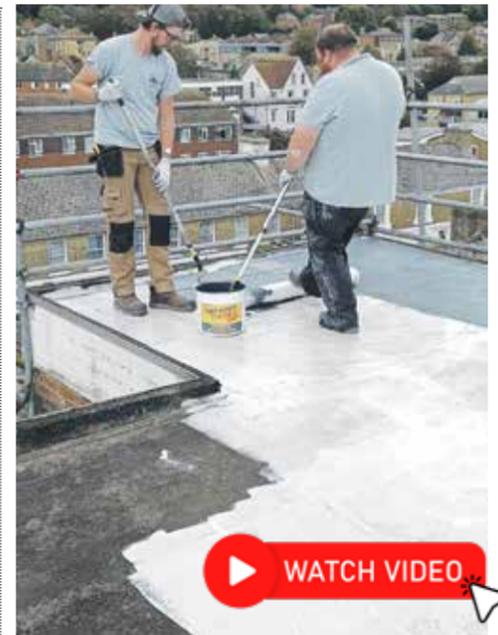
its TuffStuff® product range and is now offering its latest GRP roofing innovation; TuffStuff® flexible GRP. TuffStuff® flexible GRP is a single resin solution that provides an exceptional combination of versatility and durability. It's extremely quick to lay and does not require stripping or re-decking of the roof, saving customers both time and money. It can be applied to a variety of surface types and structures including vertical sections.

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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.

On the back of its successful launch of TuffStuff® flexible GRP, Tuff Waterproofing is planning to further feature its new product at various tradeshows throughout 2022. These include: UK Construction Week 2022 in May, in London and UK Construction Week 2022 in October, in Birmingham.

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.



Indeed 2021 has seen impressive growth and development for Tuff Waterproofing and the company anticipates much more progression, leading on from its new product launch. After what many industries have deemed as a challenging year in regards to the COVID-19 pandemic, Tuff Waterproofing has showcased its industry leading expertise and is pleased to have been acknowledged for their hard work.

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Established in 2002 by Derek Brown, RapidSpec is the first software developed for automatically creating door schedules, drawings, project estimates and bills of materials. Designed to eliminate errors in door set specification and the production of door schedules, RapidSpec is an industry leading software product proven to find any doorset's details from any customer and any project within 15 seconds.

"As software specialists for manufacturing processes, we have produced a software system for fire door manufacturing that not only improves productivity, ensures a faster turnaround and is proven to eliminate a greater number of errors, but also results in lower admin costs whilst producing a higher return on investment than other software systems on the market," stated Carol Cole, Business Consultant.

With RapidSpec everything is instant. Long gone are the days of spreadsheets, RapidSpec offers instant quotations that include all of the auto generated doorset drawings required. Simple to navigate, the operator uses multiple choice, yes and no questions together with the required dimensions and RapidSpec does the rest. The process is time efficient, cost effective and simple to use. Manual data entry falls victim to human input error, which is both time consuming and frustrating for the employer and the employee. It not only impairs performance and efficiency



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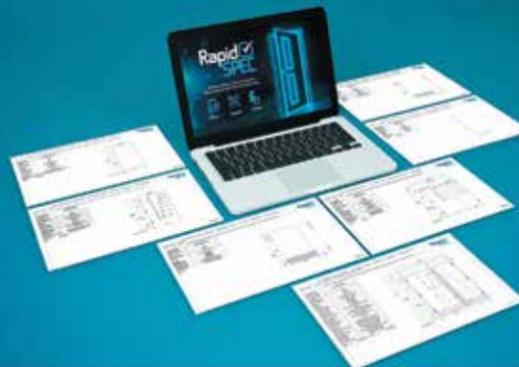
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but can result in higher operating costs and fluctuating levels of performance and continuity. With this in mind, RapidSpec offers two services: Fire Door Scheduling and Door Manufacturing Software.

Door Manufacturing Software allows manufacturers to produce detailed door schedules much more efficiently than traditional spreadsheets, calculators and catalogues. RapidSpec uses the existing skills of your estimator who will be able to create professional quotations immediately with just one hour of training. The orderly input of data ensures that nothing is left out and everything is checked. From the data input RapidSpec then automatically creates a scaled, detailed, and dimensioned doorset drawing. Ideal for manufacturers and fabricators of custom, standard interior and exterior doorsets, as well as architects, contractors and fire door manufacturers. "We have now introduced a barcode functionality and we are constantly updating and improving the software to create greater efficiencies for our clients," said Carol.



Robin Bell, Sales Manager at RapidSpec

It is vital fire doors are designed and manufactured to the right specifications to ensure they have the correct level of fire resistance. Fire Door Schedule is a door specifying and scheduling software from RapidSpec that allows door manufacturers and designers to quickly and simply create accurate fire door schedules from standard specification sheets. The simple process is designed so that the operator only needs to answer a few questions and input the dimensions of the door for the software to then produce an accurate fire door schedule complete with diagrams, dimensions, project estimates and bill of materials.

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Founded by Dave O'Brien in August 2017, Castle Steel Buildings has evolved from a basic start-up, operating on what was essentially a franchise model, to a rapidly growing construction company with a permanent install team and a developing back-office operation. Previous to the company, Dave O'Brien had worked in the steel construction industry as an installer for over 20 years. After many years Dave was keen to build his own business that offers bespoke steel buildings with a guaranteed installation option. On the search for a business partner who could run the administration and logistics side, Dave approached John Rosling, who had a number of years' experience in public and private sector management. Since joining, the business has grown in strength at a fast pace.

Today, Castle Steel Buildings is well-known as an industry leader in its field. Offering a number of services to suit every budget including steel buildings for agriculture and rural, commercial and industrial, garages and sheds, as well as cladding installation. Understanding that customers prefer a personalised service, Castle Steel Buildings is committed to ensuring 100% satisfaction

from start to finish and prides itself on its; affordability, to offer cost effective light weight composition of the buildings designed to reduce production and installation costs; versatility, with a range of buildings to suit every application; and top British quality, endeavouring to always support British economy. All Castle Steel Buildings materials comply with British Standards BS 6399(pt 2) and exceed ISO9001-200.

"These are among the many qualities that set us apart from our competitors," mentioned John Rosling, Director. COVID-19 has left a dramatic impact on steel production over the last 12 months, with many steel mills across the world shutting down. As such, steel suppliers are running low on stock, the price of steel has risen and there are incremental delays to customer orders. Castle Steel Buildings has worked hard to ensure this implication has not affected its production and most of all, its service to its customers.

"One of the major things we've noticed over the last year is that many people are put off having their steel building because of the cost of raw materials,

something that has increased enormously with the pandemic and global shutdown. We've met this challenge by partnering with Peregrine Finance in York to offer a bespoke finance solution. This is a great option for companies looking to get their projects off the ground quickly while spreading the cost over time," said John. With more to offer in its arsenal, we asked John what the company's future plans were, he answered, "alongside a determined go for growth mindset, we're focussed on developing our range by introducing hot rolled steel designs. Cold rolled steel is inexpensive and effective but there are some limitations in the scale of building that can be done in cold rolled steel."

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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. We have lots of developments in our pipeline - some very exciting that will be real game changers. 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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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.

Working both ethically and transparently, the company truly takes on the importance of finding not just funding, but the RIGHT funding solution for its client, saving them time and presenting its clients with the straight facts. Expert customer service is at the forefront of the



company's operations, utilising its finance background of nearly 30 years' experience of banks, invoice financiers and independent funders; SME funding UK Ltd boasts the skills, expertise and connections to provide the best individual funding solution.

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.

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 dedication to clients. Henry added, "We plan to continue building a sustainable business working ethically and transparently with both our clients and lenders."

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Drainage News

Concrete Channel with Basalt Fibres – New Era Begins for Hauraton

Hauraton makes concrete material even more efficient for modern drainage technology by enhancing the formulation with natural basalt fibres.

The addition of mineral or textile fibres increases maximum stability, strength, and impact resistance. By amplifying the impact resistance, the more robust and durable the product. This is particularly important for components that are exposed to considerable dynamic stresses, in this case, drainage channels subject to vehicles at high speeds or regularly trafficked by heavy loads.

Basalt Fibres: Natural and Sustainable
Hauraton's new era in concrete production by utilising basalt fibres has not only created a durable building material, but also one that is 100 percent natural. The

basis of basalt rock is available all over the world in large quantities which is formed naturally on the earth's surface. By combining basalt fibres with the well-known material concrete, both the structure and the service life of the product is increased.

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Convincing Strong Properties
Basalt fibres have outstanding properties. They can withstand temperatures of up to 800°C and are highly resistant to alkalis, acids, salts, oxidation and radiation. The effects of adding basalt fibres to precast concrete

elements gives even more of a dimensionally stable, resistant and durable structure. Drainage systems made of basalt-reinforced concrete will assure longer performance.

Basalt Fibres are Versatile and Climate-Friendly
Basalt fibres are mineral fibres that have a higher melting temperature, better resistance to water, acids and alkalis, and more positive flexural strength. All this makes basalt fibres attractive in drainage technology, but also numerous other applications in construction.

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Projects undertaken throughout the southeast range from small solutions for single households to larger scale solutions for estates, business parks, farms, schools, caravan sites, hotels and public houses.

We offer a support service for consent to discharge applications to the Environment Agency – a requirement when installing sewage



treatment systems. All our boreholes are constructed using the cable-tool percussion method - preferred by the Environment Agency (EA) when drilling the chalk aquifer – and are logged with the BGS. Our underpinning ethic is that we want to protect the aquifers from which we make our living.

Ground Source Heat Pumps
We are award winning installers of Open-Loop GSHP installations. These systems utilise ground water as a heat source. Groundwater is pumped from a water supply borehole directly to the heat pump where temperature is extracted.

The water is then returned to the aquifer, normally via a buried harvesting tank where it can start to regain this temperature. As ground water is utilised, there is the option of a potable water supply (subject to analysis

and suitable filtration) or irrigation.

The heat pumps we install are manufactured by a British company and are MCS accredited. We achieved regional success in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 at industry awards. In 2020 we won the REA Pioneer Awards and this year we have achieved recognition at the East of England Energy Efficiency Awards, winning 2 categories as well as receiving a Special Commendation for one of our renewable heat installations at the 20/21 National Energy Efficiency Awards, which were held on the 18th February 2022. Having never entered the national awards before, we are extremely proud to have been recognised for our involvement in this project.

The company is proud to employ land drillers, electricians, plumbers, civil engineers, heat pump engineers, graduates and fellows of the British Geological Survey.

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Bluerun Ltd is dedicated to manufacturing top quality, bespoke custom-made joinery for the domestic and commercial markets. All of our joinery is manufactured on premises using hardwood, softwood or sheet materials. As well as offering finished goods sprayed to a primed or painted finish, Bluerun Ltd also offer other treatments and installation services for some products.

Bluerun Ltd is a family run business and was established in October 1991 by its current Managing Director, John Jones. Based in Wimbish, just outside Saffron Walden in Essex, its factory covers 7,000 sq. ft., and can manufacture in hard or softwoods, and veneered and painted panels. Its modern spray paint and lacquer facility enables products to leave the factory in a fully finished state. The ethos surrounding the company boasts comradery, team work and dedication to the customer. Here at Bluerun Ltd we promote quality, family and pride in all that we do. The bespoke items manufactured in our workshops are made to a high standard thanks to the joiners who make them. The whole team take pride in their work.

A proud moment, in 2019, John Jones' daughter was the most recent addition to the board. From humble beginnings, the company has gained remarkable growth within the building trade and is well known for its top-quality joinery. Our bench joinery team is small and has extremely high standards. Whilst we use power tools and machinery, there is no CNC or computer aided design, or drawings used. We pride ourselves on being 'old school,' and still use hand tools to finish off many of our bespoke items. Everything is designed in-house, that is if no drawings are supplied by the clients.

For the commercial industry, the majority of its production is for commercial builders and manufacturing. Bluerun provides all type of commercial joinery products from large-scale repeat production runs of windows, frames, and doors, to both large and small-scale customers for internal and external projects. We also produce high quality joinery to meet the exacting standards of conservation areas or heritage sites.

We also provide domestic bespoke joinery from custom door replacements to bespoke furniture. Our portfolio includes decking, balcony balustrading, and gazebos as well as replacement stairs, banisters, mouldings or bespoke cabinets and bookcases for interiors. Bluerun Ltd has even designed and produced a custom-made Wendy house for a private client. Whatever your joinery needs, Bluerun Ltd can provide exactly what you're looking for.

October 1991 marks the company's 30th anniversary of incorporation – what a tremendous achievement made by all. We are all extremely proud. The company couldn't have made it this far without our joinery team and our loyal clients we have worked with over this time. Some employees have worked with John since the 1970s, at a previous company, and we believe that we have a great and loyal team.

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Varnish News

Unbeatable Varnish for a Range of Uses

Le Tonkinois Varnish is a specially designed varnish that was first formulated back in China almost three centuries ago. The natural oil based yacht varnish comes with a range of excellent benefits, including being permanent, removing brush marks, not cracking or flaking off.

On top of that, the varnish boasts exceptional corrosion protection for metals and has a durable coat too, meaning it can withstand impact without peeling or cracking.

The highly raved about varnish can be seen on yachts and boats, whether in fresh water, sea water, or sludge up and down the country. Not only that, but you can also use Le Tonkinois Varnish in kitchens, outdoor and interior woodwork.

As a result of being fully waterproof and non-microporous, the varnish is resistant to boiling water, alcohol and has even been classified as safe to use in food areas.

Le Tonkinois Varnish can also be used to stain wood, and pigments can be mixed in with the varnish if



a particular colour is desired, whilst still allowing the wood to breathe, a feature not typically found among other varnishes.

The varnish is also naturally glossy and can be made matt or satin with an additional coating of Gelomat.

If you would like to find out how you can get your hands on some of the remarkable Le Tonkinois Varnish, or would like to find out how you can use it for your own needs, then be sure to get in contact using the number below.

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Carlisle CM Europe (CCM Europe) manufacture high quality EPDM waterproofing membranes for flat roofing, façade systems and building solutions for the construction industry. CCM Europe is a dynamic company with ease of installation and durable roofing systems including EPDM & Liquid Waterproofing. As a leading manufacturer of waterproofing membranes and sealants, our market leading products are suited for a wide range of flat roof substrates for both new build and refurb.

The market leading advantages of Resitrix® is the unique combination of materials: the synthetic rubber EPDM and polymer-modified bitumen – making it a durable hybrid membrane. Our extremely flexible, single-layer waterproofing membrane can thus be applied on almost

all substrates. The membranes are welded together quickly, easily and safely using a hot-air device without any need for naked flames," stated Shail Chauhan, Marketing Manager.

One particular product worth noting is the ARBOFLEX® PU, a single component liquid made from pure polyurethane, which, once cured, forms a seamless elastic membrane without any joints. The material properties of ARBOFLEX® PU enable it to be air tight and waterproof on a range of substrates. Alongside its high performance and wear-resistant membrane, ARBOFLEX® PU can adapt to any surface: uneven, curved or irregular, and with its fast-curing properties can be walked on in 24 hours. Comprised of one component that can be applied straight out of the tin, it allows for fast and easy installation, is green roof compatible and weather

resistant, so it can be used all-year round. CCM Europe is not only dedicated to offering state of the art EPDM flat roofing seal solutions, but to also extend its expertise and knowledge to other professionals through its dedicated EPDM and PU Liquid system roofing training courses at the CARLISLE® ACADEMY. Designed by professionals for professionals, with a view that knowledge is sustainable material. The more you share it, the more you get back. The training content is intended to enable attendees to learn of the proven advantages of EPDM waterproofing solutions relating to roofs, façades and building in an up-close and hands-on manner. For more information, visit: www.academy.ccm-europe.com

With ambitions to continue their impressive growth, CCM

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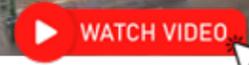
Architectural Glass News

Demon Designs: Experts in glass

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.

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." 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 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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Number one choice for recycled plastic building materials



In this issue of Building Update, we have chosen Kedel as our Eco-Friendly Plastic Products Company of Choice 2022.

Kedel is a family business founded on ethical and ecologically sound principles. Dedicated to making sustainable living attractive, Kedel believe that by incorporating sustainable recycled plastic products into personal and working environments, it can create a happier, healthier and infinitely more sustainable future for generations to come.

Established by three brothers, Kieran, Dermot and Lewis Walch, Kedel is based in Burnley and supplies nationwide. We spoke to Lewis, who explained more about the company. "We manufacture plastic wood made from waste polystyrene, and we are also suppliers of many other types of recycled plastic profiles from other manufacturers. We stock tongue and groove boards, plastic sheet materials, decking, cladding, ground reinforcement and drainage grids, fencing and gates. In addition, we make a wide range of outdoor furniture often combining different types of recycled plastic into one product. These products include benches, tables, picnic tables, notice boards, to name just a few. We also offer design services and have a large flatbed CNC (computer numerical controlled) machine for cutting and shaping to the CAD design parameters supplied by our customers or created for them by our in-house design team."

As specialists in building supplies and outdoor furniture, one of the main benefits of the products and services provided by Kedel is the long-term investment advantages of recycled plastic. "It never rots, so if you build fencing or decking with it, you only do the job once in a lifetime. There's no cost of ownership, no maintenance - no costs for labour and materials, or for that matter, replacement costs.

Timber merchants are our main competitors, but wood is becoming increasingly expensive and difficult to source, due to the war in Eastern Europe, Brexit, and COVID-19 causing driver shortages leading to increased transportation costs.

And as everyone knows, the problem with wood is that it needs constant attention to avoid deterioration. Recycled plastic needs nothing more doing with it. Yes, the initial costs are higher, but over a 25-year period, a study by WRAP (Waste Resources Action Programme), in 2000 resulted in recycled plastic proving a more cost-effective material due to the product's extended longevity and zero maintenance properties," Lewis explained.

'Your Housing Association' in South Manchester installed plastic fence panels made from Kedel's recycled plastic about 10 years ago. They haven't had to replace a single fence panel since!" said Lewis.

Kedel's plastic wood was named 'Best Recycled Product' at the National Recycling Awards in 2015 and is an ideal maintenance free replacement for wood and other traditional building materials. Suitable applications include cladding, gables brackets, pediments, fascia boards, rafter tails, finials, fencing and decking. Kedel has over 1000 products in recycled plastics available on its website with a wide variety of profiles to choose from that could save you a lifetime of maintenance and replacement costs.

A notable product in Kedel's sustainable product range is fencing, that comes as fixed or portable panels, or you can buy the materials to make your own. You'll never need to replace a fence again. They are rot-proof and non-absorbent making them very hygienic and easy to clean. They don't chip, crack, or splinter, and are water and frost proof.

Ideal for education establishments and facilities management are Kedel's maintenance-free benches and picnic tables. They look like wood but perform like plastic, and the tables last at least five times longer than wood, making them a very attractive long-term investment. Key advantages include no splinters for little



fingers, more hygienic and easier to clean with standard household cleaning products, no painting or preservative applications, and they are very robust and vandal resistant.

"Recycled plastic products are carbon positive, because the waste plastic is reused rather than being thrown into landfill or used as EfW (energy from waste) i.e. burned like any other fossil fuel. They also reduce the use of traditional materials such as wood, leaving the trees in our precious forests where they belong, absorbing the CO₂ emitted by fossil fuels, and concrete whose production is highly polluting and makes the building industry a major contributor to global warming," said Lewis.

Since 2010, demand for Kedel's products have risen by about 30% each year. To accommodate such growth, Kedel has recently acquired additional computer controlled plastic extrusion lines to increase production of its plastic wood. We asked Lewis what Kedel's future plans are, "We plan on continuing to increase production and expand our buildings to house the additional machinery we need to meet this seemingly insatiable demand for recycled plastic products."

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