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Restoration

Traditional brick production specialist



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The Bulmer Brick and Tile Company is renowned for its traditional handmade bricks which, fired in a down draught kiln, have a distinctive finish that blends well with the original London clays bricks. The beauty of the Suffolk company's bricks lies in their traditional production method. The bricks are made from clay dug from the same clay seam used since Tudor times. The wealth of experience amassed by the company coupled with their respect for the process is what separates The Bulmer Brick and Tile Company from the competition.

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Manosun set to launch eco-friendly glove range

In this issue of Building Update, we have chosen Manosun as our Company of Choice for January 2023.

Since the company was established in 2020, its mission has been to bring change to the end-user experience in selecting and buying industrial gloves, gauntlets and sleeves (PPE). As the designer and manufacturer of such an innovative range of quality industrial hand protection that is available for all industrial applications, Manosun is breaking the mould of traditional offerings with a core range of hand protection that are safe and the perfect fit for anyone that requires PPE.

"Manosun is a provider of Industrial Hand Protection (Gloves), and we work with all end-users including globally known brands such as Nissan, JDR Cables, and SUEZ. As part of our service, we also survey the work environment, advise on the correct level of hand protection needed or if needed, we can even develop a brand-new product to the exact requirements of the customer. Manosun have the ability to work on small MOQ's from our sponsor factory in China and the ability to develop new products for an ever-changing work environment offering products where 'not all solutions are off the shelf.' From ARC, Impact, FR, CUT and General handling applications, our products are the ideal solution for the building industry," stated Steven Patterson, Owner.

Of course, it's not just its versatile application that makes Manosun's products stand out. Their long-lasting durability is down to the high-quality materials that are used for all its products. Every product offers extra flexibility and dexterity that ensures minimal hand fatigue, and because of its 360° breathe technology, all products have the ability to keep hands cool while working.

Soon to launch in 2023 is the Manosun Basic Range. The



range is a fantastic response to the current climate delivering a highly sustainable and eco-friendly profile as all products are made of a more sustainable yarn using recycled materials such as industrial polyester, where 36% of the ingredient derives from plastic bottles. Steven commented, "This economic yet high-quality range of Eco products are targeted towards high volume users like the construction industry and smaller white van industry and tradesmen. The range will include several lightweight general handling styles with alternative Grip Palms, a heavyweight latex grip palm glove, and two mid-range cut gloves aimed to target almost all aspects of trades undertaken with construction First-Fix to Finish."

'Good Quality, Low Cost, Sustainable Material' is what Manosun is known for across all its products. Product samples of its Basic Range were sent to a range of customers within the building industry and feedback has been nothing but positive. "Production samples were received in November 2022 with sales stock arriving at



the end of January 2023. The feedback we have already received has been "GREAT!" and we look forward to some healthy growth with the Basic Range this year," added Steven.

Of course, competitors within the building industry do offer similar products but we asked Steven what makes the Basic Range unique, he answered, "My competitors do offer a similar range, however, because I work directly with the factory and they sponsor my business we have agreed to offer a premium, high performance product that is one of the lowest priced available on the market. The Basic Range offers Comfort, Longevity, and Value for Money and Aesthetics which I believe will dominate the current low-price competition."

So far, Manosun's products have been revolutionary across England and with the Basic Range, the hope is that it will increase Manosun's overall brand awareness to further places across the UK. "This has been a personal goal of mine for some time, seeing the glove would



make the story have meaning. It goes against all of my manufacturer's current business but they have supported me and this product range and the visuals of it. We have only just passed the two-year stage so are still very fresh. My experience spans for more than 16 years in hand protection and my drive is to simplify the development of more new products (product development at the factory). Traditionally this takes months and can be very expensive but the relationship and support from my factory partner allows Manosun to develop new products much quicker without an unachievable MOQ (minimum order quantity)," said Steven.

Another way to expand its brand presence is by taking part in trade shows. Currently Manosun is committed to the BSIF/HSM Publications Safety Expo in Scotland on the 16th November 2023, as well as some other local popup exhibitions supporting its two new member groups: The North East Automotive Alliance and the Advanced Manufacturing Forum.

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Roofing

Waterproofing you can rely on

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

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Allowing for change creates space for continuous growth and a new perspective. We have recently strengthened our sales and distribution network covering the UK and the ROI market. We have also welcomed a few new members to our sales team, Charlie Patrick and Crawford McAllister. Charlie looks after our Eastern region and Crawford looks after the North and Scotland.

With ambitions to continue their impressive growth, CCM Europe plans to keep collating together more opportunities for further development. As a dynamic company that aims to support and motivate its people as much as possible, it is continuing to review and develop new products all the time.

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Forward

The Belgian fifth-generation family company, founded in 1883 Vandecasteele Houtimport specializes in the import, trading and export of Tropical Hardwood from Africa, Southeast Asia and South America, Scandinavian and North-American Softwood, North American and European Hardwood.

"Vandecasteele Houtimport is fully committed to certified timber," says Isabelle Polfliet, Compliance Manager at Vandecasteele, "We're living in challenging times. But, it's for times like these we exist."

With over 140 years of experience, we know there's only one way: forward.

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 100%. The challenge, however, lies with the hardwood and especially the tropical hardwoods. Today we are at 80% certified!"

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. Secondly, the team at Vandecasteele was reinforced with 2 forest engineers 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. All timber transport requires our approval. When in doubt the timber is not accepted."

Masters in diversification

Vandecasteele has a long-term commitment to preserving the forests. The family business imports more than 130 different species of timber coming from 40 countries and has over 105,000 cubic meters in stock, mainly certified hard and softwoods.

"We support the LKTS program of FSC® Denmark with which we want to help promote the use of lesser known species. We keep these lesser-known species in stock and offer them as alternatives. Everybody is looking for alternatives for Siberian Larch since the ban on Russian imports.

We have over 15 timber species that we can offer as alternatives, such as FSC® Certified Niové, Movingui, Mukulungu, Tali, Padouk, Jutai, Angelim Amargosso, Red Louro, Sucupira Preta, Sucupira Vermelho, Jatoba, Mandioqueira, Cumaru, Basrolucus, Guariuba, Tatajuba, European Oak, Muiracatiara, Purpleheart and Louro Preto.

Timber is too often prescribed from a specific well-known species, but from the point of view of responsible forest management, we must dare to choose the right durability class for an application instead of a specific type of timber, says Geneviève Standaert, export manager at Vandecasteele Houtimport.

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.

Rethink everything

We notice a positive evolution in consumer purchasing behaviour says Geneviève. Customers are increasingly asking questions about certification and the origin of the timber.

Buyers are becoming more and more aware of the need to use certified timber. "Importing tropical wood goes further than just asking for certified timber. There is a continuous evolution, because of new insights, new legislation, etc. We work together with external experts, we are broadening our internal knowledge and we continually make progress."

Making progress is an ongoing process. Considerable steps have already been taken with the arrival of the EU Timber Regulation, but we can and should do 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 spread that Message. 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.

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The seriously multi-purpose GRP Roofing System

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Tuff Waterproofing has further expanded its TuffStuff® product range and is now offering its latest GRP roofing innovation; TuffStuff® flexible GRP. This is a single resin solution that provides an exceptional combination of versatility and durability. It is 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.

Managing Director, Greg Gimenez commented, "Standard GRP is rigid when it is cured, and it is specifically designed for flat roofs. However it can only be applied to OSB3 (Timber), and while this has been very successful, contractors have been looking for overlay systems which can go over other substrates." TuffStuff Flexible GRP can go onto many substrates including felt, asphalt, single-ply, GRP, concrete, timber and metal.

While other companies have standard GRP, TuffStuff® knows that this flexible GRP provides



an exceptional combination of versatility and durability. TuffStuff® flexible GRP has become a very important product already, for a number of reasons. It is a one-pot system, whereas standard GRP comes with a base coat as well as a top coat, and this saves a contractor plenty of time and, comes with a 20 year product guarantee on the full system.

However, the major advantage is that while it is curing, it is actually showerproof, and Greg commented, "If contractors experience a rogue shower while installing, they may have to go off-site, but upon returning they can carry on knowing that their work is not ruined (showerproof whilst curing), as it would be with standard GRP. This aspect of our product will really excite contractors that work with GRP regularly." This plus the fact that it is crack resistant, with no weak points has meant that facility



companies have also begun using the flexible GRP for patch repairs too.

TuffStuff® Flexible GRP will form a highly flexible, extra tough and seamless waterproof membrane – an ideal solution for areas of heavy-duty foot traffic.

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Joinery experts, Bluerun Ltd, was originally established by the current Managing Director, John Jones, and Peter Clayden back in 1991. Peter Clayden resigned a few years later and the company is now owned by John's family – his wife Doreen, son Jeremy, and daughter Dee Newman, and Dee took over the reins in December 2019, when John semi-retired.

Based in Wimbish, near Saffron Walden in Essex, Bluerun manufactures quality, bespoke joinery items, and everything is made to order, nothing is 'off the shelf.' Dee commented, "We manufacture items for the commercial market from door and window packers,



to shopfronts, reception desks, mainframes, pub doors, and years ago we even made a trebuchet for Stansted Mountfitchet castle!"

In the 7,000 sq. ft. factory, Bluerun can produce work using both hard or softwoods, and veneered and painted panels. It has a modern spray paint and lacquer facility, enabling products to leave the factory in a fully finished state.

For domestic clients, Bluerun manufactures everything from windowboards to windows, thresholds to doors, shelving, wardrobes, bi-fold doors, French doors,

staircases, indeed most things in a property that are made of timber. It has even made a child's Wendy house and a mansion for cats!

Bluerun will take on projects of almost any size, Dee continued, "The only size limit is whether a finished item can be removed through our workshop doors! Staircases for example, would be made in a kit format, for ease of delivery and installation. We use couriers for deliveries, and they have access to all sizes of vans and lorries." The only thing that is sometimes out of range are installations due to a small workforce, but Dee keeps a list of recommended installers for anything, which is manufactured.



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In a crowded marketplace, Bluerun works very hard to be at the forefront of the industry. It is a supplier to Dovista for items such as packers and mainframes, and the company corporate branding is on its vans, emails, and social media presence, along with promotional items, and this has helped recognition and growth of the company in recent years.



Dee remarked, "We are still working old school, and everything is designed using pencil and paper with a dash of imagination. We don't use CAD or CNC, and most items are completed using hand tools for the finishing touches. A lot of love and care is included within our work, and this has really helped our customer base to grow."

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Its services are available to customers for residential projects, so whether you're looking for an island that will take centre stage in your kitchen, or to add that certain wow factor to your living room, each requirement can be specifically met to every customer's wishes. No matter what your design, Southside Waterjet will get on board to make that dream a reality. Looking for inspiration? Just some of the company's recent projects have included customised flooring and wall coverings, luxurious workshops and splash backs, bathrooms, wet rooms and vanities, bespoke furniture and artwork, outdoor kitchens and much more.

Furthermore, the company has successfully won contracts with large numbers of contractors, architects, designers, and stone and tile distributors for a number of different commercial projects. "We can provide commercial cutting for tile and stone distributors and contractors, as well as fabricating material to their exacting requirements creating architectural solutions, bespoke and customised wall, floor and staircase designs, furniture trends and even swimming pool solutions. We also have the capabilities to produce branding for our commercial customers in the form of signage, fit-out solutions for retail, leisure and hospitality sectors," said Peter.

Changing a concept into reality is what Southside Waterjet do. No matter what the requirements may be, the company will experiment with new ways to inspire and deliver that 'wow' moment. Each member of the team is expertly trained in CAD-3D rendered and technical drawings which enables a clear visualisation of your project, allowing you, the customer to make as many changes as needed. The company also utilises the use of digital templating, which is the most accurate, reliable and efficient templating solution when it comes to measuring and fabricating stair coverings, as well as allowing for a complete finalised template of kitchen worktops and splashbacks. In order to eliminate any uncertainty before installation, measurements are reviewed, changed on-site and exported as ready to use production files for the CNC waterjet machines. Also by using digital slab creation, everything is possible as it allows the team to transform an ordinary picture of a slab in the correct and realistic representation. This is particularly useful when the intention to use the slab for a vein or book matching in creating waterfall worktops continues down the sides of cabinetry or as a feature wall covering.

The company's fabrication service enables its highly skilled team to seamlessly transform any idea into a one-

of-a-kind project. At the leading edge of CAD technology, precision CNC waterjet cutting enables the craft of raw materials into high-quality design solutions with unparalleled precision and endless creative possibilities. To support this, edge profiling is all about adding visual detail to your project. Southside Waterjet can design three edge profiles; Mitred, Bevelled, and Semi Bull Nose. Some examples of how edge profiling can be applied by the company include:

■ **KITCHENS:** Whether you have opted for a contemporary or traditional kitchen the edging profile of your worktop should complement the finished outcome.

■ **SWIMMING POOLS:** Anti-slip grooves and finger grips can be cut into tiles surrounding swimming pools, with pool side grating fabricated from the same material to seamlessly carry away standing water from the pool's edge.

■ **STEP TREADS AND STAIRCASES:** In high traffic areas of commercial and retail environments anti-slip features can be added to stair treads or for a higher end look finished with metal inserts in a metal of your choice.

Surface profiling can also be useful when it comes to abrasive blasting as it is used to smooth a rough surface

or roughen a smooth surface. Abrasive blasting is commonly used by the in-house team to create decorative embossing and as a lasting branding solution. Or for an alternative finish, with stone now being the most popular choice for worktops and flooring, Stone Polishing can be applied, and because of its durability and longevity the polished finish is inherently high-end and is often referred to as the height of luxury.

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High quality, high capacity mowing systems

In this issue of Building Update, we are pleased to announce that we have selected L S Products BV as the recipient of our Commitment to Excellence Award for its dedication and innovative design of the best mowing systems for the maintenance of large area turfgrass.

As a response to the increasing market demand for an upgrade to the 15-year-old electrically driven rotary mowers, the company started working on a newer, more improved version. Combining his years of experience and expertise, Syb Leijenaar – L S Products BV owner and Eco Clipper® inventor developed a new line of electric mowers that graced the market in 2018, and this was when the Eco Clipper® was born.



Built from experience, the Eco Clipper® Mowing System has evolved from the mowing system that was originally developed in the nineties on the turfgrass farm of the Leijenaar family in the Netherlands. Since the first electric mower product launch in 2002 to the latest Eco Clipper®

range, L S Products BV has developed an extensive portfolio of machinery and equipment that has grown rapidly and been revolutionary to the turfgrass industry.

"Eco Clipper® is a range of large area mowers with a high productivity that help field managers to minimise their mowing costs, while producing a professional cut. Our mowers are electrically driven and use a special mowing deck design with small mowing blades. The mowing decks have good contour following capabilities and disperse clippings well, even in wet grass. This means we have a few important advantages over other mowers. These include delivering the highest mowing speed possible thus producing a higher productivity, they are quieter and

more fuel efficient because of the small blades and electric drive, and they are more versatile to schedule because they can deal with wet grass and any other adverse weather conditions," said Syb.

The Eco Clipper® Mowing System offers many advantages over traditional cylinder and rotary mowers. Because it consists of an independently suspended 106cm wide deck section, it is cleverly linked together in larger, flexible contour following mowing decks. The entire design and development of the Eco Clipper® Mowing System delivers a clean cut, even clippings dispersion and excellent following of the ground contours with minimal soil compaction.

The system also caters for bespoke requirements so customers can attach the decks to different frames, whether it be Carried or Towed. Offering three options, the Front Mower consists of a single deck with 2-6 sections, a Towed Mower consists of three separate decks of 10-14 sections wide, and a Carried Rear Mower is combined with a Front Mower and consists of 10-14 sections wide.

We asked Syb if he were to describe the company in three words what would he choose and why, and he answered, "Innovative, we believe that it is always possible to improve. Secondly, our serving. What we offer our customers is ultimately a solution to the problems they are facing. Our products are designed to help our customers to do their job better. And thirdly, we are agile. Every member of our team has the ability to act fast and adapt to the ever-changing industry. We are also quick to react to any problems our customers may be facing and work hard to do what needs to be done to help them."

One particular product to note is the Eco Clipper FM4 Sport for sporting grounds.

Similar to the entire Eco Clipper® Mowing Range, the goal with the Eco Clipper FM4 Sport was to maintain the cutting performance of a properly tuned cylinder mower, but without the high maintenance required for mowing conditions such as wet grass and weeds.

The smooth cutting decks with fast rotating small blades ensure a high quality of cut and a good distribution of the clippings. The clippings are also well spread in wet grass, which makes it possible to schedule the mower almost independently to all weather conditions.

Due to the electrically driven blades, the mower is very economical and quiet. The large wheels and clever deck linking system ensure good contour following and enable high mowing speeds.

Municipalities, sports field and park managers have taken delight in the advantages that the Eco Clipper FM4 Sport brings. The EC-FM4 Sport is a 4.11m wide mower that has four independent cutting decks. The forward position provides excellent visibility and comfort for the tractor operator.

Previous users have reported high productivity gains, a factor two compared to 5-gang self-propelled cylinder mowers, and showed a large appreciation to the low maintenance and the mowers ability to schedule the mowing even under less favourable mowing conditions such as early morning dew and wet autumns.

"We started our focus on increasing mowing productivity in turfgrass production. With a few adjustments, this mowing system has proven to be a major step forward in reducing mowing costs on sports fields and large recreational grass areas. Some users have cut their mowing costs by more than half since using it!" stated Syb.

Going forward, L S Products BV is looking to continue its successful start in the sports field market in the Netherlands and is keen to now debut this line of products here in the UK to British sports field managers so they can also enjoy the benefits of the Eco Clipper® Mowing System.

With the development of a robotic mower for turfgrass production in the pipeline, L S Products BV has a busy yet exciting few years ahead. In closing, we asked Syb what a commitment to excellence means to the company, "We feel we achieve excellence because we are completely committed to offering the best mowing system for maintaining large area turfgrass which is of course, achieved by our Eco Clipper® Mowing System."

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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 and CDM Advisor in various sectors across the Irish construction market. No project is too

simple or too complex for the company's construction safety 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.



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 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

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.

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Environmentally friendly plastic lumber

At Building Update, we are proud to announce that we have selected Kedel as the recipient of our Commitment to Excellence Award for its ongoing efforts in producing eco-friendly plastic products for a more sustainable future.

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 Dermot who explained what commitment to excellence means to them and how they feel they achieve it. "Commitment to excellence is an attitude towards work. You're only as good as your weakest link, so we try to give our staff an autonomous responsibility around servicing our customers and through this we are achieving service excellence."



Because of this, people can make quicker decisions and our customers end up 100% satisfied much quicker. Eco-Friendly Plastic is what we do. Not many people believe plastic can be green but it can. We manufacture plastic wood made from waste polystyrene, and are also suppliers of many other types of recycled plastic profiles from other manufacturers, which allows our customers to keep their carbon footprint down. We maintain excellence throughout our business through our sustainable products, sustainable supply chain and sustainable manufacturing policy."

Winners of the Feefo Trusted Service Award, Kedel's range of recycled plastic lumber reflects the future of the construction industry. From plastic fencing pales and edging board pegs to round posts, boards and



planks, tongue & groove planks, decking, and so much more, Kedel's extensive product range comes with a number of benefits. Of course, the largest advantage of plastic lumber in general is that it does not rot, absorb water and is highly resistant to damage. This much more versatile material means it has a life longevity to be placed in all weathers and climates making it a perfect material for use in construction, leisure, education, gardens and any water applications.

Some could claim that plastic wood is bad for the environment, however, Kedel would argue that yes, initially the cost of plastic wood may be higher but the outcome is that you have a product that will last a lifetime due to its extended longevity and zero maintenance properties. To add to this, Kedel only uses recycled plastic that would otherwise go to landfill, therefore, its contribution towards a circular economy is something to be highly commended.

Moving forward, Dermot explained what the future holds for the company. "We are about to increase the working hours of our extrusion plant to be operating 24 hours



a day 5 days a week which will double our production time, and to support this we are recruiting more extruder operators. In the future, we plan to build a

network of resellers around the UK, as the current cost of transport is at an all-time high so we are looking at ways around this for better business practice and to allow for an eco-friendlier way of working."

In closing, we asked Dermot how he felt receiving our award, he responded, "We are thrilled. It shows we are doing all the right things and going in the right direction and we will endeavour to live up to it."

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Established over 20 years ago by Richard Baldwin of Baldwin Crane Hire, Delta Tower Cranes Ltd is a one stop shop for the Hire, and Sales of Luffing Jib, Trolley Jib, & Pedestrian Operated Tower Cranes.

The companies head office is in Langley near Slough and they have depots in Theale, Reading and Newport in South Wales. From these bases Managing Director and Technical Sales Manager Tony Ferris and the ten staff service all companies requiring its products.

Tony Ferris with his long term experience in the Tower Crane Industry has been directly involved in the establishment of Delta Tower Cranes Ltd with Richard Baldwin from day one, and he commented, "While we are a fairly small company in the industry, we do have a fleet of up to 36 Luffing Jib & Trolley Jib Tower Cranes available for hire. We pride ourselves in providing a personal and flexible service, and I work directly with customers from the day that they contact us to ensure that we supply them with a suitable Tower Cranes and other services at very competitive rates. We are there right throughout the project to talk to and guide customers and field any issues that they may have."



Proof of the commitment the company has to its customers is evident in the investment it has made in a comprehensive fleet of the latest Tower Cranes from leading manufacturers including Saez Cranes, as well as the latest state of the art equipment including Electronic Torque Equipment, AMCS Electronic Zoning/Anti Collision Systems and IKAR Rescue Systems.

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The company hires its cranes out mainly to construction companies and can provide a complete package if required, including Crane Operators, a comprehensive range of Lifting Accessories, Generators with Bunded Fuel Tanks, and AMCS Electronic



- Jost JTL 208.12
- Raimondi LR60
- Terex Peiner SN86/1
- Terex Comedil CTL140-8
- Saez SL 320
- Saez SLH205
- Jost JL256.16
- Potain MR165-G12

Trolley Jib Cranes include:

- TLS 65 4-8 Ton
- TLS 70-10
- Terex Comedil CTT121
- Terex Comedil CTT181
- Terex Comedil CTT231

Tony concluded, "We would welcome the opportunity of sharing with customers the benefit of our many years of experience in the Tower Crane Hire Industry by offering you technical advice and very competitive quotations for all your Tower Crane requirements."

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Zoning and Anti-Collision Systems. Tony continued, "I have been in the Tower Crane industry for over 45 years and myself and our very experienced staff take great pride in delivering an efficient and personal service to all our customers. Most of our work is repeat business in addition to website enquiries. Companies return to us time and again as they know that they are guaranteed personal and excellent service from our staff throughout every step of their project."

Delta Tower Cranes Ltd insists upon safety, reliability, first class service and efficiency and these are its core values and priorities. The highly skilled and experienced personnel are constantly undergoing training which enables the company to ensure that it provides its customers with a professional and 'safety first' service.

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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.

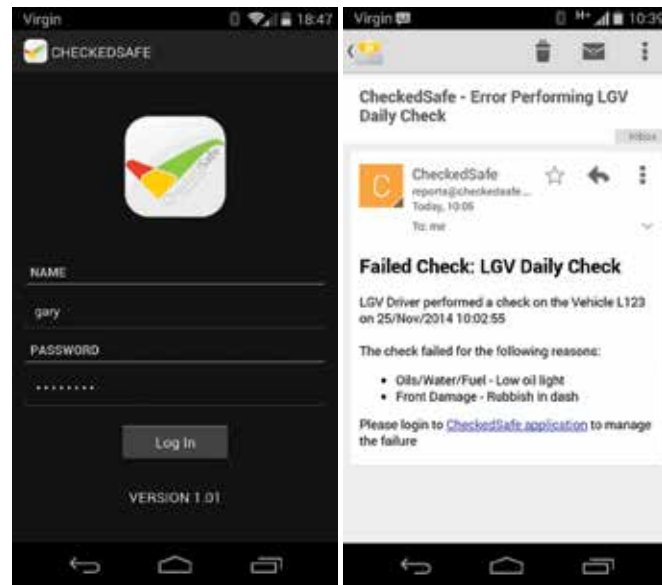
Both Darran and Gary's individual expertise has resulted in CheckedSafe being a nationally recognised company. "I am a transport professional with 30+ years in commercial transport, and Darran has 25+ years as a solicitor, so our individual skills set us apart from other 'IT' providers in the industry," 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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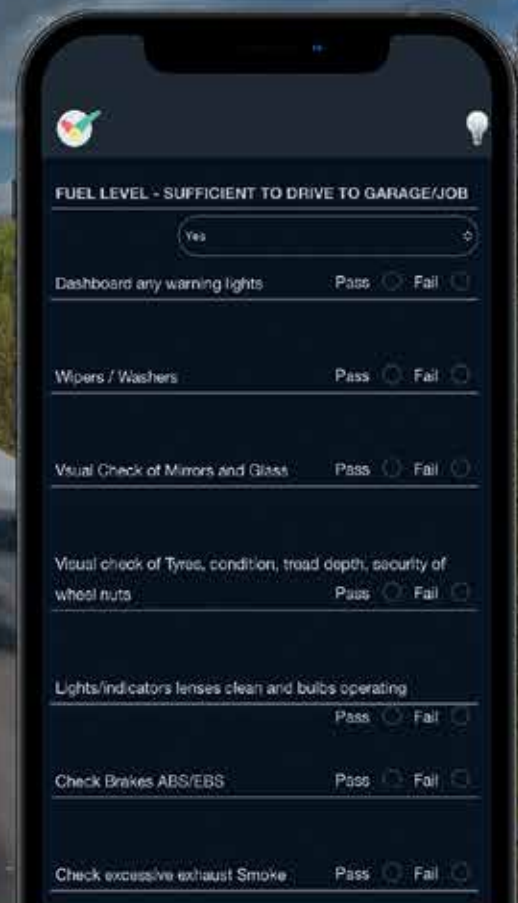
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Demon Designs: Experts in glass

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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