

BUILDING UPDATE

ISSUE: 674 May | www.solutionspublishing.co.uk



GOLD & WASSALL
QUALITY HINGES FOR OVER 200 YEARS

MAKING HINGES SINCE 1790
100% UK MANUFACTURED

Gold & Wassall are the UK's No.1 manufacturer of hinges. We provide a fully comprehensive manufacturing service, which enables us to offer any hinge, for any application.

All our hinges are manufactured at our premises in Tamworth, UK.

We have a huge stock range, all of which are available for immediate dispatch.

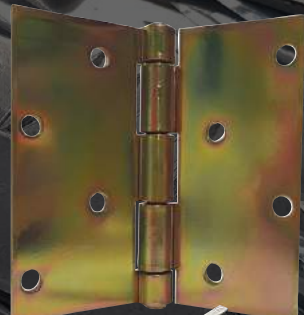
Continuous Hinges

Butt/Backflap Hinges

Lift-Off Hinges

Heavy Duty Hinges

Special Purpose Hinges



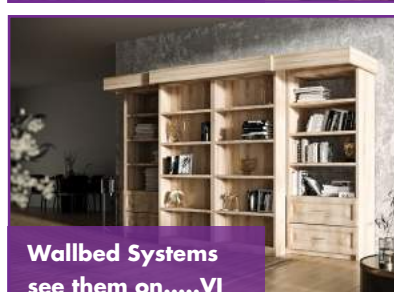
Gold & Wassall
see them on.....II



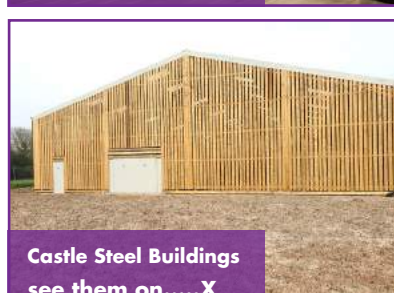
Vandecasteele
see them on.....III



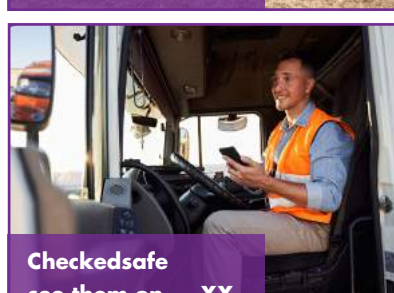
Bluerun Ltd
see them on.....V



Wallbed Systems
see them on.....VI



Castle Steel Buildings
see them on.....X



Checkedsafe
see them on.....XX

Please check our new website:
www.goldwassallhinges.co.uk
Email: sales@goldwassallhinges.co.uk
Telephone: **01827 63391**



www.facebook.com/solutionsuknews



@Publishing_2016

Exciting News: Gold & Wassall's new website is live!

Here at Building Update, we are thrilled to announce the launch of the brand-new Gold & Wassall Hinges website!

The new website has been a long-term project for the team at Gold & Wassall, who after months of hard work and dedication are overjoyed to see this project finally over the line.

Explore the updated design, user-friendly interface and exciting new features all designed to enhance the user experience.

As well as now making it possible to download CAD drawings and 3D models of each hinge from the website, Gold & Wassall has also introduced a new 'Hinge Finder' that allows the user to narrow down suitable hinges based on their required dimensions. Simply choose your hinge type, hinge length, open width, thickness, and pin diameter, and your results are shown instantly. This will help customers utilise the full range of hinges, and show hinges that they might not have found or considered previously.

You will find on the new website a clearer and cleaner way to scroll through their vast range of hinges from continuous/piano, butt & backflap, standard, lift-off, and special purpose to heavy duty and bespoke made to order hinges.

Furthermore, using the company's automatic section on the website that contains eight lines of automated machines, Gold & Wassall is able to make hinges quicker and to almost any length. The company also maintains the specialist tooling for these machines which can complete multiple operations in each press.

Please note: Gold & Wassall is the only hinge company whose hinges are UK made and all



of Gold & Wassall Hinges' stock is available for immediate dispatch.

Gold & Wassall has been manufacturing hinges for over 200 years using a mixture of tried and trusted methods along with modern technology. The launch of its new website comes timely as the company looks to continue its success into 2024 providing unrivalled levels of customer service.

Based in Tamworth, Staffordshire, Gold & Wassall manufactures all its own hinges out of

its in-house purpose-built factory where it also ensures that every product goes through a rigorous testing procedure and receives the upmost attention to detail before being sold. The company prides itself on its customer service and aims to treat every customer fairly and with respect.

The new website also keeps customers informed on the latest news, events and promotions with regular blog posts. The hard-work and expertise that has gone into the creation and deployment of new website will be instrumental in bringing Gold & Wassall's vision for the next few years to life.

Explore the new website and discover all that Gold & Wassall has to offer below:
<https://www.goldwassalhinges.co.uk/homepage>





RE: THINK WOOD



Nature's first choice



My VDC
View and
order stock
online



Prompt
delivery



2025 – our aim is to
trade in Certified
timber only from
2025 onwards



VANDECASTEELE
HOUTIMPORT

vandecasteele.be

LE TONKINOIS VARNISH

LE TONKINOIS VARNISH IS A NATURAL OIL BASED YACHT VARNISH, USING A CHINESE FORMULA DATING BACK TWO OR THREE CENTURIES AND WHAT A FORMULA!

IT REMOVES YOUR BRUSH-MARKS, BRINGS OUT THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE TIMBER, DOESN'T CRACK OR FLAKE OFF, AND IS PERMANENT, SIMPLY ADD A FURTHER COAT EVERY FEW YEARS.

LE TONKINOIS CLASSIC IS THE ORIGINAL CHINESE RECIPE, WHICH HAS PROVED TO BE A FIRST CLASS RESILIENT AND RELIABLE VARNISH FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY. TRADITIONALLY USED BY THE FRENCH NAVY FOR ALL THEIR SAILING VESSELS, AND WIDELY USED BY TRADITIONAL CRAFTSMEN FOR YEARS. IT TENDS TO GIVE A THICKER COAT THAN MARINE NO 1.



Please visit www.letonkinoisvarnish.co.uk
Telephone 01628 629892 or email mail@letonkinoisvarnish.uk

Bespoke Door & Panel Manufacturing



Pandor

BESPOKE DOOR AND PANEL MANUFACTURERS

FIRE DOORS | ACOUSTIC DOORS | PANELLING | DOOR FRAMES

THREE KEY VALUES

SUPERLATIVE QUALITY | SHORTEST DELIVERY | ATTENTION TO DETAIL

OFFERING SERVICE LIKE NO OTHER

EXCELLING IN ACHIEVING FAST LEAD TIMES
FOR BESPOKE FIRE DOOR SETS

QUALITY AND SERVICE WITH A SMILE

PROUD MEMBERS OF THE BM TRADA Q-MARK SCHEME
FOR FIRE DOORS YOU CAN DEPEND ON

UNIT F2/F3 | LONDON ROAD TRADING ESTATE
SITTINGBOURNE | KENT | ME10 1SX
CALL: 0208 279 7611 | 07909 530 007

EMAIL: MIKE@PANDOR.LTD | PANDORLTD@HOTMAIL.COM

Bluerun Ltd once again achieves excellence in the workplace

In this issue of Building Update, we are proud to announce that we have selected Bluerun Ltd as the recipient of our Custom-Made Joinery Excellence Award for 2024.

Upon reopening its doors in May 2020 after the COVID-19 pandemic, Bluerun Ltd has gone from strength to strength with its trusted brand now being known as one of the best in the joinery industry that has recently attracted big name brands turned clients, Starbucks and Waitrose.

Since 2022, the company has continued to strengthen in terms of revenue and new business. It has managed to maintain a strong conversion rate despite the current economic crisis and has found that enquiries for larger jobs as opposed to 'single window' types of jobs has been more popular especially from domestic clients.

Based in Wimbish, near Saffron Walden in Essex, Bluerun manufactures quality, bespoke joinery items for the commercial market from door and window packers to shopfronts, reception desks, mainframes, pub doors, and years ago, even made a trebuchet for Stansted Mounfitchet castle!

Of course, the company has the capabilities to manufacture most things from timber, hardwood, softwood, panels and sheet material. Some common items Bluerun Ltd manufacture for the domestic building market include windows, doors (exterior and interior),



bi-folding doors, staircases, bespoke storage units and wardrobes, all of which come with the option of being sprayed in primer or to a finish.

If you're looking for items made from both hard and softwood or even veneered and painted panels, Bluerun can reproduce an array of items including replacement sashes, where it can manufacture a brand new one on a like for like basis, so the mouldings will match. Similarly, if a domestic

client has found an image of a door that they would like reproduced, Bluerun can usually do that. Recently the company has started using a glass supplier that supplies them with stained glass effect units, complete with leading that has been aged and soldered.

Bluerun only produce purpose made joinery to client's drawings and specifications. Its unrivalled level of customer services means that free quotations are normally provided within 2-3 days or less, and the company can usually deliver a quick turnaround of any manufactured items required. And, because it has an experienced spray operative in charge of a modern spray paint and lacquer facility, articles can leave the factory in a fully finished state, ready for installation on-site.

What really sets Bluerun apart is that since its establishment it has never used computer aided machinery for any designs. Crafted to perfection, all items are finished by hand, drawings are

prepared with pencil and paper, and everything that is manufactured by the team has been done so with the utmost attention to detail. It also has the ability to obtain colour matches of any paint colours for clients that would prefer something sprayed to a finish.

Apart from needing the item to fit out its workshop doors upon completion, there is no limit to any project that Bluerun will endeavour to take on. Inspired by a challenge, Bluerun will do its utmost to cater to all enquiries.

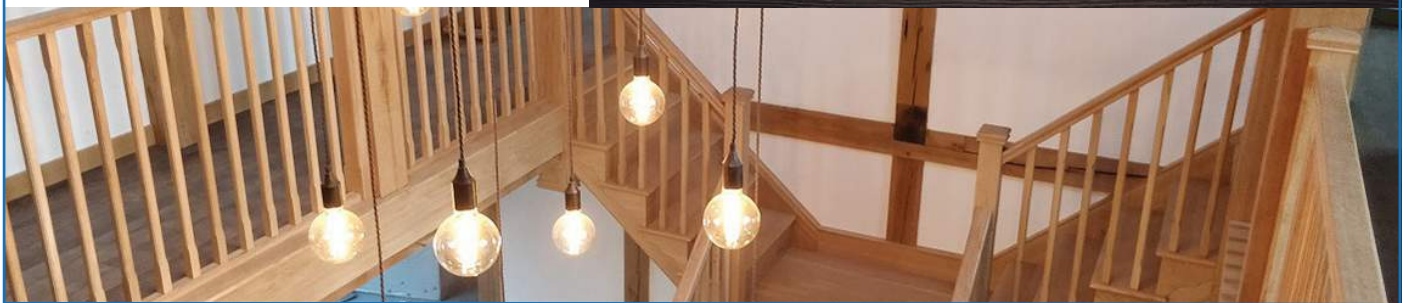
T 01799 599995
dee@bluerunltd.co.uk
www.bluerunltd.co.uk



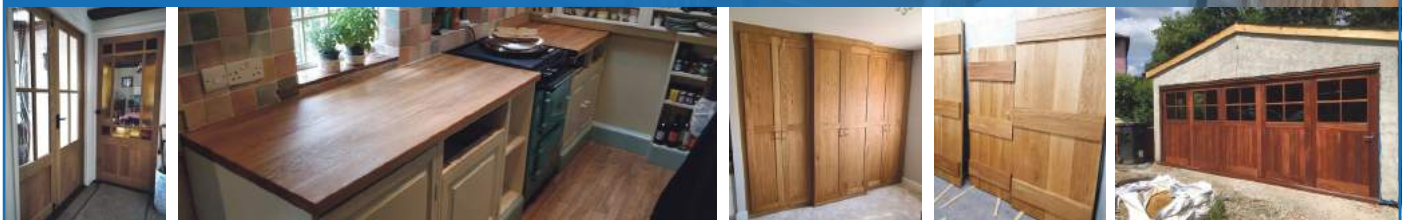
Bluerun Limited

quality bespoke joinery since 1991

**QUALITY, CUSTOM
MADE JOINERY**



Bluerun Ltd have been manufacturing top quality, purpose made joinery for the domestic and commercial markets for over 30 years.



Please visit our website: www.bluerunltd.co.uk

Tel: 01799 599995 | Email: dee@bluerunltd.co.uk f bluerunltd @ bluerun_joinery

Our wallbed models provide limitless possibilities for transforming living space

Wallbeds have never been easier to order, build and install. They can help transform homes, offices and hotel rooms into multi-purpose and versatile spaces as well as providing functional storage areas.

Our wallbeds use a unique, safe, spring support system enabling the precise adjustment of balancing lift, compared with cheaper gas lifts. Our spring balance system has been developed over a 20-year period to guarantee safety and achieve the perfect balance. Being both powerful and adjustable means you can use a premium mattress for absolute comfort as well as to perfectly balance the wallbed, using fingertip control to open and close the wallbed effortlessly and safely.

All our mechanisms and hardware models are complete with contract level finishes and strength.

The NeXT Bed™, Alpha Bed™, Beta DIY Kit, and Studio Desk provide huge scope for rethinking the way we live, work and sleep. Wallbeds can be used

with subtlety and even completed hidden. Built to contract standards, and as well as appearing in an increasing number of homes globally, wallbeds are also gaining increasing popularity in the hotel and hospitality sectors due to their durability and suitability for everyday use.

Wallbeds can also provide additional capabilities such as providing extra storage, integrated seating or a desk. Installation costs are low and especially reduced if installed when completing a full fit out. In furnished apartments, hotel rooms and in tiny or mobile homes, all our models utilise the floor plate very effectively which is essential especially where space is increasingly at a premium, and furniture must be dual purpose. Full drawings are available of cabinet fixings where needed.

Our innovative NeXT Bed™ is an instant wallbed solution used with or without cabinet, immediately installable and useable on arrival, and currently in stock and available worldwide. With a tiny footprint and with fingertip control, the NeXT bed uses the safe spring support system. It can even be part-assembled off-site to further minimise installation time on-site.

The Alpha Bed™ utilises rolled section steel for strengthening the wallbed front panel and includes cross braces to ensure maximum load compatibility whilst never compromising on the perfect balance nor comfort. Our Studio Desk, compatible with the Alpha Bed™, functions as either a desk or side table and integrates directly into the wallbed. Not only does it disappear when the bed is lowered but keeps desk items vertical and undisturbed while the bed is lowered, raised, and in use.



Weighing just 15kg and the size of a cabin case, the Beta DIY kit has been developed specially for cabinet makers, and a range of other specialist trade professionals who require an affordable, compact, safe, reliable, and easy to operate system that from one package, will deliver any size of professional wallbed.

Our wallbed models provide limitless possibilities for transforming living space – just add your creativity and design for the space you need. Free consultation, advice, innovative designs and support provided.

A full range of US/EU/UK sizes are in stock, immediately available in project volumes worldwide. Talk to us today about our wide range of wall bed mechanisms and associated other products.

Wallbed Systems Ltd,
T +44 (0)208 704 5796
M +44 (0)7780 661958
Jeremy.Waller@wallbedsystems.co.uk
www.wallbedsystems.co.uk



WBS WALLBED SYSTEMS
Let's build a Wallbed together

LEADING FOLDAWAY BED SUPPLIERS



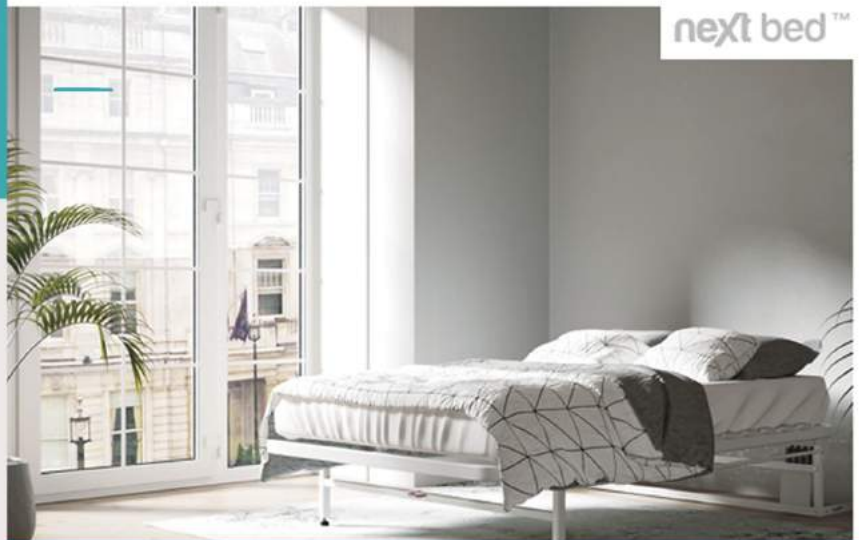
Wide Range



Highest Quality



Competitive Prices



next bed™

Wallbed Systems designs, develops, manufactures, and distributes a wide range of wall bed systems to 27 countries around the world.

Wallbed Systems Ltd.

www.wallbedsystems.co.uk | Jeremy.Waller@wallbedsystems.co.uk
+44 (0)208 704 5796 | +44 (0)7780 66 1958

IAS for your perfect access platform



In this issue of Building Update, we are honoured to select Independent Access Sales (IAS) as our Access Platform Company of the Year.

Access Platforms are indispensable for working at heights or hard-to-reach places, providing workers with a robust structure across many industrial sectors. Many essential services such as air conditioning units, pipes, and ductwork are often stored high in the roof and access platforms are key to installation and essential repairs/maintenance throughout the year. With health & safety in mind, the steady, well-fabricated structures give extra reassurance to workers, throughout the operation period.

Independent Access Sales (IAS) is a relatively new company but with decades of expertise behind it. Established in 2020 by Managing Director: Richard Martin, the Huntingdon-based company is set to take the country by storm.

IAS is a distributor of access platforms across the UK and Ireland and Richard brings more than 35 years of industry experience, from scaffolding, cradle platforms, erection, surveyor, to supervisor. "We are getting noticed now across the industry. We have won three awards in the last twelve months, including a Golden Award from Media2. We've been to numerous trade shows and generated a lot of interest."

"We are excited to reveal that we have exclusively signed with SOGAGE: producer of globally-leading aerial platforms to distribute their truck-mounted platforms, up to 100 metres. A truck-mounted platform



is a mobile elevating platform, which can be attached to a road-licensed chassis and is great when you require an access platform to be adaptable, as it can be switched from site to site easily. We are looking forward to adding this to our growing portfolio and by

the New Year, expect to be selling a wider range of Easylift Spider Platforms, SOGAGE Truck Mounting Platforms and Leonardo HD by Bravi HD to new and existing customers across: facilities management, construction, heritage restoration to tree surgery and many more."

The existing SOGAGE truck line has been flying off the shelves with customers already this year: the SOGAGE 20T carries loads up to 230kg and is a favoured mounted platform for working at height. The SOGAGE 21DJ works up to 20.3M and is a second popular choice for many applications.

For those working in facilities management or heritage restoration, the Easylift srl Piattaforme Aeree R360 provides a turret rotation of 360° for cleaning and delicate work in limited spaces. Designed to work at a height of 35.4M, it is also preferred by tree surgeons for all aspects of arboriculture. The R260 model works to a maximum height of 26M, with an outreach of

13.5M, precision-designed for maintenance and installation jobs.

The Bravi Platform HD meanwhile is the default choice for tight spaces and doorways, offering a sturdier alternative to scaffolding or ladders.

IAS offers a full consultancy service for new customers, to source the perfect access platform and moving forward, offers six-monthly inspections, servicing and maintenance, meaning you can just get on with the job at hand.

"It is a real pleasure to hear repeat custom across many sectors. We take great pride in customer service, from our expert, technical know-how, to quick lead delivery times."

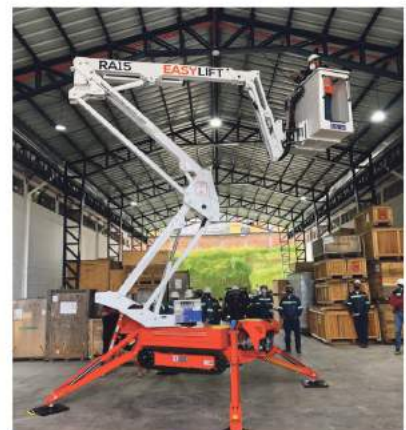
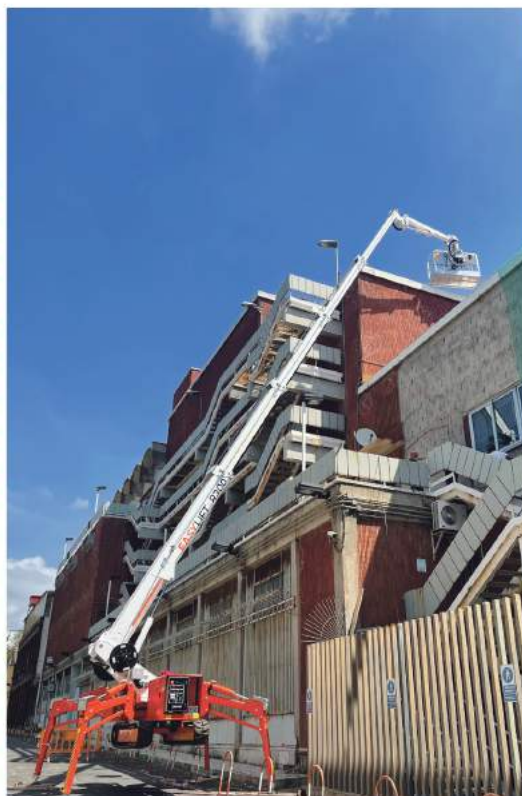
"In the near future, we are hoping to begin talks with a dealership of little truck booms. These are ideal for a variety of one-day applications from street work, signage, windfarms to pest control. Look out for our Spring demo road tour round the UK! We look forward to meeting new and existing customers then."

The company currently has an extensive range of used machinery for interested customers, including: JLG660SJ Articulated Boom, Aerial AL22 Truck Mounted, Multitel MJ201 Truck Mounted and Easylift R180 Spider Platform, please see this link for details: <https://iasales.co.uk/used-machines>

For more information, or to view the product range, please see the website below or ring Richard Martin directly: M 07483 246878 enquiries@iasales.co.uk service@iasales.co.uk www.iasales.co.uk

SUPPLY AND SERVICE SPIDER PLATFORMS AND TRUCK MOUNTED PLATFORMS AND WILL HAVE THE PERFECT ACCESS SOLUTION FOR YOUR BUSINESS.

FIND YOUR PERFECT PLATFORM



GET IN TOUCH TODAY OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW OUR RANGE.
 T. 07483 246878 | E. ENQUIRIES@IASALES.CO.UK | W. WWW.IASALES.CO.UK





CELEBRATING 10 YEARS PROVIDING HOISTS FOR CONSTRUCTION

Direct Hoist, an ever-expanding construction hoist hire and sales specialist, is celebrating its 10th anniversary. A relentless 10 years of evolution; a constant commitment to staff development, an unrivalled attitude towards impeccable safety standards and a green revolution within the industry sector.

The midlands-based firm is at the forefront of construction hoist technology, bringing innovative Italian Electroelsa machinery to the British market and establishing the foundations of an accredited training facility at its Lincolnshire headquarters to boost health and safety standards on construction sites.

Direct Hoist's company founder and managing director Rob Wilson (pictured), is keen to ensure customers can benefit from his firm's growth by gaining access to not just a wider range of products but a one-stop shop for planning, supply and tuition for the use of construction hoists.

For many years, Direct Hoist has specialised in high-quality German GEDA equipment and boasts a healthy fleet of modern, expertly-maintained machines always available for hire. But to keep ahead of competitors – and to ensure customers receive the best choice – Direct Hoist is also the UK distributor for Electroelsa, an Italian manufacturer of mast-climbing work platforms (MCWPs), transport platforms, material hoists and construction hoists.

Rob says, "Electroelsa is implementing a wide range of technological innovations, which we're excited to introduce to the British construction industry."

Electroelsa is a market-leader in safety, and benefit from high-tech computer control, including SIM technology with data-logging; it features a self-diagnostic function to remotely relate to Direct Hoist any problems, wherever it is in the world.



Direct Hoist invested in the expansion and redevelopment of its Lincolnshire site to include vastly greater storage areas, bigger offices and a bespoke teaching centre. Here, candidates will be trained to reach NVQ (National Vocational Qualification) Level 2 standard in hoist installation. A two-day session will be offered for experienced people, while a week-long course is available for a more comprehensive understanding of erecting and dismantling different types of construction hoists.

Direct Hoist's facility includes a 10m training tower, capable of transporting a two-tonne platform hoist to full height, and has partnered with a specialist training provider examined by an external assessor before they can receive a certificate to supply NVQ accreditation. So, at the end of each course, students receive a certificate, which will be recognised on most building sites.

Further expansion to the Direct Hoist Group includes the launch of its trailer hire, DH Trailer Hire, and plant hire department, DH Plant Hire – mini diggers, dumpers, excavators and such like – again to give clients better and easier access to the machinery needed.

Whilst achieving all that, Rob's approach to all aspects of the business is to take a fresh look at Direct Hoist's operations with an environmental eye.

Rob says, "Direct Hoist is moving forward to decrease our carbon footprint down to zero emissions."

The basics were covered easily: long-life, low-energy LED lighting was fitted to the firm's workshops and offices to replace inefficient equipment; recycling



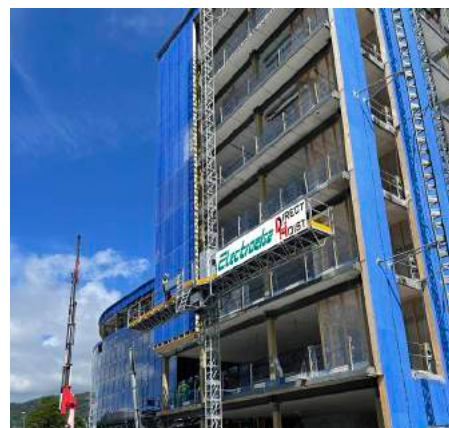
is rigorously monitored and separated to minimise general waste; scrap materials are saved up and weighed in only when there's a full load, and implemented paper-free hand-overs via phone apps, and virtually paperless offices.

Direct Hoist runs a fleet of diesel-powered vans on HVO (hydrotreated vegetable oil) fuel. HVO (BS EN 15940 standard) is 100% renewable and offers a 90% reduction in CO₂.

Rob says, "We're looking at running a small EV (Electric Vehicle) van for local deliveries but the larger Electric vans don't yet offer the range we need, so HVO is a good alternative. Compared with white diesel, HVO fuels have benefits for health and the environment. Air pollution is drastically reduced, and it's much safer if there's an accidental spillage – HVO biodegrades quickly, whereas regular diesel will remain slippery and harmful to the ecosystem for years."

Direct Hoist's switch away from fossil fuels includes a hire fleet of generators that will run on HVO when powering hoists on sites without connection to mains electricity.

An impressive 10-year flight to the top.



Electroelsa Hoists
SIM technology
Remote diagnostics
Mobile reporting
Less downtime

Contact Rob Wilson:
T +44 (0)1724 781647
www.directhoist.co.uk

ModCon Cabin Trader Ltd

ModCon Cabin Trader was formed in 2017 by Alan Willetts of whom has 25 years experience of working for some major manufacturers in the Modular & Portable Building Industry.

ModCon Cabins as it is also known manufactures and supplies Steel Anti Vandal Portable Cabins, Containers, Modular Buildings and all site ancillary items associated with the Portable Building Industry. Please visit: www.modconcabins.co.uk

Items such as Portable Offices, Canteens, Toilet units, Drying units, Storage Containers,



Chemstores, Smoking Shelters, Effluent Tanks, Staircases are regular and repeat produced items that we manufacture for our clients.

Based in Gloucestershire in the South West we are logistically nicely placed around all the major motorway networks for ease of transportation.

Our workforce are all very skilled and experienced fabricators of whom have many years experience working within our industry and so know the expectancy of our customers requirements so you can be sure that if you approach ModCon Cabins to undertake your work you are in very good hands!

Being that all items produced are mostly built on a jig and to customers own specification

we are open to undertaking bespoke enquiries too so please feel free to engage with us here at ModCon Cabins even if you have a rather random enquiry for certain products.

Why not also take a look at ModCon Cabin Traders other side of the business which is an Auction/Resale website that allows all and sundry to utilise the site to sell new & used Portable Building products which operates very similar to a well-known auction/resale site we are all familiar with, however only for products relating to our industry.

T 0333 404 8822
info@modconcabins.co.uk
www.modconcabins.co.uk



ModConCabins
Manufacturer of Modular, Containers & Cabins

Steel AV Cabins • Smoking Shelters • Chemical Stores & Storage Units
Staircases & Steps • Effluent Tanks • Water Bowsers • Turnstiles



INTRODUCING



MODCONCABINTRADER
www.modconcabins.co.uk

ModCon Cabin Trader, the Modular, Portable Building & Plant Industry related, Resale/Auction website!

info@modconcabins.co.uk

+44(0)333 404 8822 07842 318869

Outdoor Buildings

Warwick Buildings Ltd wins Award of Excellence for 2024

Warwick Buildings Ltd is a leading local supplier of high quality timber buildings, specialising in garden offices, modern garden rooms, and wooden garages. With a focus on quality craftsmanship and a commitment to using sustainable materials, Warwick Buildings is a trusted name in the industry, providing customers with versatile, aesthetically pleasing structures enhancing their outdoor spaces. Founded in 1988, at the heart of Warwick Buildings' success is its customer-centric approach. The company prides itself on delivering a personalised service, assisting customers from the initial design phase to the final installation.

E2 Media have recently unveiled their highly anticipated 2024 Awards of Excellence. Warwick Buildings Ltd, have secured the prestigious award for the second consecutive year. Their exceptional dedication to providing unparalleled customer service has set them apart.

Warwick Buildings' outdoor buildings are designed to meet the growing demand for functional workspaces within the tranquility of your home.



These structures are crafted with precision and attention to detail, utilising high-quality timber. Whether for remote professionals or those looking for traditional office spaces, these garden offices are a perfect solution. Warwick Buildings offers a wide range of customisation options, allowing customers to create a building that matches their specific requirements. Warwick Buildings incorporates advanced insulation techniques and double-glazed windows into their garden rooms and offices, making them energy-efficient, suitable for year-round use.

So, if you're looking for a suitable outdoor office space or want to increase your living space then Warwick Buildings is the go-to choice for all your needs.

For more information, please visit: www.warwickbuildings.co.uk

TIMBER GARDEN BUILDINGS

'Quality Timber Buildings For All Your Needs'



Warwick Buildings
Nightingale Lane
Southam Road
Long Itchington
Warwickshire
CV47 9AT



**GARDEN OFFICES
TIMBER GARAGES**

01926 815757 | www.warwickbuildings.co.uk

Steel Buildings



STEEL BUILDING SOLUTIONS

+ SINGLE SKIN + COMPOSITE + ROLLER DOORS + WINDOWS +



INDUSTRIAL



AGRICULTURAL



DOMESTIC

+ SKYLIGHTS + PERSONNEL DOORS + INSTALLATION OPTIONS +

GET A FREE ON-LINE QUOTE AT

WWW.CASTLESTEELBUILDINGS.CO.UK

OR CONTACT US ON

01302 301402

INFO@CASTLESTEELBUILDINGS.CO.UK

X

Vandecasteele sponsors this issue of Industrial Solutions UK: see them on page III

Industry-leading solutions for EWI

SWIFIX is a multi-award-winning company that designs state-of-the-art solutions for securing external furniture through External Wall Insulations (EWI). Established in 2016, the range has been increasingly extended, including a recent, winning design partnership with SKY telecommunications for a new product for securing cables and small pipework and with City Fibre, and recent distribution to the EU as seen as a product that is required there.

Here at Building Update, we have been so impressed with SWIFIX, that we have previously awarded it with our External Wall Insulation Company of the Month and coveted Product Innovation Award, for its outstanding industry-leading services. Other prestigious accolades include: The INCA Innovation Award Winner in 2021, and has also been recognised as industry-leading by the wider building & construction industry and energy sector and has won a whole host of awards: The E2 Media Award of Excellence, Award for Innovation from Solutions Publishing and Best Practice Construction Award from Building & Construction Review. The company has also been named in 2023 as a finalist in the, Offsite Awards, Energy Efficiency Awards, INCA Awards and shortlisted in the Oscars of construction: The National Building & Construction Awards.

The Insulated Render and Cladding Association (INCA) is familiar to many in the industry, as the recognised trade association for the EWI industry across the UK. Awards are primarily reserved for exceptional work in the industry.

SWIFIX brings a unique design approach, offering a fresh way of looking at securing external furniture through EWI. Timber pattresses had always traditionally been the preferred manner for securing

the fixing of satellite dishes through to utility boxes upon reinstatement. That was until SWIFIX introduced its genius, design range and became a heavyweight opponent. The Exeter-based company is now part of one of the fastest growing areas across the UK construction industry.

We spoke to Director and Founder extraordinaire: Paul Brown to find out more about this multiple-award winning company, "Our unique design approach has brought robust solutions to market, for securing external furniture through EWI. These include: satellite dishes, rainwater goods, canopies, light alarms, signage, cables, pretty much any item that needs reinstatement."

"We work with a broad range of loyal and new customers from Architects, Local Authorities (LA's) to major contractors and system designers providing surefire solutions for securing external wall furniture, through insulation and cladding, across a range of properties, including retrofit, new build, and the off-site modular sectors."

"SWIFIX are highly recommended by many system designers as a product of choice, due to the fact that by using the solution and the way in which they are installed, they protect warranties and guarantees for the systems installed."

What's more, the SWIFIX range is PAS2035-compliant for quality assurance and with easy installation and added cost efficiency, it's easy to see why they are the leading choice for many customers.

From a quick glance, the innovative products look effortlessly simple in design but as we know from History, even the simplest design takes blood, sweat and tears. The design was years in the making,



including vigorous testing across wind loadings, shear and load testing and the crucial element of thermal loss and heat transfer, until the finished design was completed.

The finished range offers industry-leading, watertight solutions to the devastating impact of water ingress. With its versatile design, it is compatible with many different formats and can hold higher weights.

The cherry on top is the eco-efficient characteristics, made from partially-recycled plastics, with all parts fully recyclable. The packaging is naturally recyclable too, making this a desirable product range, as part of the circular economy.

We're looking forward to seeing which awards SWIFIX wins next!

For more information, please see below:
T 01884 560477
info@swifix.co.uk
www.swifix.co.uk



INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS TO ENABLE FIXING THROUGH EXTERNAL WALL INSULATION

Our products are one of the most cost-effective solutions to enable the fitting of external furniture through external wall insulation and rain screen cladding, with the added benefit of being designed specifically for the job. Fully PAS 2035 compliant for the future of retrofitting and the Modular housing sectors and the ideal solution for a longer term maintenance provision.

All fittings meet stringent technical requirements by preventing the compression of insulation and providing a watertight seal. They are also approved by many leading manufacturers and organisations developing modern methods of construction to support the requirement for new homes in the UK.

To find out more, please visit www.swifix.co.uk, call **01884 560477** or email info@swifix.co.uk



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 2024.

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. Using recycled plastic not only greatly contributes towards the reduction of carbon footprint, but companies will see a significant reward on their return.

"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.

Wood is becoming increasingly expensive and difficult to source, and needs constant attention to avoid deterioration. Yes, the initial costs for recycled plastic are higher, but over a 25-year period, a study by

WRAP (Waste Resources Action Programme), in 2000 proved it to be a more cost-effective material due to the product's extended longevity and zero maintenance properties."

'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.

In the past, Kedel's plastic wood has been named 'Best Recycled Product' at the National Recycling Awards and is an ideal maintenance free replacement for wood, cladding, gallows brackets, pediments, fascia boards, rafter tails, finials, fencing and decking. Kedel has over 1,000 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.

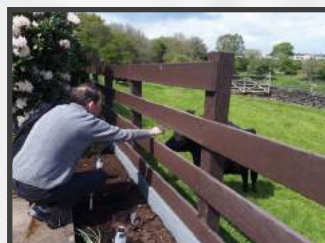
Ideal for education establishments and facilities management are Kedel's maintenance-free benches and picnic tables. They look like wood but perform like plastic, and the tables last at least five times longer than wood, making them a very attractive long-term investment.

For companies willing to create a circular economy for plastics, look no further than Kedel.

For more information, please see below:
T 01282 861325
www.kedel.co.uk



The Zero Maintenance Alternative to Wood



Recycled Plastic

- 100% recycled and recyclable
- Impervious to fungi, algae, insects
- Never rots, splinters or cracks
- Graffiti resistant
- UV Protected
- Eco-friendly and low carbon
- 100% maintenance free
- Lasts a lifetime



Please contact us on 01282 861325
sales@kedel.co.uk | www.kedel.co.uk



Introducing the Eco Clipper Electric Mowing Systems

Eco Clipper offers large area mowers that help field managers minimise mowing costs while producing a professional finish. The Eco Clipper mowing system was originally developed to replace the cylinder mower in turfgrass production. The aim was to retain the cutting performance of a well-tuned cylinder mower, but not the high maintenance requirements and sensitivity to mowing conditions, such as wet grass and weeds.

The system

The smooth cutting decks with fast spinning small blades ensure a high quality of cut and a good distribution of clippings. Thanks to the electrically driven blades, the mower is very economical and quiet. The large wheels and smart mower deck linking system ensures good contour following and enables high mowing speeds.



The benefits

Users report high productivity gains and appreciate the low maintenance requirements and the ability to schedule mowing even under less favourable mowing conditions, such as early morning dew and wet autumn, which can often prevent removal of grass clippings.

The models

Municipalities and sports field and park managers have discovered the advantages of the Eco Clipper mowing system. For them, Eco Clipper now offers two versions: the 4.11m wide EC-FM4 Sport and the 3.43m wide EC-FM343. Both are positioned in front of the tractor, providing excellent visibility and comfort for the tractor driver.

The EC-FM4 Sport has four independent mowing decks, mows till 4.11m wide and folds up to 2.5m width. It only needs 50hp, but fits best to small size agricultural tractors. To meet the demand for more lightweight mowers suitable for most park tractors from 40hp upwards, the Eco Clipper FM343 has been developed. This three-part Eco Clipper front mower cuts 343cm wide and folds to a transport width of 170cm. As with the larger 411cm wide EC-FM4, electricity is provided by a PTO-powered generator behind the tractor.

For more information, please see below:
info@ecoclipper.com
<https://www.ecoclipper.com>



'Dedicated to offer the best mowing system for maintaining large area turfgrass'



Eco Clipper FM4 Sport
 for sporting grounds
www.ecoclipper.com



Leaders in Built Environmental Safety and Health and Wellbeing Consultancy



Consulting on various aspects of project design, constructability and operational lifecycle matters for local and global commercial clients.

DCON Safety Consultants is committed to understanding the specific needs, goals, and desires of each individual client and project. Upon gaining this special understanding, we commit ourselves to the implementation of a design and construction management plan that will meet or exceed these requirements. Our foundation for each project is honesty, integrity, trust, and professionalism.



OUR SERVICES

- DESIGN SUPERVISOR
- PLANNING COMPLIANCE
- CONSTRUCTION HEALTH & SAFETY
- HEALTH & SAFETY STRATEGY
- EXPERT WITNESS

Please visit: www.dconsafety.com

Email info@dconsafety.com • Phone +353 (0)1 611 1556

DCON Safety Consultants, Suite 5, Fitzwilliam Square East, Dublin 2

Belisha & Refuge Beacons

AmberGLO8

8W LED Beacon with amber globe and aluminium gallery with 3No. reflective white bands. Reliable and long lasting



OlympiadIPB

30W total LED Beacon High visibility with illuminated and reflective white banding



Lodestar

LED Refuge Beacon 12W with Pearl Globe and Traffic Grey Gallery



Sentinel26

Refuge upgrade 26W total High Visibility LED Beacon with 2No. Illuminated reflective white bands



Full range in stock – Complete Beacons and accessories – Courtesy Shields, LED Crossing Spotlights, Bracket Arms and retrofit spares such as Reflective White Bands etc

Feeder Pillars

We manufacture and supply a huge range of Feeder Pillars to suit every purpose in galvanised or stainless steel and GRP, Shell only or pre-wired



For every type of power distribution, EV Charging, MRI for Hospitals, Sports & Leisure, Parks & Gardens, Events & Markets, Multi-Service & Multi-User



We keep a wide range of quality Feeder Pillars in stock. Bespoke orders from just 2 weeks



Contact our Sales Team now on **0333 666 2122** or email **info@fisherandcompany.co.uk** or visit **www.fisherandcompany.co.uk** to view our range of products

1-4 Cary Court, Somerton Business Park, Somerton, Somerset TA11 6SB



Electrical Products

Simonbox IP66 Waterproof Floor Outlet



Gromtec
europe Ltd

Available
from your
electrical
wholesaler

Occasional Power
Outlet ideal for
concourse, garage
showrooms, pop
up display areas



Available in two finishes

For more information
www.simonbox.co.uk - 0203 2867949

Hat-trick Award for Davies Turner Group

For the third successive year, the Davies Turner Group have been presented with an internationally-recognised award by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, RoSPA Gold Award, further solidifying this company's position as a worldwide freight and logistics partner.

Davies Turner provides pioneering direct UK weekly rail services in conjunction with their long-term partner in China, Air Sea Transport, who has years of experience in the China rail sector.

Since 2016, Davies Turner have operated China to UK rail services for full load (FCL) and groupage (LCL) shipments, assisting clients with their supply chain needs by reducing shipping times in comparison to Sea Freight. The availability of their import rail services has been vital to clients since the advent of the pandemic, where many importers witnessed shipping line ocean transit time delays, port delays and air freight became cost prohibitive for many large volume or dense cargo shipments.

With confidence and demand for China rail freight services soaring, as evidenced by the 50,000th China-Europe intermodal train embarking on its journey towards the west at the beginning of February this year, Davies Turner have introduced and support a dedicated weekly eastbound rail service for LCL cargo, having undertaken successful trials.

Established over 150 years ago and as one of the first companies in Europe to become accredited as a Full Authorised Economic



is to improve our office environment with some renovations and also look at team building activities that had to be suspended throughout COVID. We are also looking at more training for our staff so they can gain even more experience and knowledge to help assist our clients."

Operator, this forward-thinking company is now a bona fide international freight forwarder, with an award-winning pedigree.

The group has 15 UK branches, including a head office in Birmingham.

We caught up with Andrew Ford, Branch Manager in Rotherham, Yorkshire to find out more, "The Rotherham branch specialises in awkward and out-of-gauge shipments, shipping many vehicles ranging in sizes and type to small rail engines as well as large machinery moves around the world. Alongside this they offer standard freight forwarding – which means the Rotherham Branch can assist in almost all enquiries they receive: 'from an envelope to a large project.'"

"We have an extensive knowledge of the services that we offer within our branch, with our dedication to detail to ensure where possible shipments smoothly and clients are updated should there be any delays out-of-our-control."

"We have had a good start to this fiscal year, which was surprising with the current downturn in world trade. Our short-term plan

Despite most of the COVID-pandemic restrictions lifting and shipping costs starting to decrease, the world of international freight still has to contend with the challenges posed by the war in Ukraine, port strikes and a near-global recession.

Davies Turner offers a light at the end of a gloomy tunnel with its express freight rail service and its extensive European overland portfolio with direct groupage, part load and full load trailer services. Customers can choose between express transit and super-express options, in a thoroughly streamlined system.

For all transportation quotations and further information, please see the details below:
T 01709 529709
rotherhamsales@daviesturner.co.uk
www.daviesturner.com



Leaders in services, and health and safety for the piling industry

Situated in Glasgow, Burnside Plant Ltd is a piling contractor and a company that prides itself on achieving the very best in customer satisfaction. Through this ethos, the company has established a strong reputation for its outstanding services, among its portfolio of regular clientele based throughout the UK.

Utilising its dedicated and professional team, Burnside Plant maintains an impressive amount of experience and expertise, enabling the company to be able to provide an understanding and flexible approach to its customer's requirements, while maintaining the highest levels of quality and safety.

"We provide a whole service including design, supply of materials and installation of sheet piles, tubular piles and provide hire or sales of the piles," said Shirley.

Burnside Plant provides sheet pile installation, cofferdam installation, king post installation, mini piling installation, tube installation, permanent and temporary design works, sheet pile hire and sale, Movax hire and haulage services, across the UK.

The company design, supplies and installs a vast amount of products including interlocking Larssen sheet piling retaining walls, for use in both temporary and permanent applications, king post systems, to meet UK standards and its customers particular specifications, and provides various methods of mini piling. Burnside Plant also maintains its own haulage for delivery and collection of sheet piles and all plant hire.

Shirley added, "We complete the whole scope of the

job. Our customer base can be quite varied, clients can range from civil work to everyday householder's requiring foundation piling for doing an extension."



One of the main aspects of the company's services is its commitment to health and safety.

Shirley stated, "We are Constructionline gold accredited, which means that we uphold high standards of health and safety, including online health and safety for our team. We are fully accredited and we have also taken out other health and safety precautions, including height restrictors on our machines and dead man switches, in case of an emergency. We have adopted various health and safety practices, as we understand that this is a dangerous industry and we have taken all the necessary precautions to ensure that everyone from our employees to anyone around, is kept safe."

As the company looks ahead, Burnside Plant is proud of what it has achieved so far and has experienced consistent growth. Moving forward, the company plans to continue to expand, and gain further confidence from its clients, knowing that their health and safety is of paramount importance to Burnside Plant.

"To be able to receive Constructionline gold, shows to our customers that we are a responsible company, doing everything we can to ensure safety." Shirley continued, "We are a small company, so we are very proud of it. We feel this is why our customers speak so highly of our services and often recommend us to others."

For more information, please see below:
T 01416 479331
M 07787 575418
www.burnsideplant.co.uk

BURNSIDE PLANT HIRE LTD

**SHEET PILING - FOUNDATION PILING -
MINI PILING - NATIONWIDE SERVICE**

**Sheet Pile Installation
Cofferdamn Installation
King Post Installation
Mini Piling Installation
Tube Installation
Permenant and Temporary Design Works**

0141 374 2895 • 07787 575418 • 0141 647 9331

Email: shirley@burnsideplant.co.uk

Web: www.burnsideplant.co.uk

Glasgow

Hinges




GOLD & WASSALL
EST. 1799

Gold & Wassall have been manufacturing hinges for over two centuries, so it's safe to say we know what we're doing.

Our team of experts can design and manufacture almost any hinge, for any application.

T 01827 63391
sales@goldwassalhinges.co.uk
www.goldwassalhinges.co.uk

Project Management Software




elevateTM
Construction Made Easy

Elevate software can provide real-time updates, directing everyone on actions and this results in the team, prioritising their time and becoming more productive.

www.elevate-software.co.uk

Interior & Exterior Furniture




BESPOKE CRETE

BespokeCrete creates custom and bespoke furniture, outdoor kitchens, kitchen worktops, waterfall islands, patio sets, indoor table & bench sets, coffee tables, baths, sinks and so much more – that is fully waterproof, heat, stain and scratch resistant.

T 0800 061 4157
info@bespokecrete.com
www.bespokecrete.com

Deephole Drilling




UNISIG
DEEP HOLE DRILLING SYSTEMS

Our industry-leading customers around the world rely on UNISIG® deep hole drilling technologies for powerful, productive solutions and value. We engineer our machines to handle a complete range of applications, and support them with our high level of expertise and service.

www.unisig.com

Safety Consultancy




DCON
SAFETY CONSULTANTS

DCON Safety Consultants is committed to understanding the specific needs, goals, and desires of each individual client and project.

T +353 (0)1 611 1556
info@dconsafety.com
dconsafety.com

Sign Plaques & Architectural Castings




LEANDER
ARCHITECTURAL

Manufacturers and designers of high quality fingerpost signs, bandstands, bespoke canopies, Porte-cochère, blue plaques, noticeboards, cast signage, memorial plaques, street furniture, gazebos and much more.

T 01298 814941
www.leanderuk.com

Portable Buildings




ModConCabins
Manufacturer of Modular, Containers & Cabins

ModCon Cabins provides modern, affordable and bespoke modular and portable buildings for a multitude of situations, each one carefully crafted from new and used shipping containers.

T 0333 404 8822
modconcabins.co.uk

Eco-Friendly Plastic Products




KEDEL TRADE
ECO-FRIENDLY PLASTIC PRODUCTS

Kedel Limited is a family business, founded on ethical and ecologically sound principles.

We created our business to showcase the very best recycled plastic products, putting green, sustainable living at the heart of all our company decisions.

T 01282 861325
www.kedel.co.uk

Compliance Solutions




CheckedSafe was developed to provide simple and inexpensive compliance solutions that could be tailored to any industry.

Contact
T 01282 908429
info@checkedsafe.com
www.checkedsafe.com

Timber




The Company was founded in 1883 by Louis Vandecasteele. In those days, wagon making was the main commercial activity. Desiré Vandecasteele, son of the founder, then added a small sawmill.

Contact
T +32 56 43 33 00
vandecasteele.be/en

Machinery




With 35 years of experience in the access industry, we will find the platform most suited for your needs and supply at the best price achievable.

Independent Access Sales offer a complete service management facility throughout the UK.

T 07483 246878
enquiries@iasales.co.uk
iasales.co.uk




Landscaping Machinery



Eco Clipper offers large electric-powered mowers that help field managers minimise mowing costs for sports fields. Users report high productivity gains and appreciate low maintenance requirements, quiet operation and the ability to schedule mowing even under less favourable mowing conditions, such as early morning dew and wet autumn.

T +31 (0) 6 46 75 35 60
www.ecoclipper.com



Engineering & Consultancy




Bartels & Vedder is an engineering firm, specialised in floating and flood proof buildings and structures.

T +31 (0)6 422 398 53
www.bartelsvedder.nl

Waterproofing




TuffStuff® is the UK's premium designer, manufacturer and supplier of heavy-duty GRP waterproof flat roofing systems.

T 01977 680250
orders@tuffwaterproofing.co.uk
www.tuffstuff.co.uk

Fixings




Our Award Winning Solutions are one of the most cost-effective solutions to enable the fitting of external furniture through external wall insulation and rain screen cladding, with the added benefit of being designed specifically for the job.

T 01884 560477
info@swifix.co.uk
www.swifix.co.uk




Storage



Wallbed Systems offers a large range of wallbed hardware designs. We produce many different styles of wallbeds and ship all over the world.

Contact Jeremy Waller,
T +44 (0)208 704 5796
jeremy.waller@wallbedsystems.co.uk
www.wallbedsystems.co.uk





The ultimate compliance solution
for complete fleet management

Visit checkedsafe.com



Keep track of
VED renewal
dates



Unlimited
users for the
same cost



Create and
push job
cards



Tailor your
reporting
tools

CheckedSafe
are innovating,
stay tuned for
exciting new
releases...



Find us on

