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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 tranquillity 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.

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



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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.

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

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How are YOU prioritising the safety of your commercial fleet?

Let's face it – how confident are you that your commercial drivers are truly prioritising safety on the roads? Can you be certain that daily walk-around checks are performed accurately? How do you know your drivers are actually getting out of their cabs to inspect their windscreens and tyres before ticking every box and going on their way? For many commercial fleets, the truth is that you don't.

It is well-documented that driving for work is one of the most dangerous things you can ask your employees to do. A staggering 33% of road deaths and 20% of serious injuries involve someone driving for work. So what are you doing about it?

The reality of road safety in commercial fleets

Managing a fleet of commercial vehicles is no easy task. The logistical challenges are immense, and ensuring the safety of each driver is paramount. However, safety protocols can often become mere checkboxes in a long list of daily duties. When the pressure is on to meet delivery schedules and performance targets, it's easy for thorough inspections to fall by the wayside.

But this isn't just about meeting regulatory requirements or avoiding fines. The human cost is significant. When a driver skips a safety check, it could lead to severe consequences – an accident that could have been

prevented, injuries, or even fatalities. These incidents not only affect the driver and their family but can also have a profound impact on your business, from increased insurance premiums to the potential loss of contracts.

The importance of thorough walk-around checks

Daily walk-around checks are a crucial part of ensuring vehicle safety. These inspections are designed to catch potential issues before they become serious problems. A cracked windscreen might seem like a minor issue, but it can obstruct the driver's view and become a major hazard. Worn tyres can lead to blowouts, especially at high speeds, putting the driver and others on the road at risk.

Ensuring that these checks are carried out properly is vital. This means making sure that your drivers are not just ticking boxes but are actually getting out of their cabs and performing the inspections thoroughly. However, manual checks can be inconsistent. Fatigue, complacency, or simple oversight can lead to missed steps, and without a robust system in place, these errors can go unnoticed until it's too late.

Choosing CheckedSafe for safer roads

This is where CheckedSafe comes in. CheckedSafe is a comprehensive SaaS solution designed to ensure that your fleet's safety checks are carried out accurately and efficiently. With our system, you can digitise your inspection processes, making it easier for drivers to complete checks and for you to monitor compliance.

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Independent Access Sales (IAS) sell market-leading manufactured platforms, such as Easylift Spider Platforms, SOCAGE Truck Mounting Platforms.

Based in Huntingdon, IAS has gone from a relative newcomer on the market to selling million-marked machines over the last two years. One the main reasons for the company's success is the focus on solid customer service. Founder Richard Martin has 35 years' previous sector experience across scaffolding, supervisory roles and surveying and understands the industry inside out.

With a focus on brand awareness, IAS brought its Easylift Spider Platforms and SOCAGE truck-mounted platforms to the APF Show from the 19th-21st September at Ragley Estate, Warwickshire. APF has been running since 1976 and is a respected dedicated biannual event for the whole forestry, woodland, arboriculture, firewood,



fencing, tree and timber sectors. It's the largest of its kind and attracted 23,000 visitors this year.

"APF 2024 was a huge success for us. We met lots of knowledgeable end-users, with a huge appetite for the latest machinery. As a biannual event, it had an extra buzz, with lots of strategic talk. We had lots of hot enquiries and sold a SOCAGE 24D double-articulated truck platform during the three-day event. This product has been precision-designed with safety in mind, with automatic stabilisation as standard. It can reach a working height of 23.60M and a lateral reach of 12,70M with a maximum load of 300kg: perfect for all tree surgery jobs. The SOCAGE 24D is set up to approach heights without risk of collision and with improved precision, which is ideal for manoeuvres like tree pruning." added Richard.

The Easylift Spider Platforms are also ideal for tree surgeons: with the range available from 13M up to 53M. The Easylift platforms give the owner

operator assurance and flexibility in business: simply put – more control over what to do in different environments. For tree surgeons, this allows operators the advantage of closing the Easylift Spider Platform down to less than 1M working width to take down a narrow footpath in a forest, to setting up on a hill to work at great height.

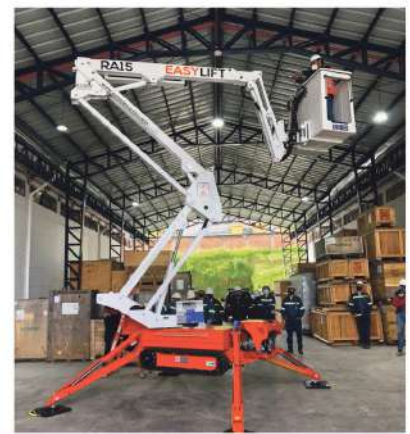
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Based in Bath, Seviour Timber Frames was formed six years ago, built off the back of a previous well-established business and now uses a dedicated timber frame facility for all off-site work.

Timber frames carry considerable advantages and are becoming the go-to products for the building sector. The benefits include enhanced thermal/airtightness/fire-rated performance, design flexibility, speed of building, reduced on/off-site wastage, building regulations compliance, and lifetime cost savings from energy-efficient structures.

With over 25 years' industry experience, Managing Director, Craig Seviour has worked with timber frames since the age of 16 through early apprenticeships. Following that time, Craig has monitored the evolution

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Seviour Timber Frames takes great pride in utilising different styles of timber frames, cut and trussed roofs and a wide range of joists to create the perfect build every time.

Seviour Timber Frames provide a complete timber package service: bronze, silver, gold and platinum, alongside a customised timber frame service with the highest quality joists and roofs, with a range of insulation to suit each client's preference, budget and style.

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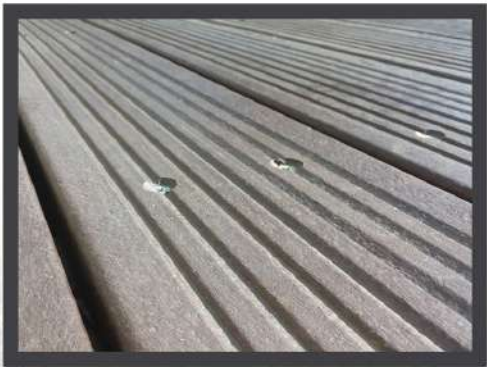
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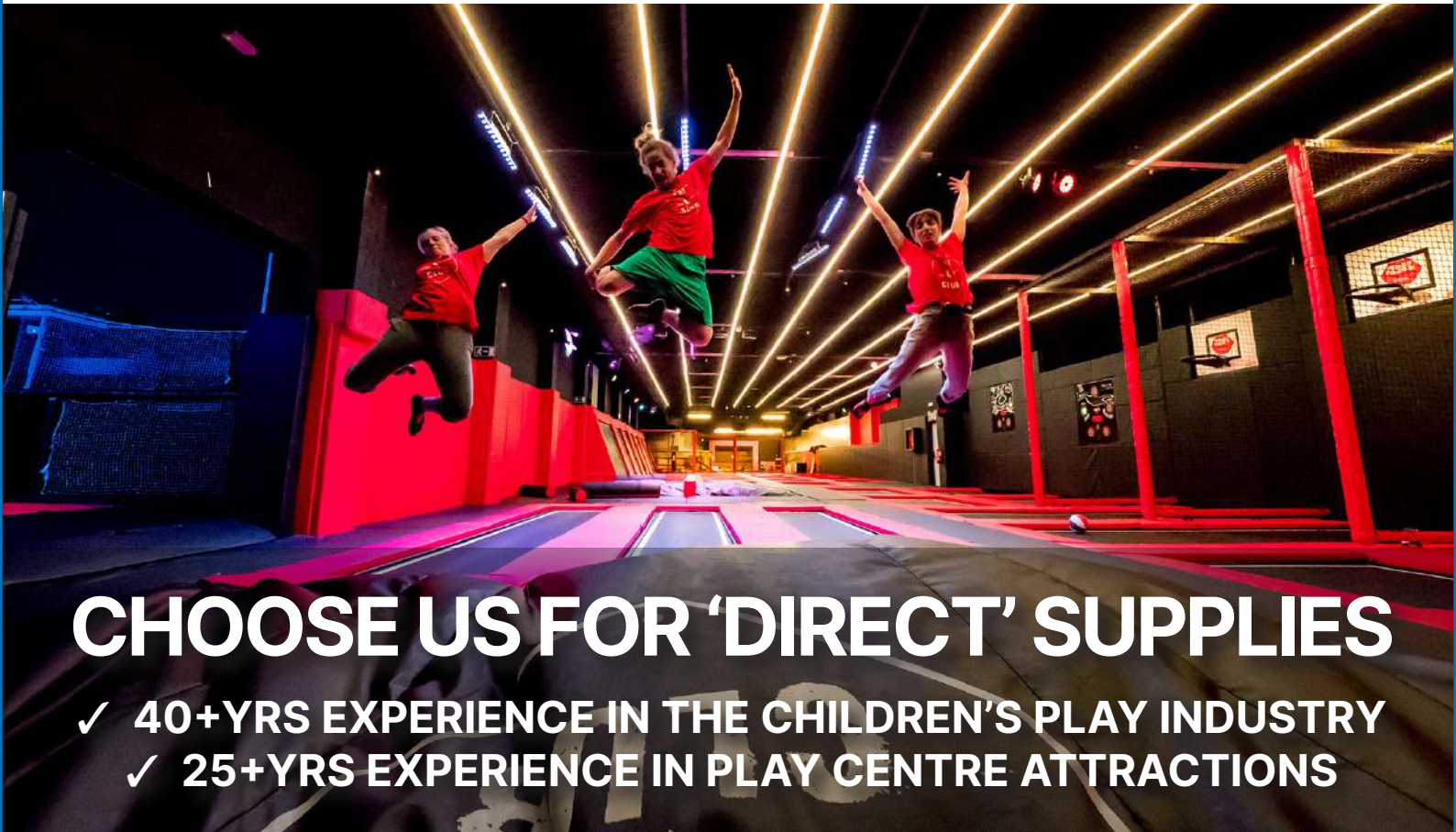
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Multi-award winner SWIFIX is synonymous with excellence and innovation and since inception in 2016 has seen astonishing year-on-year growth. With growth expected to more than double this year, Founder and Director Paul Brown has taken on a new company depot to expand the fulfilment side of the business.

The key milestones in the company's history include partnering with CityFibre to roll out UK-wide broadband with leading installation products such as fibre broadband cables, catenary wires and utility boxes. A further collaboration with Exeter College as consultant on curriculum saw the design and delivery of retrofit boot-camps and upskilling courses for the insulation sector.

Paul began his career as a plasterer working on the restoration of ornamental plasterwork before moving into the EWI sector over two decades ago and working with a company that is now a FTSE 250 listed company. Gaining working knowledge across the sector, Paul worked in a number of directorships delivering EWI, Decent Homes maintenance, gas and electrical and renewable services.

With expert knowledge of the EWI sector at large, specifically within the housing sector, Paul saw a niche market and started designing and producing a range of fittings, dedicated to refitting and installing lightweight and heavyweight items through EWI systems. These innovative fixings have been approved and specified by many EWI system designs and clients across the UK and can be used during or after system installation.

"This work progressed further as a key member of GCAP (Green Construction Advisory Panel): a group of individuals set up in the South West from across industry; including installers, suppliers, landlords and merchants. The mission of GCAP is to bring sustainable training and education opportunities to the housing and construction sectors." explains Paul.

With the legislative passing of PAS 2030 in 2017 and PAS 2035 in 2019, the industry has moved away from the more traditional usage of timber pattresses, which are now seen as poor practice by many experts including the Chief Construction Adviser (CCA) Peter Hansford. The traditional method of fixing items, such as satellite dishes, fence/gate posts, external pipe work, lights/alarms, canopies, utility boxes, through to washing lines and hanging baskets had been through timber pattresses, spreading the load over a larger area of surface wall. This however contributed to cold spots, thermal bridging and even impacted on insulation qualities, alongside the natural wear and tear of the timber itself.

The SWIFIX range is PAS 2035-compliant for retrofitting, modular housing sector and future-



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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 Mountfitchet 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.

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