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Make your project possible

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.

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.

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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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.

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Events

Elite event crewing services

Olympus Crew offers a comprehensive range of event crewing services, distinguished by its highly trained and versatile team. With expertise spanning from tools and staging to AV and lighting, the crew is prepared to handle a range of diverse tasks efficiently.

Founded in 2018, Olympus Crew has rapidly established itself as a versatile and reliable partner in the event industry. Over the past six years, they have successfully managed a wide array of events, including festivals, corporate gatherings, live shows, and sporting events. With seasoned crew chiefs at the helm, Olympus Crew ensures smooth operations, effective client communication, and proficient management of large on-site teams. Its dedication to excellence makes them a standout choice for event execution.

Olympus Crew have the ability to travel all over the UK and even overseas when required. The team is made up of diverse skillsets including carpentry, audio visual, physical and mental strength, as well as forklift and IPAF operators.



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With an archive of over 35,000 products, drawings and specifications, Great British Lighting can reproduce almost any luminaire from the last century and earlier, employing the latest CAD technology coupled with traditional craft skills. Great British Lighting also offers bespoke metalwork service producing high quality items such as balustrade, ecclesiastical fittings and door furniture.

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Pioneering sustainability with Recycled Plastic Innovations

In this issue of Building Update, we are proud to spotlight Kedel as our top recommendation for eco-friendly plastic products in 2025.

This recommendation comes off the back of a fantastic year for Kedel. 2024 saw the company win double awards in the Feefo Trusted Service Awards 2024 as well as receive the Exceptional Service and Gold Trusted Service Awards 2024. These awards epitomise their exceptional customer experience across the board, which has been at the heart of Kedel operations since inception.

Kedel is a market-leading manufacturer and distributor of recycled plastic products, outdoor and park furniture. With a focus on sustainability, Kedel has been a front-runner in the industry since winning the 'Best Recycled Plastic Product' at the National Recycling Awards back in 2015.

Over the years, the family business has expanded, with a product range now serving a wide customer

base including local Government, housing associations, education, construction and domestic sectors.

The three founders are brothers: Kieran, Dermot and Lewis Walch, whose endeavour to bring sustainable products to the foreground have made Kedel products the 'industry's products of choice.'

"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, and notice boards just 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," explained Lewis.

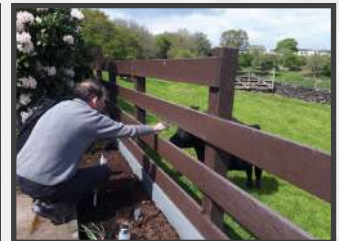
Using recycled plastic offers a dual advantage: it significantly reduces the carbon footprint while delivering substantial returns for businesses. These products are rot-proof and require no ownership costs, maintenance, labour, materials, or replacement expenses, making them a cost-effective and sustainable choice.

Take Kedel's plastic fencing panels for example, which are an ideal solution for end customers, including housing associations. Unlike traditional wooden panels, they eliminate the need for frequent replacements. The entire sustainable range withstands frost without cracking and remains intact even under heavy rain, avoiding splintering or damage. Additionally, Kedel's benches and picnic tables are perfect for educational institutions, providing durable outdoor furniture without the burden of high maintenance costs.

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IAS: Success at APF 2024 and exclusive new Socage product

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 of 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.

"We are delighted to report that from early next year, we will be supplying the SOCAGE 75M – which will be the largest SOCAGE access platform in the UK: a market-first. Contact us now for further information!"

For more information or to speak to Richard Martin directly, please see the details below:

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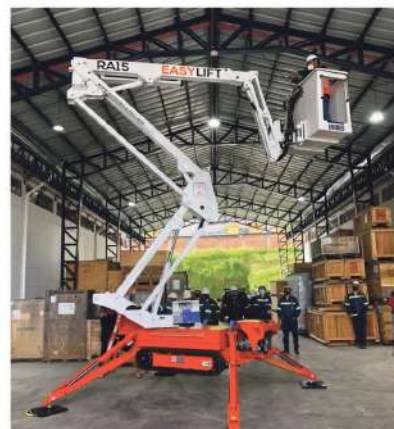
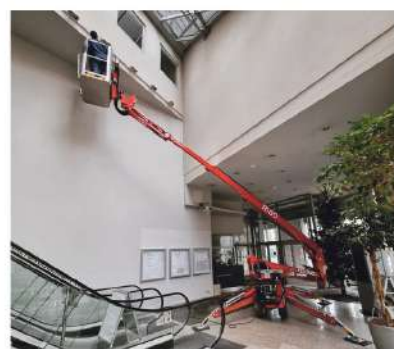
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Electrical Products

SIMONBOX: Revolutionising electrical installations



The SIMONBOX IP66 exemplifies outstanding quality and innovation, setting a new standard in the industry by addressing the design challenge of making a waterproof floor outlet which is easy to access and easy to use.

Designed for use in hard floor areas which require occasional power, data connection, and an IP protection rating, the SIMONBOX IP66 plays a significant role in the advancement of electrical solutions.

For example, its ease of use is remarkable. There are no lids to unscrew or extra parts to assemble. Users simply pop open the lid using the standard slide or the Allen key

security mechanism. Inside, the outlet can be fitted with either a UK 13amp or 5amp socket. When in use, the outlet meets the IP20 standard, and when closed, it achieves IP66 protection.

The SIMONBOX is available in two finishes: brushed stainless steel and brass. Users have the option of selecting waterproof sockets, with choices for a flush floor or a trimmed box finish. Depending on the floor type, there are two back box options: one for screed floors and another for raised or suspended floors.

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Electric Heaters

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Selecting the right heater for a home is one of many decisions to make when building, renovating and converting. But how do you know what to choose?

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Ever noticed how heating sometimes affects the air indoors? And did you know poor air quality affects concentration, health, and overall wellbeing? Heaters that burn dust, lead to unpleasant smells and potential health irritants when being released. This could be especially problematic for those with asthma and allergies but also affects concentration and learning abilities.

Beha Electric Smart Heaters

address this issue with an innovative design: an extruded aluminium surface with perforations ensuring temperatures stay below where the dust begins to burn. Simply put, these heaters do not burn dust and therefore does not affect the indoor air quality of your home.

Control your heating

Each Beha Electric Smart Heater has an independent in-built thermostat, letting you customise the temperature for different rooms. You can set up a weekly programme and adjust this through an easy-to-use free app on your smart phone or tablet, controlling your heaters from anywhere, anytime. Only heat the rooms you need, as much as you need.



These heaters can also be manually adjusted. The set temperature will project with large clear numbers onto the floor for a few seconds to make it easy to see.

Your interior style and design choices

The range of Beha Electric Smart Heaters includes heaters with traditional steel front, modern glass front and an innovative paintable front that also can be used 'raw' as it is. It is your style and your choice. These heaters not only come with different looks but also in different sizes and power outputs so there is a heater for all needs and interior styles whatever room and type of project.

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System upgrades included replacing and extending ducting, adjusting diameters to optimise waste flow velocities, and installing Paramount Shoe diverters throughout. This allowed for waste segregation, enhancing returns on waste and assisting customer's sustainability targets.

Post-upgrade, the customer experiences less than one blockage per month, allowing for an investigative procedure with most now being attributed to operator error rather than system design. This work, carried out for a multi-site, multi-country producer, has not only resolved long-standing issues but also strengthened Paramount's relationship within the customer's Group through the installation of proven, tested solutions and Engineering expertise.

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One-stop-shop for indoor and outdoor sports and leisure spaces

The UK has seen an explosion in indoor recreational spaces, from trampoline parks, Ninja Warrior courses to soft play centres.

The first indoor Trampoline Parks opened in 2014 and over the last ten years, over 150 parks have opened. From corporate days out, to children's parties and clubs, trampoline parks are a growing industry.

Ninja Warrior Courses have likewise sprung up in major cities across the country, all inspired by the ITV hit programme Ninja Warrior UK. From Leicester to Liverpool, children and teenagers of all ages put their Ninja skills to the test in a series of physical obstacle courses.

Soft Play Centres hardly need an introduction, as most aunts, grandparents, and parents will have taken their child or younger relative to one at some point. Come rain or shine, all year round, soft play centres provide hours of safe, sociable fun for babies,



toddlers and children. Designed for children to let off steam, the integrated slides, ball pits and play areas are perfect for weekly meet ups and children's parties.

For companies looking to increase franchises and open new centres, it's always good to use manufacturers renowned for professionalism, expertise and excellent customer service. The Playcraft Group fits the bill with 40 years' children's play industry and 25 years' play centre attraction industry experience. Based in South Wales, the company offers a one-stop-shop for design, manufacturing, installing and maintaining trampoline parks, climbing walls, Ninja Warrior courses, adventure playgrounds and much more.

"We offer bespoke installations across the indoor and outdoor sports and leisure sector, as one of the few one-stop-shops in the industry. Our previous high-profile clients have included Disney, Land Rover and Cartoon Network and we work with farm parks, theme and holiday parks, schools, the FEC sector and more. We know the business inside out and we're happy to offer free 360° advice from business plans and models, to planning application support, insurance to franchising advice. From Jungle or Space themed soft play, climbing wall in a new upcoming urban space, to an exciting Ninja Warrior Course, we can do it all.

Currently we are working on a wheelchair-friendly, soft play section for a local soft play centre. We are adapting our soft play materials to incorporate the width of an electric or manual wheelchair. The end result will be an inclusive space for children in

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wheelchairs. More and more soft play centres are adding sensory spaces (lights, textures etc) to support neurodiverse children, to increase inclusivity for children and their families," explains Mike Broadfield: founder, coach and consultant.

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Bluerun Ltd 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 2025.

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 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.

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.

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Le Tonkinois Varnish & Flexidisc Sander: Trusted tools for lasting finishes



B & D Murkin is the main UK importer for Le Tonkinois Varnish and the Flexidisc sander. Established in 1992 by three brothers Derek, Brian and Roy Murkin, the company is based in Maidenhead and imports a range of products that are used by professionals and amateurs to produce fantastic finishes. Its main products have been demonstrated and sold at numerous shows throughout the UK for over 30 years and have proven reliable and resilient over this time.

Le Tonkinois Varnish is an environmentally friendly natural oil-based yacht varnish, that uses a Chinese formula dating back two or three centuries. Designed to remove brush-marks, bring out the natural beauty of the timber without cracking or flaking off, this permanent varnish is simple to use and only requires an additional coat every few years. Proven as the perfect solution for the amateur user seeking a professional product, Le Tonkinois Varnish comes available in three separate forms.

Le Tonkinois Classic is a high-quality finish known for its exceptional penetration, even on oily timbers, creating a strong and lasting bond without leaving brush marks. It forms a tough, non-porous, and weatherproof coating that is highly resistant to UV rays, sea water, and other harsh elements. Free from harmful or irritating ingredients, it is ideal for indoor use but also surpasses many competitors in outdoor applications. Ecologically friendly and free of petroleum solvents, it can be applied over most existing finishes (excluding wax), and enhances the natural beauty and colour of bare wood. Especially suited for boats and garden furniture, it remains flexible and will not crack, chip, or peel. Its natural, brilliant gloss can also be adjusted to a matte finish if desired.



Le Tonkinois Marine No. 1 is a further refined version of the Classic, offering enhanced purity and superior performance. It dries faster, penetrates wood more effectively, and is easy to apply. With improved UV protection and greater resistance to abrasion, it provides a more durable and long-lasting finish. Marine No. 1 also delivers a higher gloss compared to the Classic and is less prone to skinning in the can, making it an excellent choice for demanding marine and outdoor applications.

Le Tonkinois Parquet is ideal for flooring and employs a strong synthetic Alkyd resin and Ester oil to return a harder-wearing surface for foot traffic. The finish is a little less glossy than the other two, just slightly opaque. Furthermore, all three can be matted or semi-matted by including Gelomat in the final coat.

Le Tonkinois is also brilliant for use on boats in fresh water sea or sludge. Le Tonkinois is brilliant for all materials. Because it stays flexible, it moves with the timber, so it is even suitable for use on Oak or Cork without cracking. Other areas of use include outdoor and interior woodwork as well as kitchens because it is fully waterproof, cannot be marked by hot cups or plates, isn't affected by water or alcohol, and is classified safe to use in food areas.

Another notable product is the Flexidisc Sander/Grinder that gives a superb finish on wood, metal, fibreglass, car body fillers and all other hard materials. The Flexidisc Basic pack includes a Flexidisc sander, steel locking nut, abrasive discs, and cleaning rubber. In its basic state it's a general sander, however its capabilities are varied meaning it converts



in seconds to be used as a super-fine finishing sander, a bench grinder, a general-purpose sharpener, a partial angle grinder, a polish applicator/polisher, as well as a grinder for glass and nails.

The Flexidisc Sander/Grinder is a 5" (125mm) disc sander attachment that fits into any drill. Its flexible, vibration-free shaft provides full control without skidding or scuffing, ensuring smooth results with minimal effort. It uses reusable, velcro-backed discs coated with ultra-hard Corundum – each lasting as long as 100 standard discs. These discs handle everything from soft plaster to steel, and can polish rough timber faster than conventional sanders, all while generating minimal heat, making it safe for materials like GRP and old paint.

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