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Message from the Chairman

Welcome to the 6th edition of the UKATA Newsletter.

We have some important issues to report;

Following the retirement of Mike Wilkes from Cape Environmental, Mike decided to step down as the Vice Chairman of UKATA. Whilst we are sorry to lose Mike from the board, especially with his vast industry knowledge, we are pleased to welcome Dave Stanley as the newly elected Vice Chairman.

Like Mike who worked for one of the largest asbestos removal companies in the UK, Dave also comes from the industry and is founder and managing director of DS Environmental Ltd, a small independent training provider but with a huge wealth of experience.

Whilst Dave will continue as the Treasurer of UKATA we wish Dave all the best in his new role as Vice Chairman and feel confident that he will continue to build upon where Mike left off.

The updated and revised 'Code of Conduct' is now available, and can be downloaded from the UKATA Website - www.ukata.org.uk

The published version of the Category 3 training syllabus and accompanying toolbox talk is also now available, again via the website.

Finally may I just add that we are making tremendous headway with the association for which we are now approaching on 100 members including new applicants.



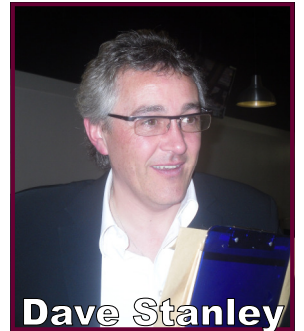
UKATA Members Assist the HSE Asbestos Campaign

The Health and Safety Executive's (HSE) 'Asbestos Campaign Group' was concerned that very small companies and sole traders would "fall through a gap", in that costs to obtain asbestos awareness training to satisfy legislative compliance would be prohibitive.

Whilst large companies can readily obtain such training, ideally in groups of about 15 delegates, how could Sole Traders manage?.

Several UKATA members are pleased to offer 'Open Courses' where one or more delegates can register and obtain such training.

Member companies that have volunteered to offer such courses again are listed over the page and again are also available on the website.



Dave Stanley



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Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Aston Villa Football Club on 20th February 2009, with the meeting being well attended with most member companies represented.

The most important business was the ratification of the 'Memorandum and Articles of Association'. It may be dull but we can now say that we function on a proper basis.

There was a keynote address from Ian Dunsford from Birmingham City Council Environmental Health department who was most supportive of what we do and outlined Birmingham City's increasing role in asbestos enforcement.

The Business of the Association was outlined to the members present by the Chairman and his team including the Chairman of Membership Edward Strong, Chairman of Technical and Training Steve Watkins and the Treasurer Dave Stanley.



In line with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, an election was held for seats on the Executive Committee which now consists of:-

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| <i>Peter Robinson</i> | - | <i>Chairman (Bradley Environmental)</i> |
| <i>Dave Stanley</i> | - | <i>Vice Chairman / Treasurer (DS Environmental)</i> |
| <i>Edward Strong</i> | - | <i>Membership Committee Chairman (Fercroft Environmental)</i> |
| <i>Steve Watkins</i> | - | <i>Technical & Training Chairman (Hertel)</i> |

Category 1 Board Members

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| <i>Terry Barker</i> | - | <i>TASC</i> | <i>Karin Virco</i> | - | <i>OHS</i> |
| <i>Jim Caldwell</i> | - | <i>Circa Consultants</i> | <i>Peter Austin</i> | - | <i>ACAD</i> |
| <i>Terry Jago</i> | - | <i>ARCA</i> | <i>Les Lowe</i> | - | <i>Northern Safety</i> |
| <i>Mike Smith</i> | - | <i>CAPE</i> | <i>Bruce Sutherland</i> | - | <i>Noble</i> |
| <i>Vacancy</i> | | | | | |

Category 2 & 3 Board Members

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| <i>Chris Bishop</i> | - | <i>Silverdell</i> | <i>Vacancy</i> |
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At the meeting Mike Wilkes was re-elected but has since resigned due to his reduced role at Cape and his impending retirement and because since the meeting, Mike Smith has moved from Life Environmental Group to Cape Environmental.





UKATA Members Who Offer Open Courses

The following members offer open Asbestos Awareness courses to Sole traders and the Self Employed. Any other members wishing to be added to the list, please contact the office.

Scotland

Plansafe Solutions Ltd
Tel:01387 255535

North East

Northern Safety Ltd
Tel:01642 754880

ACAD

Tel: 01325 466704

North West

Coal Consultants Ltd
Tel:07791 412912

Airborne Environmental Consultants Ltd
Tel:0161 8727111

Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and the Humber

DS Environmental
Tel:0114 254 8484

Ferncroft Environmental
Tel: 0845 257 1940

Asbestos Training and Surveying
Tel:0114 2620258

West Midlands

Bradley Environmental Consultants Ltd
Tel:0121 5500224

The Wrekin Housing Trust
Tel:01952 217100

Environmental Essentials
Tel:0845 4569953

Natas

Tel: 0870 7511880

Wales

Connaught Compliance Services Ltd
Tel:02920 852852

South West

Noble Health and Safety Consultancy
Tel: 0870 8504439

South East

Aspects Contracts
Tel:01268 534477

Silverdell (UK) Ltd

Tel:0208 5916677



Asbestos Awareness Syllabus & Accompanying Toolbox Talk



The statement in Approved Code of Practice L143, to the effect that refresher training for asbestos awareness can be incorporated into health and safety updates has always left us bewildered as to how to respond. Clients, as well as training providers have varied in their response to this. After much deliberation we have reached a conclusion and our recommendations are set out below.

The UKATA syllabus in Asbestos Awareness training is now published, with an accompanying "Tool Box Talk". Whilst the full syllabus is intended to take a full half day, the Tool Box Talk should last about 90 minutes. The intention is that the full syllabus be presented in year 1, the Tool Box Talk in year 2 and the full syllabus again in year 3.

Obviously the full syllabus is to be presented only by a UKATA member, but the tool box talk could be presented by a competent person in the client's organisation. Of course, UKATA members are free to do it if the client does not have such a competent person.

Full credit in this respect goes to Jim Caldwell of Circa Consultants for his input in this. Jim's assurance of acceptability of this arrangement in the demolition industry has been taken as being indicative of its broader "reasonableness".

The importance of maintaining the message to all tradesman is something that UKATA sees as vital in the fight to reduce the on-going death toll from asbestos.



UKATA Members

Category 1

ABP Associates Limited
ACE
AASH Training
ACAD
ACS Physical Risk Control Ltd
Allied West Environmental
ARCA
ARL Training Services Ltd
Asbestos Management & Consultancy Ltd
Bradley Environmental Consultants
Cape Industrial Services Ltd

CIRCA Consultants
Connaught Compliance Plc
DMW
DS Environmental Ltd
EMS Group
Environmental Essentials Ltd
Ferncroft Environmental
Hertel

Life Environmental Limited
Manestream Ltd
NATAS Group
Nichol Associates Limited
Noble Health & Safety
Northern Safety
OHS Ltd
Prime Safety (Europe) Ltd
Shield Environmental Services
TASC
UK Asbestos Specialists Limited



NB. Category 1 members are also category 2 and 3 training providers

Category 2

Airborne Environmental Consultants Ltd
Asbestos Training & Surveying Ltd
Aspect Contracts Ltd
CBES Ltd

City Environmental Services Ltd
CWE Training Ltd
Enquin Environmental Ltd
Independent Asbestos Surveys & Services

Morris and Spottiswood Ltd
Safety and Access Ltd
Silverdell



NB. Category 2 members are also category 3 training providers

Category 3

AH Allen
Asbestos Building Surveys Ltd
BTAL
BRE Group
C & C Training Ltd
Coal Consultants Limited
Crossways Environmental Services
Encompassed Limited
Environtec
Gully Howard Technical

J B Monitor Ltd
Lincsafe
M3 Associates
Macbrac Business Safety
MDS Environmental Services Ltd
Morgan Est Plc
Medway Safety Limited
Middleton Group Services
MIS Ltd

Partners in Safety
Plansafe Solutions
SMTS Ltd
South Wales Consultancy
SSG Training and Consultancy
Tersus Group
The Health and Safety People
The Wrekin Housing Trust
Wayne Bagnall Consulting



No Longer UKATA Compliant!

The following companies are no longer members of UKATA, have not been audited for compliance by UKATA and therefore may not display the UKATA Logo or imply that they are compliant.

AAA Training
FJN Consultants

G & L Consultancy
Safety Advisory Services

CNM Training



ALG Technical Sub - Committee

The Asbestos Liaison Group (ALG) is a group of asbestos stakeholders, invited by HSE to consider relevant issues. You can read more about ALG at www.hse.gov.uk/aboutus/meetings/committees/alg. As well as the asbestos industry there are trades unions and others concerned with worker and public protection represented.

ALG publishes memos on a variety of asbestos topics, but it is not a technical forum. UKATA has a seat on ALG which Peter Robinson occupies.

In order that technical issues can be addressed, the ALG Technical Sub-Committee has been established and the first meeting held, at UKATA's premises.

Steve Watkins of Hertel represents UKATA on this committee. Minutes of this meeting and future ones will be published along with the full ALG minutes on the HSE web-site.

However, to keep members "up to speed", the "hot topics" in licensed work are:

- Operative's perceptions of risk particularly when working with damaged asbestos.
- Minimum signage on decontamination units. (Warning signs properly sited so that the clean end is not shown as "dirty").
- Hot work – only in exceptional circumstances – waiver needs to be applied for.

Use of negative pressure units, free-standing inside enclosures.

The last of those probably ought to be a hanging offence, but it still goes on!

Whilst on the subject of ALG, a particular topic of concern is consultation with employees, which would probably go a long way to improving conditions for asbestos removal operatives!

Two free leaflets from HSE website that refer to this are:

- INDG232 – Consulting employees on health and safety
- WEB35 – Involving your workers in health and safety: A guide for small businesses.



Marketing

Member Profile – Middleton Group Services



If you think that all UKATA members are much the same, think again. We are pleased to welcome Middleton Group Services as Category 3 Members, having successfully passed the UKATA Audit

Middleton has over 300 staff in operational bases across the UK, providing planned and reactive building, mechanical, electrical, drainage and security solutions to a diverse range of customers.

Rod Hall, the Group Health & Safety Director, being keen to assure Middleton's clients that their employees have adequate asbestos awareness training, joined UKATA so that they can train their employees in-house.

We welcome this initiative as yet another indication of the respect in which UKATA membership is held across the country.



UKATA Code of Conduct

The new UKATA Code of Conduct has now been produced and circulated to members. If you need to review it please go to our web-site: www.ukata.org.uk

Executive Committee originally adopted the old Asbestos Training Providers' Working Group (ATPWG) Code of Conduct. We persevered with it for, probably, far too long, before we concluded that much of it, though well-intentioned, was not sustainable for UKATA.

It was essential for UKATA to have a Code of Conduct that all members could "buy into" without reservation, which we think we have achieved.

Key features are:

- Refresher training for licensed work: HSE have indicated that anyone found working 12 months after training may be subject to enforcement action. UKATA has removed the requirement for "New" training after 13 months and now recommends "New" training, subject to training needs analysis, when training has expired by 6 months or more.
- Criteria for tutor competency have been established. Although this refers to "tutor testing" this is not yet in place but will be rolled out across the range of training categories during the rest of the year. We have set minimum standards for tutor competency, but these will not be applied retrospectively. However, we now require that for Category 3 training, at least some formal asbestos qualification should be a pre-requisite.
- It should also be noted that UKATA's recommendation on numbers of delegates for asbestos awareness training is now: ideally no more than 15 and certainly no more than 25.



UKATA Auditor Logo

UKATA Auditors now have their own Logo, which they can display on their stationery as a concession for as long as they are registered UKATA Auditors.

Auditors will be issued with their UKATA badged photographic ID Cards to allow training providers to clearly identify them



UKATA Member Involvement

Do you have some spare time?

Just a reminder that nobody gets paid in UKATA, apart from Gill and Debbie who look after the office working 3 days a week each.

We have initiatives to develop but rely on the committee members having time, especially given that they are all training providers themselves and also have their own jobs to do.

Current first target, now that category 3 syllabus is with you is the category 2 syllabus, however if that is not your speciality, there are other things you could help with.

We do not wish to burden anybody, just un-burden the willing, but over worked. Any offer of help is very much appreciated, so if you're up for it – please contact Gill or Debbie at the office and let them know.