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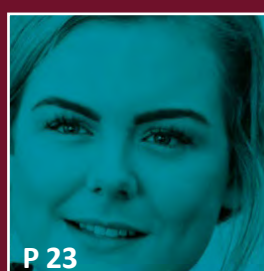
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Welcome

A very warm welcome to your summer edition of UKATA Matters

Editor in Chief: Jacqui Royall



It's a very warm welcome indeed to your summer edition of UKATA Matters, at the time of writing this its 35 degrees and rising so I hope you are all managing to keep cool calm and collected!

It was indeed a lovely sunny day at the beginning of July when we held our AGM and Asbestos Conference, welcoming so many of our members to the Jurys Inn, East Midlands airport-a new venue for us, which was a great success, with the business of the Association in the most healthy position it's ever been. We hosted a strong, informative and entertaining line up of speakers for the conference I know that you will want to join with me in congratulating Craig Evans and the team on a great event once again this year. I would also like to add my personal congratulations to our outgoing Company Secretary, Gill Lewis who was the recipient of the 2019 Chairman's Award in recognition for her loyalty, unwavering commitment and dedication to her role and to the Association since joining UKATA in 2008.

It's been an exciting year since reporting to our members at last years' AGM with the Association gaining increased exposure in the industry and taking up invitations of a seat at the table of many important bodies such as the CITB and working

ever closer with the HSE throughout HSE Connect and The Dustbuster Campaign. Forthwith Craig Evans, the staff team, our re-appointed Chair and Vice Chair Graham O'Mahony and Stuart Miller along with all our directors will endeavour to further build on these dynamic and positive relationships and take our involvement in the wider industry to the next level. Read all about the AGM and Asbestos Conference on pages 12 – 17 in this edition.

I hope that you will enjoy reading this edition of UKATA Matters, with its many interesting articles and news. This will be our last edition in print as we strive to achieve our paperless future and keep pace with the way we share information in the digital age-so I look forward to welcoming you to the new online version of our magazine in the Autumn. I trust that you will all enjoy the summer months while they last and as always if you have any news, articles or other content you would like to submit for publication please let Victoria, our sub editor know at head office.

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Welcome

from The Chief Operating Officer



Craig Evans -
The Chief Operating Officer

Welcome to our final edition of UKATA Matters in its current format! In a bid to reduce paper and work greener, future editions of UKATA Matters will now be in digital format and issued more frequently.

UKATA members have all been issued with access to the new Members Hub, which provides all memos, communications, application forms and other useful information and documentation in one secure place. The idea was to provide a one stop shop for members, with 24-hour access to vital information. If you have any feedback or suggestions for other menu items you would like to see included within the member's area, please contact the office with your ideas.

We are currently in the testing stage for the highly anticipated Certificate Generator development. This will see the website, tutor registration system and the certificate generator combined in one platform and offer better functionality and reporting features. More information on these developments will follow in due course.

Jacqui has highlighted the AGM & Asbestos Conference in her welcome and you can read all about it on pages 12 – 17. I must congratulate the team on a successful event and thank members for showing their support in attending such a memorable meeting. Also, congratulations to Graham O'Mahony for being re-elected as the UKATA Chair and to Stuart Miller who was re-elected as Vice Chair of the Association.

The membership team are dealing with a record number of new applications in 2019, welcoming 10 new members so far this year and currently dealing with 20 new applications for membership at varying levels.

The marketing department is currently working on the next set of events which includes the upcoming IOSH Conference, Health & Safety North, UK Construction Week and The Contamination Expo. More information on all of these events can be found throughout the magazine and dates for your diary are highlighted below. If you would like further information on any of these events please contact victoria.castelluccio@ukata.org.uk as discounts to exhibit are available for UKATA Members.

We will shortly start our planning and preparations for the next phase of regional meetings due for Spring 2020. The regional meetings provide members an opportunity to meet with at least one director and the senior management team on a more informal basis to discuss and share ideas and current initiatives. Again, information about the regional meetings will following over the coming months.

Finally, we announced at the AGM this year our strategic plan for the future, including; international categories of membership, continued course developments, an online training directory, new sector engagements, charity partnerships and UKATA delivered webinars. I am very excited to be at the forefront of leading on these new developments and look forward to working with the staff, board of directors, and our members to achieve our goals.



Regional meetings coming soon!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Contamination Expo	11 & 12 September – NEC, Birmingham
IOSH Conference	16 & 17 September 2019 – ICC, Birmingham
Health & Safety Event	8 & 9 October 2019 – EventCity, Manchester
UK Construction Week	8 – 10 October 2019 – NEC, Birmingham

Health & Safety Event 2019

Yet another UKATA success

The Health and Safety Event organisers opted for the NEC at Birmingham as their preferred venue for 2019, and yet again the event has been hailed as a great success.

Craig Evans, UKATA's Chief Operating Officer with a small team of staff attended this event, held from Tuesday 9th to Thursday 11th April 2019.

Along with Craig Evans, Debbie Nixon (Senior Operations Manager), Victoria Castelluccio (Events and Marketing Manager) and Sasha Brailsford (Membership Manager) welcomed visitors to the UKATA stand throughout what turned out to be a very busy three-day event.

Numerous enquiries were received from delegates requiring UKATA training, which thanks to the membership team back at Markham Vale, were dealt with immediately and efficiently. There was also lots of positive interaction via Twitter and other social media platforms, with UKATA posting live throughout the exhibition.

Many visitors to the UKATA stand were particularly interested in the Duty to Manage course and the newly launched addendum, 'Duty to Manage for the Housing Sector', which is aimed at any person who requires an overview of the duty to manage and legislative requirements including landlords, sub-lessors,

managing agents etc. There was also interest from local authorities on this particular course and the team were able to offer detailed information on topics that the training would cover.

Two members also exhibited at the event; longstanding member Act Associates Ltd along with our new member 3B Training Ltd. The team had the opportunity to call by and say 'hello'.

As usual, many of our members and friends stopped by for a chat, mainly about all things 'UKATA' and the team were delighted to see them as ever!

Visitors to the stand were invited to take a small survey on their asbestos knowledge. They were asked a series of asbestos related questions and the overall percentages revealed some interesting results.

The most prominent result of the entire survey was that although 80% of the people had come across asbestos in their day to day work, only 67% had received any asbestos training.

Furthermore, 55% of those surveyed knew of someone who had been affected by asbestos related health issues but only 47% knew that more than 5,000 people die in the UK each year due to asbestos related diseases.



Health & Safety Event 2019

Yet another UKATA success

These statistics re-affirmed how important it is for UKATA to continue educating people on the dangers of asbestos by which ever means possible, which includes exhibiting at events such as these.

During the Health and Safety Event, UKATA was invited to participate in the popular HSM Knowledge Exchange Theatre where panels of experts took part in interactive question and answer sessions with the audience on a range of pertinent health and safety topics.

On Wednesday, UKATA Director, Gareth Jones gave key advice on using respiratory protective equipment (RPE). He explained that work activities may result in harmful substances contaminating the air in the form of dust, mist gas or fume and how RPE is designed to protect the wearer from such hazards. Gareth was also on hand to offer advice on the importance of correct fit testing to assist in protecting workers.

Gareth shared information and expertise once again during the Knowledge Exchange on Thursday, this time on 'Training and Competence'.

He offered advice on the appropriate health and safety training, focussing particularly on asbestos and the types of UKATA training available. He advised on the benefits of ensuring that

staff were competent to complete all tasks thereby reducing risks. This is where Duty to Manage is of vital importance to those managing and supervising workers.

During the event, Debbie and Sasha welcomed the opportunity to visit the HSE exhibition stand where a practical demonstration was being shown throughout the three-day event on the importance of the correct fitting of Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE).

The HSL have developed a Face Fit Respirator Demonstrator, also known as FFRED which demonstrates the importance of wearing RPE in the correct manner.

FFRED is a head form with soft 'skin type' covering held within a Perspex chamber, under which sits simulated 'lungs'. A smoke test then proved that a correctly fitted FFP3 disposable dust mask effectively kept the lungs free of smoke, thereby doing the job it is intended for.

A pair of goggles were then added to the head form together with the disposable dust mask, which demonstrated a very different outcome. As both pieces of RPE equipment had to fit within the same space on the head form the fit wasn't as good as it should be.



The test was then repeated with a half mask force 8 respirator with press to check P3 filters which has an inbuilt system allowing the wearer to check for a perfect fit each time they don it.

Both Debbie and Sasha learned more about the importance of wearing the correct RPE and why workers must ensure that it is fitted correctly and would no doubt be sharing this information with the rest of the team.

On the evening of the 10th April, the Safety Health Excellence Awards (SHE Awards) were presented during a 'black tie' event at the VOX Conference Centre at the NEC, Birmingham.

UKATA's Chief Operating Officer had been delighted to have been shortlisted for the HSM Rising Star Award in recognition of his continued commitment to helping implement and maintain high standards of asbestos training for the good of the industry. Additionally, UKATA had been shortlisted in the Campaign of the Year category for its Train Safe, Work Safe, Keep Safe Campaign in partnership with Jobcentre Plus, part of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

The host for the evening was comedian/presenter Sean Lock (Eight out of Ten Cats fame) with the 'voice of the National

Lottery' and radio presenter Alan Dedicoat presenting the awards to the worthy winners.

There were fifteen categories in total including the 'HSM Rising Star Award' and although Craig and our campaign didn't win on this occasion, he extends his congratulations to Teresa Swinton of Paradigm Human Performance Ltd who was declared winner of the Rising Star Award and to UK Power Networks – Be Bright Stay Safe respectively.

Even though the footfall on the final day of any event tends to be less than the previous two days, visitors continued to arrive at the UKATA stand for help and advice right up until the close of the event.

Craig and the team all believed that the Health and Safety Event had been a resounding success and the ongoing interest and enquiries have confirmed their optimism.



Asbestos in the News



Builder jailed after exposing roof workers to health and safety risks

14th February 2019

A self-employed builder has been sentenced after exposing roof workers to fall from height risks and exposing factory workers to dust containing asbestos.

The Crown Court heard how the self-employed builder, was contracted by a company to re-line two valley gutters in a roof during July 2016. The self-employed builder's workers used an angle grinder to cut back asbestos cement sheeting to allow better access to the gutters and worked without any precautions to prevent a fall from the roof, or through a fragile roof which should not be walked on.

The activity came to the attention of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) after workers at the company complained of dust, which they knew to contain asbestos, coming down into the factory below.

A subsequent investigation by HSE found that the builder did not plan, manage or monitor construction work to ensure it was carried out without risks to health and safety.

The self-employed builder was found guilty of breaching Regulation 15(2) of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2016. He was sentenced to serve 14 months in prison.

After the hearing, a HSE inspector said: "This case shows how important it is that construction contractors plan, manage and monitor work they are paid to carry out. It is important to recognise that it is not wise to ignore an investigation, and you certainly cannot ignore a summons to appear in Court".

Contractor fined following illegal asbestos work

25th April 2019

A building contractor has been fined following the uncontrolled removal of asbestos during a garage conversion.

The Magistrates' Court heard how in December 2017 the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) was notified by a member of the public of a fibrous board outside the property which looked like an asbestos insulation board. A contractor appointed by the homeowner to carry out the work, had stripped the garage ceiling and removed the material, leaving debris on site. The material was tested during a site visit and was confirmed as being licensable asbestos containing material.

The HSE investigation into the incident found that the contractor had carried out the removal of licensable asbestos containing materials without being licensed to do so and without suitable control measures for preventing exposure to and spread of asbestos fibres. A prohibition notice was issued, and the area was sealed off before being cleaned by a licensed contractor under fully controlled conditions.

The contractor pleaded guilty to breaches of Regulation 11 (1) (a), Regulation 8 (1) and Regulation 16 of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 and was fined £1200 and ordered to pay costs of £1000.

Speaking after the hearing a HSE inspector said: "Asbestos is a class 1 carcinogen which is responsible for around 5000 deaths per year. Prior to starting work on the property the contractor should have had an asbestos survey carried out by a competent person. They should have then appointed a licensed contractor to remove the asbestos containing ceiling under controlled conditions. Instead he carelessly removed it himself, potentially putting himself and others at risk of exposure. Individuals and companies should be aware that HSE will not hesitate to take appropriate enforcement action against those that fall below the required standards".





Company fined for poor condition of asbestos containing materials

21st February 2019

A furniture manufacturing company, was sentenced for failing to prevent exposure to asbestos at its factory.

The Magistrates heard how during a 14-year period, following an asbestos survey carried out in 2003 which identified the presence of asbestos containing materials, the company failed to introduce an adequate management plan or carry out remedial work to prevent potential exposure to asbestos fibres. In 2017 an employee raised a concern to the Health and Safety Executive.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found the company had failed to take measures necessary to protect employees from exposure to asbestos. It also failed to ensure that maintenance workers were made aware of the location of the asbestos to ensure they didn't disturb it.

The company was found guilty in its absence of breaching Section 2 (1) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and regulation 4(8) of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012. The District Judge said the fine would have been £800,000 but that this was reduced to £1 due to the company being in administration.

Speaking after the hearing, the HSE inspector said: "Asbestos remains in many buildings where people work. If it is managed and in good condition, there is nothing to worry about. Unfortunately, the company didn't do what the law required and the asbestos in the building was not managed or maintained. This is a real risk and a clear breach of the law which required HSE to prosecute even though the company is in administration."

Construction company and director fined for unsafe removal of asbestos

30th May 2019

A construction company and its director have been fined after failing to ensure the safe removal of asbestos during demolition work.

The Magistrates' Court heard how a housing company was the client responsible for the demolition of a Mill. A director of the company received the results of an asbestos survey conducted in January 2017 that identified the presence of asbestos containing materials on the site. The extra work required to remove the asbestos increased the estimated costs and timescale for the completion of the demolition.

An investigation carried out by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found that the housing company failed to ensure suitable contractors were used to carry out the asbestos removal work and demolition of the mill in February 2017. No record of a notification to HSE to remove asbestos had been received for the site. No details of how the asbestos containing materials were removed or how they were disposed were provided to HSE.

The housing company have had previous enforcement by HSE, including a prosecution in 2018 in relation to their role as a construction client.

The company was found guilty to breaching regulation 4(1) of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015. The company was fined £170,000 and ordered to pay costs of £10,406.

The Company director, pleaded guilty to breaching section 37 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, in relation to the company's failing of regulation 4(1) of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015. The Director was fined £6,500 and ordered to pay costs of £7000.

An HSE Inspector said after the hearing "Asbestos is responsible for thousands of deaths in the UK every year but it only becomes dangerous when it is broken up and fibres are released into the air. Asbestos should only be removed by specialist contractors. The company put workers at risk by not following the correct safety procedures. Companies should be aware that HSE will not hesitate to take appropriate enforcement action against those that fall below the required standards."

HSE Dustbuster Campaign 2019

For the second year running UK Asbestos Training Association and its members pledged support to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Dustbuster Campaign. A construction health inspection initiative which focused on lung disease, particularly those caused by asbestos and dust. During June and July, HSE inspectors were looking to ensure those involved with construction projects are following their key messages 'know the risks', 'plan your work' and 'use the right controls'.

In a bid to raise awareness about occupational lung disease in construction, UKATA members participated in the campaign by promoting to colleagues, training delegates, via social media and marketing initiatives.

According to the most recent annual HSE Statistics, over 5000 people die from asbestos each year. 20% of all Occupational Lung Disease deaths are asbestos-related lung cancers and a further 20% are Mesothelioma deaths.

UKATA Chief Operating Officer, Craig Evans stated that "Following the support from UKATA members in 2018, we were able to encourage participation again this year by offering marketing packs with ways in which they were able to support the initiative."

All UKATA Members, who provide asbestos training throughout the UK were invited to participate and support the campaign by showing their support on Social Media by tagging in @H_S_E in along with using the #Dustbuster and #WorkRight hashtags in their posts on twitter.

Sarah Jardine, HSE's chief inspector of construction said: "This is the second phase of HSE's #Dustbuster campaign, targeting all those who work with deadly substances such as asbestos and silica. We are extremely grateful for the support of UKATA and all our key partners who have helped raise awareness of the campaign and the health issues that exposure to dust can create. Early indications show we have reached more than 5.6 million people on our social media channels alone, driving a large number of downloads of key information and guidance from our website.

"There is still lots to do – for too long people have shouted about safety issues and only whispered about health but with an estimated 13,000 workers dying each year because of occupational lung disease and cancer, it's clear to us that more needs to be done. That is why we will be launching phase three of the #Dustbuster campaign later this year."





UKATA AGM

Following on from the unprecedented success of 2018 the Association certainly does not intend to sit back and rest on its laurels! The Board of Directors in conjunction with the COO have developed an impressive Strategic Plan for the future success of the Association.

These include:

- International Categories of Membership
- Continued New Course Development
- Online Training Directory
- UKATA Webinars
- New Sector Engagements
- UKATA Matters
- Regional Meetings
- Charity Partnership

Some of the headings listed above are self-explanatory and Members will be kept informed of development as they progress.

One exciting project in particular is the development of a UKATA online training directory which will enable members to advertise their courses on the UKATA website effectively cutting out the 'middle-man'. This idea was first suggested by one of our Members at a Regional Meeting and although still in the very early stages of development, once Craig has an idea in his head..... watch this space!!!

The Association's charity partnership for 2019/20 was announced as the British Lung foundation, as UKATA recently became a Mesothelioma Patron. UKATA is committed to helping raise the profile of BLF, particularly issues surrounding lung disease and the team are already working on plans for events and fundraising throughout the year.

Just before the Chair brought the Annual General Meeting to a close he announced a final if somewhat unexpected agenda item.

Following the success of the tenth anniversary celebrations last year, the Board agreed they would continue to present the Chairman's Award on an annual basis to an individual or company he thinks befitting of the award.

Graham O'Mahony presented the Chairman's Award 2019 to Gill Lewis for her long service, commitment to the Association and passion for driving the Association in the right direction, never deviating off that path.

It was clear to all that Gill was overwhelmed and proud to receive the award and speaking afterwards, said she had absolutely no idea!



May I congratulate you all for an excellent day, well planned and very slick, I knew you guys were good but today you've took it to another level, week done, very impressed and proud of you all

Thanks to UKATA for holding a fantastic AGM and Conference

I found today's annual conference very useful it was a great day!!

Congratulations to you all on a job very well done as always. This year's event was seamless, professional and I would say the best to date

Great day at the UKATA AGM and Asbestos Conference 2019...

What a great AGM you put on, some very interesting and inspiring speakers

UKATA AGM

As UKATA enters its second decade Graham O'Mahony, Chair of the Association presided over the formal business of the 11th UKATA AGM, which took place 4th July 2019 at The Jurys Inn East Midlands airport hotel.

The UKATA AGM and Conference has yet again been hailed as a great success and the team have received great feedback from Members. A few comments are shared with readers throughout this article.

Graham was proud to report that financially the Association had a healthy balance considering the amount of investments made within the last year. The Operational Team had moved to new offices, albeit on the same site, giving them the added luxury of natural daylight in the form of 'windows'!!

There had also been increased expenditure on marketing, including attending three high ranking exhibitions which has without doubt helped to raise the profile of UKATA for the benefit of all Members.

Graham concluded his financial report by congratulating the Chief Operating Officer on the fact that there hadn't been any unexpected costs during the last financial year, which was a great achievement on his part.

Prior to the formal AGM, nominations had been invited for four vacancies at Licensable level. As four nomination had been received, the following Members were duly elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the next term of office without the requirement for an election.

Factors for the next term of office without the requirement for an election.

- **Graham O'Mahony — ATL Safety Ltd**
- **Stuart Miller — KAEFER Ltd**
- **Chris Bishop — AT&C (Asbestos Training & Consultancy) Ltd**
- **Dave Nichol — Nichol Associates Ltd**

In previous years there had been an unavoidable period during the summer months where the Association operated without an elected Chair. Protocols had been revised during the recent review of Good Governance which allows the Chair and Vice-Chair to be elected on the day of the AGM. As a direct result, in an unprecedented move Graham O'Mahony was elected by his fellow Directors to serve a second term as Chair of the Association. Graham was warmly congratulated by the Operational Team and Members alike who recognise his unwavering commitment to UKATA.





AGM Speakers

Dr Martin Gibson & Graham Gould

Dr Martin Gibson – Health & Safety Executive - Asbestos 4-Stage Clearance and other Key Changes in the New Analyst Guide.

Dr Martin Gibson from the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) is internationally recognised for his knowledge of asbestos, his work with HSE and his involvement with trading bodies, manufacturers and other key groups to improve control of the risks from asbestos.

In his presentation titled “Asbestos 4-Stage Clearance and Other Key Changes in the New Analyst Guide” he described the final version of the New Analyst Guide by emphasising the main changes and he also highlighted some of the more subtle changes of the last year.

Graham Gould – Thermal Recycling - A Genuine Alternative to Disposing of Asbestos in Landfill.

Graham Gould was appointed Chairman of Thermal Recycling in 2017. Having forty years business experience, he was a founding member of The COBA Group, a strategic consultancy where he advised many large UK and international businesses about matters of strategic importance.

Graham’s presentation titled “Thermal Recycling – A Genuine Alternative to Disposing of Asbestos in Landfill” described the background to Thermal Recycling, the denaturing process which destroys asbestos and what the bi product is and finally, showed delegates pictures of the kiln being built.

“Many thanks for letting us speak at such a great event.” said Graham Gould.



AGM Speakers

Cheryl Lenny & Dave Staley

Cheryl Lenny – British Lung Foundation - Mesothelioma Research and the Mesothelioma Research Network.

Cheryl Lenny has worked as the Research Networks and Partnerships Manager at the British Lung Foundation since 2017. She leads on supporting BLF-funded mesothelioma research and has developed and launched the charity's Mesothelioma Research Network (MRN). The MRN aims to speed up research progress by bringing researchers together to share knowledge, skills and resources. Ultimately, this will improve outcomes for people living with mesothelioma.

Her presentation titled “Mesothelioma Research and the Mesothelioma Research Network” gave conference delegates amazing examples of research projects that have either been completed or ones that are currently ongoing. Her presentation described the British Lung Foundations Mesothelioma Research Network, how it works and what impact it has had so far.

Cheryl Lenny said “Thanks for having me UKATA. So great to be working together to support more research. And always a pleasure to share a stage with Dave Staley - such an inspiring story.”



Dave Staley – Mesothelioma Survivor - One Lung, One Life, One Hundred Miles!

Dave Staley was diagnosed with mesothelioma, a type of cancer, associated especially with exposure to asbestos. He is one of the seven percent of people that have survived mesothelioma for more than three years.

Dave has a real passion to share his mesothelioma story, in his aim to help others through similar situations and raise awareness, so funding for research can be improved.

His presentation titled “One Lung, One Life, One Hundred Miles!” allowed Dave to share his fascinating story with delegates by talking about his mesothelioma story, how he overcame it, what he had to go through, to where he is today.

Dave gripped the audience with his story, commenting on his decision to take part in the London Ride 100 and he said, “If they can do it, I can do it!”

Dave Staley said, “Last Thursday I was privileged to be invited to share my journey at UKATA AGM (UK Asbestos Training Association), at East Midlands Airport, the feedback was overwhelming and hopefully it will inspire those present to continue the great work they do.”



Accreditations

ISO 9001:2015

Craig Evans, was appointed as Chief Operating Officer of UKATA in July 2018, one of his first projects in the new role was to lead the Association in achieving the ISO 9001:2015 accreditation.



ISO 9001 is an international standard for a Quality Management System (QMS). In order to achieve this standard, an organisation must prove their internal quality systems and procedures follow strict guidelines, thus ensuring the ability to consistently provide products and services that meet the needs of their customers and other relevant stakeholders.

UKATA were awarded ISO 9001:2015 in July 2019, Craig Evans said on achieving the accreditation said "We sailed through the ISO 9001:2015 accreditation process with a clean report at both stages of audit. The assessor commended the procedures we have in place and the professionalism of the staff, I concur"

Cyber Essentials



Cyber Essentials is a Government backed scheme which helps to protect organisations of any size, against a whole range of the most common cyber attacks, including phishing, malware, ransomware, password guessing, and network attacks. Cyber Essentials sets out five controls which organisations can implement to strengthen and improve cyber defences.

- **Secure your Internet connection**
- **Secure your devices and software**
- **Control access to your data and services**
- **Protect from viruses and other malware**
- **Keep your devices and software up to date**

In 2019, UKATA were awarded a certificate of assurance, to confirm the association was assessed as meeting the Cyber Essentials implementation profile and thus that, at the time of testing, the organisations ICT defences were assessed as satisfactory against commodity based cyber attacks.

Disability Confident

UKATA were awarded Disability Confident status in 2019. The Disability Confident scheme aims to help employers make the most of the opportunities provided by employing disabled people. It is voluntary and has been developed by employers and disabled people's representatives.



The Disability Confident scheme has 3 levels that have been designed to support you on your Disability Confident journey. Employers must complete each level before moving on to the next.

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Craig Evans – Awarded ‘Volunteer of the Year’ by the Young Enterprise Board

Many of you will know Craig Evans as the Chief Operating Officer of the acclaimed UK Asbestos Training Association Ltd.

Maybe less known is the time that Craig gives freely as a volunteer for the Young Enterprise Board.

Young Enterprise were founded in 1962 and are the largest enterprise education currently work with over 220,000 young people each year. They believe that young people throughout the UK have unlimited potential far beyond academic achievement and have more than 5,000 volunteers from over 3,500 companies offering their support. Young Enterprise are passionate about motivating young people to succeed in the world of work by equipping them with the work skills, knowledge and confidence they need.

Young Enterprise believe passionately in ‘Learning by doing’ which is something very close to Craig’s heart too. Craig openly admits his drive and determination to continue learning after he left school has equipped him with the necessary skills to achieve the senior position he holds today.

On the 2nd April, 2019 Young Enterprise held their annual North Derbyshire Area Showcase and award ceremony at Chesterfield Library. Individual Teams were given the opportunity to present their newly developed businesses to a panel of judges with the winners attending the County Final at the Winding Wheel on the 9th May, 2019.

Following the individual team presentations Hazel Jones, the Chair of the North Derbyshire Young Enterprise Board hosted the prestigious annual award ceremony.

During the ceremony Craig was both surprised and delighted to receive an award for ‘Volunteer of the Year’ and was highly praised for going above and beyond in giving his time to supporting Young Enterprise. Hazel said that from the moment Craig had been elected to the Board he had ‘rolled up his sleeves and just got things done’! A work ethic so familiar to UKATA!

Hazel gave her gratitude to Craig for being her ‘right hand’ in organising the recent trade fair and the area showcase, commenting that nothing is too much trouble for Craig.

The Board of Directors and Operational Team at UKATA wholeheartedly agree that Craig deserves this accolade in recognition of his passion to help the young people succeed whatever their chosen career may be.

Finally, it is with great pleasure to announce that at their meeting held on the 18th July, 2019 the Young Enterprise Board unanimously elected Craig as Vice Chair, a position that he is delighted to accept. Craig has boundless energy and a passion to inspire young people by sharing his experience and knowledge gained since leaving compulsory education. He has always grasped every opportunity to learn new skills and believes that he can motivate young people to follow their dream. Craig began his working life as an apprentice and is proof indeed that anything is possible!....



BLF Charity Patron

UKATA Announced as Mesothelioma Patrons for The British Lung Foundation

The British Lung Foundations Mesothelioma Patrons Scheme brings together companies who have direct experience of mesothelioma or asbestos. The UK has the worst published mortality rates in the world for mesothelioma due to high asbestos use. In comparison with other cancers killing similar numbers of people, mesothelioma remains significantly underfunded. Over the next 20 years, it is estimate that 60,000 more people with die unless new treatments are found.

By supporting the Mesothelioma Patrons Scheme, UKATA is committed to helping change this. Many previously untreatable cancers are now curable. It is crucial we continue to invest in research.

Blues'day Tuesday

On the lead up to becoming a supporting patron the UKATA team were keen to don BLF t-shirts to show their support for the first ever Blue'sday Tuesday, to help raise awareness of Love Your Lungs Week.

UKATA's Chief Operating Officer, Craig Evans said:

"Asbestos related diseases including mesothelioma are the cause of over 5,000 deaths in the UK each year. It is our mission to remain at the forefront of asbestos training and awareness, highlighting the risks associated to working with asbestos and promoting safe working practices via our national directory of competent training providers.

"Inclusivity is at our core. It is through this that we ensure that we positively influence standards and related asbestos legislation.

"Working with British Lung Foundation provides a great platform to work collaboratively to raise awareness and further support fundraising initiatives to fund research and support those affected by lung conditions caused by asbestos related diseases."

See how you can support BLF by visiting www.blf.org.uk



British Lung Foundation

British Lung Foundation “How our mesothelioma patrons support research”

Cheryl, who helps look after our mesothelioma research, spent the day with our mesothelioma patrons on their visit to a research lab. The patrons help us fund vital mesothelioma research. She tells us about their day.

Mesothelioma is a deadly disease with no cure that kills 2,500 people in the UK every year. It's caused by breathing in dust from asbestos. It's now banned but can still be found in homes, schools and offices.

That's why we've spent millions of pounds funding mesothelioma research. Earlier this year, our generous mesothelioma patrons – who help make our research possible - spent a day finding out about the research they help fund. Here's what they learned.



Two of our patrons, John Das and Isobel Lovett visit Professor Janes' laboratory

Finding new treatment targets for mesothelioma Professor Sam Janes and his research team are interested in genes inside our bodies that control how we develop as babies in the womb. Some of these genes appear to switch on again when we're adults. When this is combined with other genetic damage, like from asbestos, this can lead to cancers including malignant mesothelioma.

Sam's research team think that a significant share of malignant mesotheliomas have one of these genetic pathways switched on that can be switched back off again relatively easily. The pathway that Sam's team are looking into is called the 'Hedgehog pathway' - or Hh for short - and the gene is called 'Gli'.



Professor Sam Janes explains his research to the patrons

The research team performed some early experiments that showed that this gene, Gli, is seen more commonly in many people with mesothelioma. Importantly, when the researchers switch Gli off with a new drug called Gant61, they can stop growth of the cancer.

Now, the researchers will test samples from people with mesothelioma to see if Gli is present and if it can be blocked by drugs. If Sam and his team are successful, it might lead to a clinical trial that could test a new group of personalised treatments.

At the research visit, our patrons heard from Professor Sam Janes, Samantha Arathimou (the PhD student doing the lab work) and staff from the British Lung Foundation about the difference our patrons make. Alison Staley, whose husband was diagnosed with mesothelioma in 2015, told us all about what research means to them and their family. It was so inspiring to hear everyone speak. And it was great to see our mesothelioma patrons get a chance to see the laboratory and equipment used in their studies. They even got to do a test to look for protein levels!



10,000

People get a new diagnosis of lung disease every week



Every 5 minutes

somebody dies from lung disease.



Over 700,000

hospital admissions a year are due to lung disease

Thermal Recycling

Written By Graham Gould



We were delighted to be invited to speak at the UKATA Asbestos Conference as detailed on page 16. It was the first time that we have talked about our business in public. It was a perfect audience to address as it is essential for us to engage with the industry leaders so that we can change the way that asbestos is dealt with.

As you may be aware, currently all asbestos is subject to “removal” to landfill. Asbestos removal is exactly that – moving asbestos from a site where it presents a danger, to a landfill site where it presents less of a danger. Landfill is better than leaving asbestos in place but has little else to offer. The asbestos arrives at a landfill site in a skip. The skip is tipped out. The asbestos is then buried and sealed in a hole which is often driven over by heavy vehicles. Landfill sites contain a large amount of asbestos in a very concentrated area. Who knows what state the asbestos is in? In Holland they view asbestos as only a temporary solution and one that leaves the problem to future generations. It is time that an alternative to landfill existed and we believe that Thermal Recycling can be that alternative

Thermal Recycling has permission to open a plant in Wolverhampton. This plant will eradicate asbestos. We have permission to denature 29,500 tonnes annually of cement bonded asbestos containing chrysotile. We believe this to be the first plant of its type in the world. We are now building a demonstration plant with a capacity of 4,000 – 5,000 tonnes

a year. This plant will be commissioned by the end of this year. The commissioning does not just involve commissioning the machinery it also involves developing all the operation procedures and processes.

Initially we will only accept roofing sheets for eradication. We will supply contractors with the type of purpose made double bags that are used across Europe but are rarely used in the UK. We need to work with contractors to develop the best way to fill these bags and then to load them on to vehicles. This approach is a safer, cleaner way of handling asbestos. We are pioneering a new and better approach.

Whilst everyone is concerned about sustainability, we know that our approach will not succeed if it is more costly than sending asbestos to landfill. We are very confident that once the plant has been commissioned, it will not cost more to bring asbestos to Thermal Recycling than taking it to landfill.

Once the commissioning trials have been completed we will have proven that we can eradicate asbestos on a large scale. We will then be able to look forward and we can begin planning to build a full-scale plant and can start evaluating how we can develop a network of plants around the UK and internationally. The challenges in achieving this goal will be practical and commercial, not technical.

We will need to change the way people think about disposing of asbestos. Industry leaders such as UKATA can help to make the UK the leading country in the world when it comes to sustainably disposing of asbestos.

<https://www.thermalrecycling.co.uk/>



Registered Safety Supplier

The BSIF has created the Registered Safety Supplier scheme (RSSS) to support the UK safety market. Companies displaying the scheme's logo have signed a binding declaration that the safety equipment and services they offer meet the appropriate standards, fully complies with the PPE regulations and is appropriately CE marked.

The Mission of the scheme is to provide assurance to users that only compliant and correctly performing products are being supplied through a capable, educated, competent supply chain. The scheme provides a recognized route to enable a member to demonstrate compliance with due diligence – discharging the obligations of an economic operator under PPE Regulation (EU) 2016/425.

In 2019, UKATA were invited to become supporters of RSSS, with a view to promoting the scheme to members:

A Registered Safety Supplier Scheme member...

- Formally declares and commits to selling only Certified PPE and safety products that perform to claims made

- Submits their products to random independent scheme testing
- Commits to having their customer facing staff educated and accredited in the Safe Supply Course
- Maintains a company Quality Policy
- Holds necessary authorisation for service provision
- As a Federation member trades honestly and ethically

Who benefits ...

- The purchasers and end users of safety products and PPE – with product that performs as it should
- The purchasers and users of safety products and PPE—sourced from capable, value adding suppliers

Sign up and **SUPPORT** the Registered Safety Supplier Scheme

The British Safety Industry Federation has launched www.registeredsafetysupplierscheme.co.uk as a dedicated website for employers looking to source PPE with the peace of mind that they are purchasing from an accredited, audited and competent supplier. The new website offers the ability to search by location on an interactive map for suppliers that have committed to becoming Registered Safety Suppliers. Let's eradicate unsafe, non-compliant, illegal safety products and improve safety across the UK.

"What is a Registered Safety Supplier?"

A Registered Safety Supplier (RSS) is a company that has declared to supply only safety equipment that fully complies with the standards and regulations relating to those products. Independent random tests are carried out on scheme member's product to ensure they are continuously meeting the standards and regulations. Read more on the newly launched website and take a look at who is a RSS.

How to get involved...

Go to www.registeredsafetysupplierscheme.co.uk and sign up to become a Supporter of the scheme. Supporters agree that they will always try to buy from a company that is a member of the RSS Scheme meaning that they recognise the vital importance of sourcing PPE that does its job properly and can be relied upon. Companies that sign up to be Supporters show their commitment to safety in the workplace and this is recognised by the RSS Scheme by putting their logo onto the website to highlight the commitment made.

Visit the new website and utilise the search for suppliers, Resources section offering informative downloads and the Ask BSIF section where you can submit any safety related questions you have.

www.registeredsafetysupplierscheme.co.uk

Action Meso Day

Action Mesothelioma takes place each year on the first Friday in July. Numerous Charity organisations throughout the UK organise events to remember asbestos victims, their friends and loved ones on this special day. Hundreds of people join in harmony to raise awareness, share their stories and raise much needed funds to support those affected by mesothelioma.

The Derbyshire Asbestos Support Team organised an event at the Whitworth Centre in Darley Dale, Matlock. Joanne Gordon, DAST Co-ordinator welcomed guests to the event and spoke about their most recent campaign to raise awareness of the dangers of asbestos and offered advice on how victims could claim the compensation they deserve.

Guests were invited to write their own personal message to mesothelioma victims on notelets, which were later hung from the tree of remembrance as a poignant reminder of those affected by asbestos related illness.

The Chairman of DAST, Dave Trigg spoke about the dangers of asbestos in schools which prompted one delegate to share her story. Her husband had died of Mesothelioma a few years ago, despite neither working in the construction industry or anywhere else where asbestos was present. She firmly believed that he was exposed to asbestos whilst at school.

Representatives of UKATA joined other guests around the tree of remembrance to hear Sarah Walters read a prize-winning poem written by Pam Baker before setting off on their 'Walk a Mile for Mesothelioma'. The walk took them past beautiful lakes, plants and wildlife giving everyone the opportunity to reflect and remember those who had lost their lives due to Mesothelioma and other asbestos related diseases.

Whilst walking the guests were interested to learn more about the work of UKATA, particularly how the association raises awareness of the dangers of asbestos.

After a very enjoyable walk UKATA representatives joined other guests for a group photo as a lasting memory of a very successful 'Action Mesothelioma Day 2019'.



Mavis Nye Foundation

Mavis and Ray Nye receive Honorary Degree



On the 9th July 2019, Mavis and Ray Nye received Honorary Degrees from the University of Kent. The ceremony took place in the Rochester Cathedral, which saw Mavis and Ray as the first married couple to receive the doctorate together from the University.

They were nominated, in recognition of their non-stop campaigning to promote awareness of the asbestos-related cancer, Mesothelioma. Nominations for an honorary degree can be made by individuals or by groups, departments and schools that are either part of the University or external. All recommendations that the University of Kent receive are considered by their Honorary Degrees Committee and their recommendations are subject to approval by the Senate and Council

Tim Farrow-House, Head of Strategy and Operations for the University of Kent said that "They had to have had the achievement of academic distinction in an academic discipline of the University and they also had to have an exceptional and distinguished contribution to business, public life or service, locally, in the University's region, nationally or internationally."

During the ceremony, Mavis and Ray Nye delivered a speech that inspired and offered advice to the University of Kent's graduating students. Honorary graduates continue their relationship with the university, to support current and future

students and alumni. Upon receiving the Honorary Degree Dr Mavis Nye said "It was our proudest moment to be awarded for our Asbestos Advocate work"

Craig Evans, Chief Operating Officer of UKATA said "Over the years Mavis and Ray Nye have become firm friends of mine and when Mavis told me the exciting news was on the horizon, to say I was delighted when all was revealed was an understatement!"

He added "In December 2017, I attended the launch of the Mavis Nye Foundation and remember clearly how Mavis spoke with such passion and dedication about her foundation set up to help young people who want to become doctors specialising in mesothelioma".

"Mavis is supported by many influential people and is in great demand to speak both at home and abroad about her story, with Ray always by her side. All that remains for me to say is a huge congratulations to Mavis and Ray from the UKATA Board of Directors, the UKATA Team and myself".

Mavis and Ray use social media to help raise awareness of mesothelioma and if you would like to learn more about this dedicated couple please follow their blog www.rayandmave.wordpress.com which tells their unique story.



WISH YOU WERE HERE?



60 people die from skin cancer caused by sun exposure at work in Britain every year.

Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the world. It's also the easiest to avoid – 90 per cent of all skin cancer deaths could be prevented if sun exposure is controlled.

If you're at risk:

- follow the rules about protecting yourself from sun exposure – ask your boss if you're not sure about anything
- check your skin regularly for the tell-tale signs of cancer – look at IOSH's Check it out card for more info



WORKING TOGETHER TO BEAT OCCUPATIONAL CANCER

The Institution of Occupational Safety and Health is campaigning to stop thousands of untimely deaths to work-caused cancer – find out more at

www.notimetolose.org.uk



IOSH Conference

IOSH Conference 16 – 17 September 2019 | ICC, Birmingham

In a continued effort to work collaboratively within the industry, in order to forge effective partnerships, UK Asbestos Training Association will exhibit for the second time at IOSH Conference in September.

Take the Next Step, is the global conference for safety and health professionals, brought to you by the Chartered body for occupational safety and health. The event is taking place on 16–17 September 2019 at the ICC in Birmingham, and will give delegates and the organisations they work for inspirational presentations, fresh thinking, business intelligence, new updates and opportunities to make important new connections with other safety and health specialists. With fantastic speakers, debates on the issues that matter and opportunities to learn and be inspired, IOSH 2019 is the conference you must attend this year.

“Exhibiting at the IOSH Conference is a great opportunity for UKATA and provides a strong platform for the association to continue raising awareness of asbestos and further promote training. In the last twelve months we have delivered three successful asbestos webinars in conjunction with IOSH. I look

forward to joining IOSH at what I know will be a very successful conference” says Craig Evans, Chief Operating Officer of UKATA.

For the latest conference details, visit
www.ioshconference.com

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Contamination Expo 2019



The Contamination Expo Series 2019 is due to take place 11th and 12th September 2019 at the NEC in Birmingham. This is Europe's leading exhibition for contamination professionals, and UK Asbestos Training Association will be exhibiting at this event, for the fourth year. Several UKATA Members have already registered to exhibit, including:

- Bardon Environmental Ltd
- Franks Portlock Consulting Ltd
- IOM Consulting Ltd
- SOCOTEC UK

As part of UKATA's partnership with the Contamination Expo, UKATA Members are entitled to a 10% discount on their exhibitor space!

There are many reasons to exhibit at the Contamination Expo;

- Network with over 6,000 senior decision makers within the contamination sector
- Exposure to 22,000 decision makers from across all 4 co-located shows
- Marketing of your business before, during, and after the show to an international database of over 50,000 decision makers
- Over 370 local councils to be represented

There are now only a very limited number of stands left at the show, so be sure to take advantage of this discount and book your stand today!

Contact Event Director Daniel Rogers on 0117 990 2005 or email daniel.rogers@prysmgroup.co.uk to discuss the opportunities that remain.

We will be exhibiting on stand H79 so be sure to stop by and have a chat.



Contamination Expo Speakers

Across two incredible days, this exhibition will showcase the latest in modern strategies, techniques and technologies currently being used to prevent, treat and manage contaminated land, water and air, featuring 120 expert-led seminars!

Don't miss UKATA Speakers Wayne Bagnall & Brad Luff who will represent the association at the Contamination Expo this September:

Wayne Bagnall – Asbestos Packers in Reinforced Concrete
Wednesday, 11th September, Keynote Theatre 20, 11:45 - 12:15

Wayne operates a specialist asbestos and demolition safety consultancy; Wayne Bagnall Consulting with a small team providing advice, training and support to ensure safe and cost-effective projects.



In the 1970's Wayne studied Chemistry & Biochemistry for five years attaining a City & Guilds Full Technological Certificate equivalent to degree level. He continues his education in management and safety gaining Membership with the Chartered Institute of Management (MCMI), a qualified Demolition Engineer with the Institute of Demolition engineers (IDE) and a corporate Membership with IOSH. In 2000, Wayne was one of the first four people to be awarded a master's degree in Construction (Health & Safety) Management at Liverpool John Moores University.

Wayne's presentation titled "Asbestos Packers in Reinforced Concrete" will discuss a case study of how these were discovered, classified and removed during the demolition of a 7 storey 1970's RC frame building."

Brad Luff – Fail to Plan, Plan to Fail

Wednesday, 11th September, UKATA Theatre 26, 13:15 - 13:45
Thursday, 12th September, UKATA Theatre 26, 11:00 - 11:30

During a 30-year career in safety Brad has worked on several high-profile projects including the construction of Wembley New Stadium and being responsible for the safety at the Royal



Artillery Barracks for London 2012 Olympic/Paralympic shooting events. The role was repeated 2 years later at The Commonwealth Games, again for the shooting events. As a qualified instructor running various safety courses, he has often noted that there is often a lack of attendees from both senior management and planning/tendering sectors, with

training focusing on 'sharp end' personnel who carry out the work rather than those who plan the work. His key message is that issues are easier to fix at the 'planning' stage than the 'doing' stage.

Brad's presentation titled "Fail to Plan, Plan to Fail" will focus on the failure to consider all foreseeable risks during the planning/tendering stage of refurbishment and demolition projects so that planning how to deal with those risks fails. This leads to dealing with the situation, when it arises in a reactive, not proactive way. Brad will also discuss how people carrying out the planning process are often untrained in terms of those risks, especially asbestos.

If you are interested in speaking at future events on behalf of UKATA please contact our Events & Marketing Manager, Victoria Castelluccio to register your interest.



Duty To Manage

New UKATA course developed in response to significant interest from the Housing Sector.

Duty to Manage for the Housing Sector

Over the last few months UKATA has received an increasing number of enquiries from the housing sector with a view to offering a specific UKATA course to personnel who manage housing stock. These persons could be building owners, landlords, sub-lessors, managing agents, including duty holder's assistants and appointed persons assistants.

The Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation) Act 2018 came into force on 20th March 2019 and applies to new tenancies (of less than seven years) including a renewal of an existing tenancy from then. This means that as well as the obligation to keep property 'in repair' landlords are now required to ensure that properties are 'fit for human habitation'. This obligation extends throughout the entire period of the tenancy with asbestos listed as one of the matters which could cause a property to be unfit for human habitation.

UKATA has developed this bespoke course for those within the housing sector who require an overview of the duty to manage, including legislative requirements for asbestos and housing.

The course will provide the delegate with a basic understanding of the legislative requirements of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012, Regulation 4 - giving the delegate an overview of the duty to manage in non-domestic premises, more specifically in the housing sector.

In addition to asbestos legislation there will also be an overview of legislation specific to housing providers such as 'The Housing Act 2004 & the Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation) Act 2018, as highlighted above.

There will be specific reference made to the Duty Holder who could be the building owner, landlord, sub-lessor, managing agent or any assistants of these housing providers. The course will cover the extent of their responsibility including assessing, recording, managing and removing or repairing asbestos.

The delegate will learn what surveys are available and what they include, as well as a brief summary of how a survey is undertaken. This module will include an overview of a survey report, what to expect and to understand the report provided with particular reference to conclusions and actions recommended by the surveyor. Examples of survey reports will be provided as part of the training.

There will also be a module specifically covering the management plan, detailing what is included in this plan and how it should be used within the housing sector. This section will include an explanation of risk management in contrast to asbestos management to further clarify the requirements within a residence, understanding what is meant by a "Duty of Care".

Delegates must have an awareness of asbestos before proceeding to the duty to manage element. Depending on previous training the 'Duty to Manage for the Housing Sector' course will take six and half hours for initial training or three and half hours with recent UKATA asbestos awareness training.

At the end of the course the delegate will be assessed on their knowledge and if successful a UKATA certificate will be issued.



UK Construction Week

8th – 10th October 2019



Back by popular demand.....

UK Construction Week brings together all stakeholders within the built environment across design, build and supply; promoting innovation, projects, learning and networking, with 35,000 visitors and 650+ exhibitors and over 150 hours of CPD content.

UKATA was invited to present at UK Construction Week in 2018. On behalf of the association UKATA Director, Professor Roger Willey, delivered his "Asbestos: Real Risk, Perceived Risk and Contract Price" presentation to a packed theatre, with a queue of delegates who had a thirst for knowledge, waiting to discuss the subject further with him as his seminar closed. Asbestos is very much a hot topic, with more and more cases of poor working practices being investigated by the HSE, the need for training and information remains, hence the invitation for UKATA to return this Winter to address the conference once more.

Professor Roger Willey's research has been presented at major international conferences and has led directly to changes in UK legislation. The Professor has worked closely with the HSE

in producing asbestos training/support materials and he is a regular speaker at HSE/ IOSH events.

Professor Roger Willey will deliver his presentation on "Asbestos in Soils" Thursday 10th October, 11am.

As the largest event dedicated to knowledge sharing, best practice, problem solving and product sourcing, UK Construction Week is the environment for the whole industry to discover, develop, discuss and do business; providing all the answers for how we build for our future.

The event is due to take place between the 8th – 10th October 2019 at the NEC, Birmingham.

You can register for your free tickets on the UK Construction Week website: <https://www.ukconstructionweek.com/#/>

If you are interested in speaking at future events on behalf of UKATA please contact our Events & Marketing Manager, Victoria Castelluccio to register your interest.



Member News

SOCOTEC granted UKAS accreditation for asbestos in soil analysis at its carcroft laboratory.



SOCOTEC, the UK's leading provider of testing, inspection and compliance services, has been granted UKAS accreditation for asbestos identification and quantification in soils, sediments and aggregates at its Carcroft laboratory.

The accreditation provides further capacity to supplement the existing soils laboratories in Burton on Trent and Bridgend, South Wales.

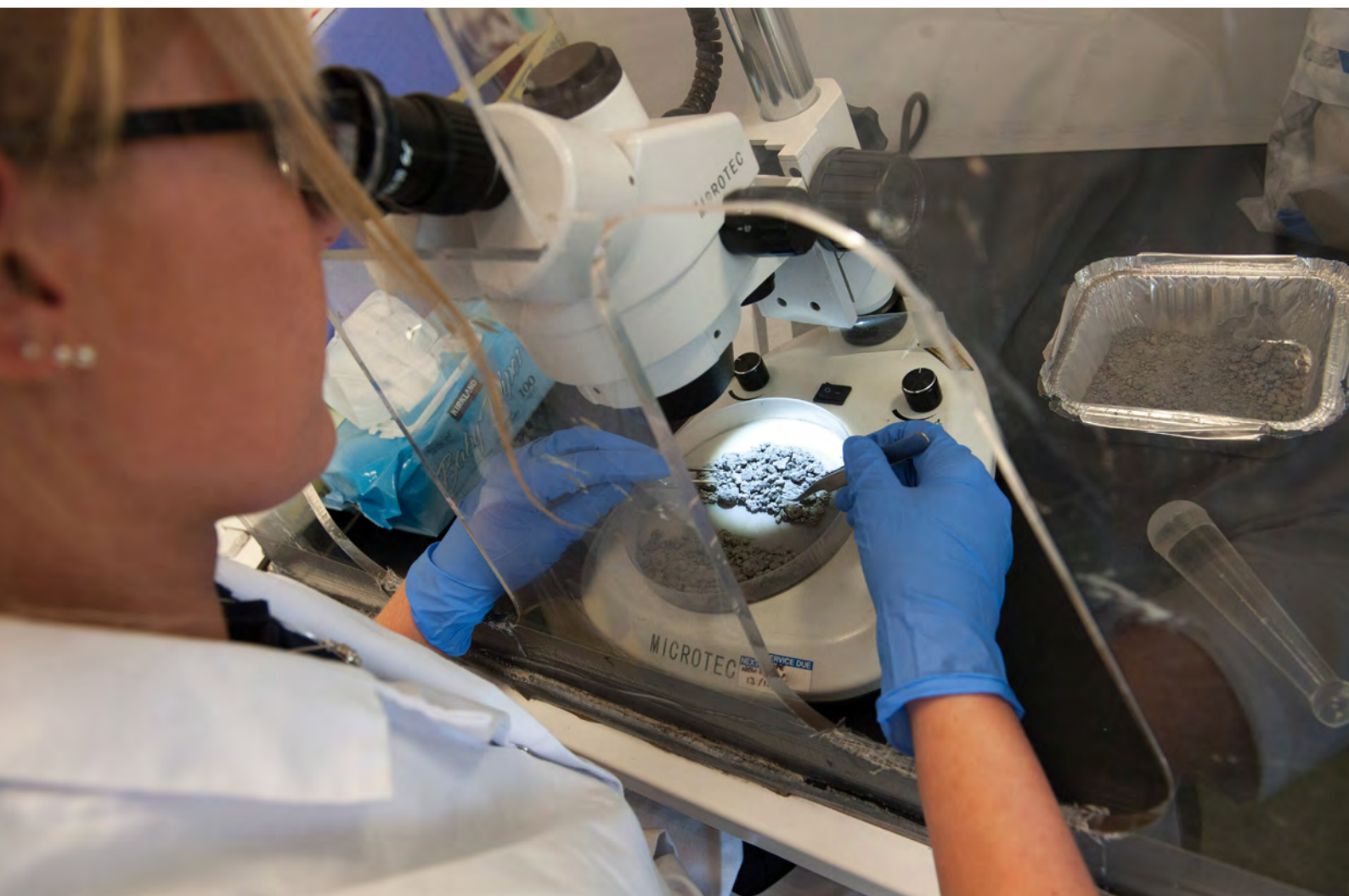
Located in South Yorkshire, the Carcroft laboratory delivers a full suite of asbestos consultancy and project management services, including surveying, air monitoring, clearance inspections and sample analysis.

Despite the substance being banned for use in construction in 1999 in the UK, asbestos can be present in many buildings constructed before 2000, as well as within soils in brownfield

sites. With a greater emphasis from the Government on the development of brownfield sites over recent years, SOCOTEC's asbestos services team has seen a significant surge in client requests for analysis of soil samples to identify possible asbestos fibre contamination.

Matthew Harris, technical and quality manager commented:

"While the presence of asbestos in soils poses little threat if managed correctly, it remains a serious issue throughout the UK. The fact that we can now offer three UKAS accredited laboratories for asbestos in soil analysis means that we can provide an even greater service to our clients throughout the UK, who are benefitting from a streamlined offering and a five-day turnaround on laboratory analysis as standard."



Santia

Santia completes its '3 Peak' challenge in support of Mesothelioma UK.



Santia's regional teams braved a variety of weather conditions and survived the challenging terrain to raise funds for their chosen charity, Mesothelioma UK, raising almost £2k and counting!

Team Santia successfully completed its 3 – peak challenge having navigated the Cheviot, Kinder Scout and Pen Y Fan mountains in walks spanning over 3 weekends.

The circular walks were certainly a physical challenge and typically, the British summer didn't disappoint with the teams experiencing rain, fog and hot temperatures on each of the walks. Everyone who took part in the event thoroughly enjoyed their day.

Friends, family, staff, customers and suppliers have helped make the efforts worthwhile by donating generously to

Mesothelioma UK. Santia would like to say a big thank you to all who have contributed to the success of this event.

An extra special mention goes to Jill Lemon of Mesothelioma UK, who provide the merchandise that was proudly worn by the teams.

You can still donate to the Mesothelioma UK Charitable Trust who rely totally on voluntary donations for the support they provide, should you wish to donate, please do so by going to the link below

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/santia>



3B Hold Charity Ball



On Friday 18th October 3B Training will be hosting their first-ever charity ball. The event will be held at Leigh Sports Village in the Wigan Borough and will raise money for Mates in Mind.

Mates in Mind is a charity dedicated to improving mental health and wellbeing across the construction industry. They aim to raise awareness, address the stigma of poor mental health and promote positive mental wellbeing in construction and related industries across the UK.

The night will consist of welcome drinks, a guest speaker, a three-course meal & wine on tables, entertainment and a charity auction.

The guest speaker for the evening is Justin Manley. In 2015 Justin was involved in an almost fatal water main explosion that

almost cost him his life. He had to have his face reconstructed and was left with even more adversity. He is passionate about getting his story out there and getting his hard-hitting message to others

3B Training actively promote Mental Health across the industry by running regular Mental Health First Aid courses and delivering talks. They're aiming to raise £10,000 to further support this great cause.

If you wish to donate to Mates in Mind, you can do so by visiting www.matesinmind.org.uk



Let's Talk Charity Ball

Friday 18th October 2019 - Leigh Sports Village

Table of 12: £780 - Half Table of 6: £440
Table of 10: £650 - Half Table of 5: £375

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