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Here are FIVE good reasons to consider entering an award:

- 1 INCREASED CREDIBILITY**
 Highly regarded industry accolade, recognition of your company's skills and outstanding workmanship.


- 2 BENCHMARKING**
 Help raise your company profile, gaining a competitive edge.


- 3 FREE MARKETING**
 Shortlists and winners are showcased online and across industry newsletters and publications.


- 4 EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE**
 Recognise the hard work and achievements of your employees, boosting staff morale.


- 5 NETWORKING**
 The highlight of the roofing events calendar celebrating the very best roofing projects.



2026 UK ROOFING AWARDS

UK ROOFING AWARDS 2026



The 2026 UK Roofing Awards are open for nominations and ticket sales. Closing date for nominations is Friday 9 January 2026.



If you need inspiration for what makes a good entry, take a look at the articles on NFRC's website at: https://bit.ly/RA_entrytips or scan the QR code:

Tickets can be purchased at <https://bit.ly/Attend2026> or by scanning the QR code.



Sponsorship opportunities are already selling fast, but if you are interested in your brand being part of the big day, please get in touch with Steve (stevelaurence@nfrc.co.uk) or Rose (rosefigg@nfrc.co.uk).

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A NOTE FROM NFRC'S POLICY OFFICER OFFER GRAY GIBSON



Across England, the next round of Local Skills Improvement Plans (LSIPs) is now being developed.

LSIPs, introduced through the government's 2021 Skills for Jobs white paper, set out an agreed list of practical priorities that employers, training providers, and other local partners can work on together to improve skills provision.

The first three-year cycle has now come to an end, and LSIPs are being renewed. NFRC wants to make sure the training needs of roofing and cladding businesses are properly reflected in these new plans.

We are already working with the relevant Employer Representative Bodies (ERBs) in each area and sharing data with them, but we also need your help.

ERBs will be running surveys, workshops, and roundtables with local employers to understand current skills gaps and future needs. We strongly encourage you to take part. Look out for invitations to participate in your inbox, or contact policy@nfrc.co.uk to find out what is happening in your area.

This is a valuable chance for businesses already active in the skills arena to build on their work, and for others to get involved. Draft LSIP "2.0" plans must be submitted by the end of March 2026, so now is the time to have your say.

A NOTE FROM NFRC'S IN-HOUSE TECHNICAL OFFER GARY WALPOLE ON BS 6229 AND WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE FORTHCOMING 2025 UPDATE



The long-awaited update to BS 6229, the UK's principal standard for flat roof design and construction, is edging closer to publication. Following a thorough review that began in 2024—and a busy public consultation that drew over 400 comments—the draft is now with the B/546 committee for final sign-off. The team remains hopeful the revised standard will be published in 2025.

CLEARER SCOPE AND AUDIENCE

One of the most noticeable improvements is clarity over who the standard is intended for. The scope now identifies architects, surveyors, roof system designers, contractors, and others involved in designing, specifying, and delivering flat roofs. This ensures guidance is aligned with real-world users.

The updated edition also references more industry publications, including *Safe2Torch*, and provides improved terminology with new definitions for coverboards, roofboards, and recovery boards.



DRAINAGE, THERMAL AND MOISTURE CONTROL

BS 6229 now integrates **rainwater catchment area diagrams** from BS EN 12056-3 and clarifies the difference between **emergency** and **tell-tale** overflows. Thermal performance requirements are updated, including a **2.5 per cent insulation increase** for inverted warm roofs with valid third-party certification. Condensation control guidance aligns with BS 5250: where ventilation beneath the deck is limited or absent, the **AVCL must have equal or greater vapour resistance** than the waterproof layer.



DESIGN FUNDAMENTALS STRENGTHENED

Roof falls receive significant attention. The standard defines a **minimum 1:80 finished fall** for general areas and internal gutters, with added detail on surface regularity: finished surfaces should meet **SR2 (5 mm)** tolerances with no backfalls. Where a deck or slab is constructed, a **level survey** must now be carried out prior to a documented handover to the roofing contractor; if tolerances are not met, a suitably-qualified person must undertake remedial work before roofing begins.

For blue roofs, the standard acknowledges hydraulic constraints and permits an **absolute zero-fall** design. In the absence of structural analysis, prefabricated or formed falls should be designed to **1:40 or greater**, and the standard confirms that two 1:60 tapered boards forming a hipped valley achieve an acceptable 1:85 fall.

The update also introduces the term **inverted warm roof system**, and provides expanded guidance on multi-functional finishes, including green roofs, solar PV, plant, and other specialist rooftop uses.



FIRE SAFETY AND STRUCTURAL CONSIDERATIONS

Fire safety has been strengthened significantly. Roofs must meet the requirements of **Approved Document B (and devolved equivalents)**, and designers must assess combustibility during all stages of construction, both individually and in combination.

The use of **CLT decks** in flat roofs should be designed out wherever possible; if used, they require a finished fall of **not less than 1:40** and moisture protection during construction.



INFORMATION EXCHANGE, WORKMANSHIP AND LIFECYCLE CARE

A new section stresses the importance of structured **information exchange** throughout the project, referencing the **Building Safety Act 2022, CDM 2015**, and HSG 33. Workmanship guidance, now in **Schedule 7**, highlights sequencing, material protection, and keeping all elements dry during construction.

The standard also introduces expanded advice on maintenance, renewal, modifications, and change of use, while **Annex A** provides a new method for calculating **U-value corrections for inverted blue roofs**.



DATES FOR THE DIARY



4 DECEMBER - 7 JANUARY

Autumn State of Trade Survey is open to members (*check inbox for invitation to complete*)

24 DECEMBER - 5 JANUARY

NFRC offices will be closed

9 JANUARY

Deadline for submitting UK Roofing Award entries!

9 - 15 FEBRUARY

National Apprenticeship Week

28 FEBRUARY

NFRC's Scottish Dinner Dance

More information is available at nffc.co.uk/events

LATEST NFRC TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS

All our technical documents are available online free of charge to members at: nffc.co.uk/knowledge

LATEST DOCUMENTS AND UPDATES INCLUDE:

Guidance Note GN72 Proposed Terms and Conditions for accepting the condition of a structural deck

<https://www.nffc.co.uk/resource/nffc-gn72-proposed-terms-and-conditions-for-accepting-the-condition-of-a-structural-deck--mrk282--pdf.html>

Guidance Note GN76 Reviewing Public Liability Insurance for Hot Works

<https://www.nffc.co.uk/resource/nffc-gn76-reviewing-public-liability-insurance-for-hot-works--mrk288--pdf.html>

UPDATED PUBLICATIONS

SA04 Revision C Requirements for Fire Stopping and Compartmentation (England and Wales)

TBT03 Revision B Firestop to Party Wall

(Remember you need to login to view them free of charge!)

PROCTOR AIR® MEMBRANE— THE PERFECT SOLUTION FOR RETROFIT PROJECTS

Roofs inevitably need replacing during a building's life. Retrofitting them effectively is essential to meet modern performance standards and ensure long-term resilience. The challenge lies in the unique conditions of each building; construction quality, exposure to weather, and occupant behaviour all affect roof durability and moisture risk.

Retrofit projects must be viewed holistically. Improving insulation and airtightness elsewhere in the building changes how moisture moves, which can affect the roof. For example, adding loft insulation lowers the roof-space temperature, increasing condensation risk.

Before upgrading insulation, assess the existing underlay. Traditional high-resistance membranes like bitumen felt may need replacement. More recent low-resistance (LR) membranes are vapour-permeable but typically airtight,

meaning they may still require some roof-space ventilation. Care must also be taken not to block eaves vents when installing insulation.

A. PROCTOR GROUP's Proctor Air® membrane provides a retrofit-friendly solution. As an air-permeable LR underlay (APLR), it allows both air and vapour to pass through the roof without needing a separate vapour control layer or roof-space ventilation. This enables insulation to extend into the eaves without risking blocked vents, and mitigates condensation risk.

Proctor Air's water resistance has been tested and meets the threshold of over 1 m of water holdout recommended in NFRC's Technical Bulletin TB06. However, consideration should be given to protection of the roof during inclement weather.

Supported by a 15-year warranty and backed by BBA certification, Proctor Air provides a reliable, future-ready underlay for pitched roof retrofits.

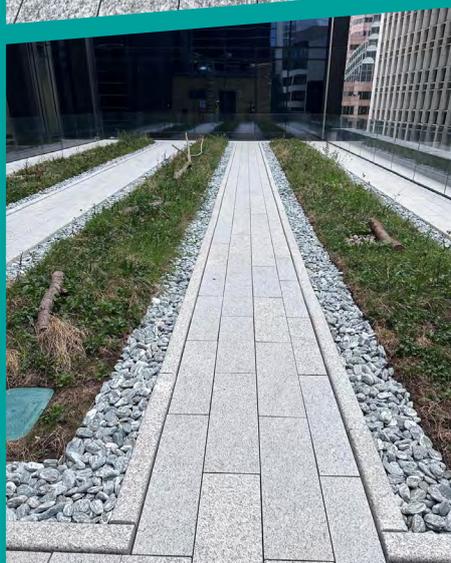
For further information please visit www.proctorgroup.com.



PROTEUS LEADS LONDON'S SUSTAINABLE LANDMARK PROJECT

Located in the heart of London's insurance district, 40 Leadenhall in EC3 is not only one of the largest office developments completed in the capital in 2024, but also a landmark project symbolising the future of sustainable commercial architecture.

Engaged at an early stage by the project developers, Proteus Waterproofing worked in collaboration with ARC Waterproofing Ltd to supply and support the application of advanced, sustainable flat roof and terrace waterproofing solutions across 5,380 m² of roof space on the North Tower, South Tower and the restored Grade II-listed Billiter Street.

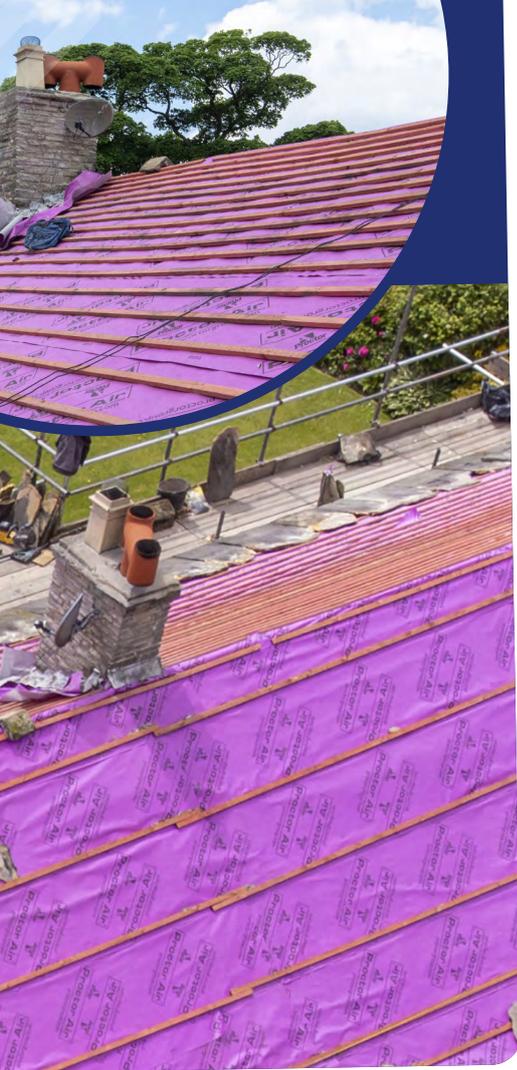


Multiple roof levels, a large footprint and an extensive number of terraces presented considerable technical and logistical hurdles. These included significant variations in terrace layouts and roofing zones, the need for phased installation with constant area transitions, and strict environmental, safety and scheduling requirements.

Proteus and its approved contractor worked alongside Proteus' in-house Technical Design Team conducting detailed U-value calculations to meet thermal requirements. Co-ordination was essential throughout the project due to the varying sequence of works, complex logistics, and high-rise installation challenges.

This collaborative approach ensured the waterproofing works met the project's exceptional design, environmental and performance standards.

Employing Proteus products—Cold Melt®, Proteus Hot Melt®, Pro-Living® and Proteus Pro Therm—it was possible to exceed thermal performance standards, eliminate environmental compromise, and deliver robust green roofing solutions across a structurally and logistically complex site, integrating eco-conscious waterproofing and insulation systems.



SKYLINE ROOFING CENTRES— SHEETING AND CLADDING EXPERTISE

With almost 50 years at the forefront of roofing innovation, Skyline Roofing Centres has become a trusted partner for contractors and specifiers across the south east. With twelve branches strategically located around the M25, **SKYLINE** combines reliable supply with specialist technical support to keep projects on track.



From heritage integration to environmental excellence, this project showcases how innovative waterproofing and insulation systems can contribute significantly to building longevity, occupant wellbeing and environmental stewardship.

For further information on Proteus Products please visit www.proteuswaterproofing.co.uk.

To meet the growing demand for specialist solutions, Skyline operates a dedicated Sheeting and Cladding Department, based at its Watford branch. Led by Business Development Manager Diane Benvenega, the team offers a complete support package—from product selection and specification advice through to supply and aftercare.

SKYLINE STOCKS AN EXTENSIVE RANGE COVERING:

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- Weatherboard systems
- Bespoke flashings, copings, and fabrications.

Composite cladding, decking and fencing are also available, ensuring contractors can source everything in one place.

Many products are available from stock, while bespoke solutions can be manufactured for individual project requirements. Whether it's agricultural, industrial, commercial, or domestic cladding, Skyline's expert team ensures the right products are supplied—right down to the last fixing and sealant.



For more information or to discuss your next project, please contact Diane Benvenega on 07944 269 848 or at diane.benvenega@skylineroofing.co.uk.

EJOT PROVIDES STANDING-SEAM FASTENING SOLUTION FOR ABERDEENSHIRE'S NEW 'CIVIC HUB'

EJOT UK's Technical Team has supported Tektum Supplies and roofing and façade contractor Fowler McKenzie to develop a robust fixing specification for a highly sustainable, new multi-purpose civic building in Ellon, Aberdeenshire.

The £11.4 million Formartine House development has been designed to elevated sustainability standards with the aim of achieving net zero, not least by incorporating a highly insulated and airtight envelope to minimise energy use.



One of the challenges associated with the construction of the envelope was ensuring the standing seam system would be securely fixed to the building's unconventional structure.

The structure is formed of glulam beams and supporting secondary steelwork with a thick layer of insulation as part of a design to Passivhaus. To determine the most effective fixing solution, Fowler McKenzie consulted with Tektum Supplies, with whom EJOT UK has a strong working relationship.

Tektum utilised its unique prognosis software to generate the calculations necessary and confirm that the fasteners recommended by EJOT would satisfy the standing seam manufacturer's own technical criteria.

Mike Saini, Managing Director of Tektum Supplies, said: *"Combining our prognosis data with EJOT's physical testing capabilities meant we could achieve a fastener specification that everyone in the project could depend on."*

EJOT UK's Technical Team confirmed the suitability of the recommended fasteners via a series of tests at its Applitec Centre, including pull-out tests, tensile testing and detailed analysis of the material characteristics of both the steel and glulam sections, which were conditioned in one of Applitec's dedicated chambers for one week.

For more information please visit www.ejot.co.uk.



BAUDER OFFICIALLY OPENS NEW DISTRIBUTION CENTRE

BAUDER LIMITED, a leading manufacturer of flat roofing systems, has officially opened its new UK distribution centre at Gateway 14 in Stowmarket, Suffolk.

The 44,000 ft² warehouse, launched on 7 October, strengthens Bauder's national distribution and reflects the company's growth across the UK. It becomes Bauder's largest distribution hub, in addition to its UK operational headquarters in Ipswich.

The opening was marked with a sustainability-focused event attended by staff and UK managing directors Yvonne Higgins and John Llewellyn. Guests enjoyed a street feast, facility tour, and unveiling ceremony.

The company minimised the event's environmental impact with shuttle buses for attendees, re-usable cups, and staff-led litter picking and clean waste recycling.

The facility embodies Bauder's commitment to sustainability, achieving an EPC A rating and featuring EV charging points, LED lighting, solar PV, smart energy systems, rainwater harvesting, wide wildflower borders at ground level, and swift nesting boxes.

As Bauder continues to serve customers and partners nationwide, Gateway 14 is ideally situated within Freeport East with direct access to the UK's motorway network via Junction 50 of the A14.

Jan Bauder, Managing Director at Paul Bauder GmbH (Germany), commented: *"This state-of-the-art facility is a reflection of both our growth in the UK market and our confidence in meeting the increased demand for our products."*

"That we have achieved this in line with our sustainability programme is just fantastic."

Bauder, a fourth-generation family-owned business founded in Germany in 1857, is one of Europe's leading suppliers of flat roofing solutions.

To contact Bauder please call 01473 257671 or visit www.bauder.co.uk.



HARMER TWO-WAY ROOF OUTLETS FROM ALUMASC: DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS FOR PARAPET WALLS

Complex detailing where flat roofs meet walls or parapets can present major challenges for contractors. As part of Harmer's well-established Detail Range from ALUMASC, Two-Way Roof Outlets provide a high-performance solution for effective rainwater discharge and long-term protection of the building façade.

Designed for use with flat roof structures of cast concrete, timber, or lightweight metal deck construction, Harmer Two-Way Outlets integrate effectively with all continuous waterproofing systems.

Harmer Two-Way Roof Outlets are compatible with all standard pipe sizes. They are available in mini, regular, and large configurations, with the option of an aluminium ADPA threaded spigot adaptor to enable a gas-tight connection within concrete slabs, eliminating the need for steel gas tubes.

The adaptors are manufactured from precision-cast aluminium silicon alloy, facilitating an A1 fire-rated connection to all types of pipe systems; it will not combust or contribute to the spread of fire. An extended spigot option is also available to accommodate any bespoke application.

Harmer Outlets are manufactured to BS EN 1559:1997 and are BBA-approved powder coated for additional protection, offering a service life of up to 40 years in rural or suburban environments. The grate is finished in blue and the clamping collar in yellow, for clear identification.

They are easy to install, providing contractors with a drainage solution to withstand the challenges of roof-to-parapet interfaces, with the additional assurance of Alumasc's nationwide network of technical experts.

For more information please call 01536 383810, or visit www.alumascwms.co.uk/brands/harmer.



STEPHENS INDUSTRIES: NATIONWIDE LEADERS IN EPDM ROOFING SOLUTIONS

With over 65 years' experience, **STEPHENS INDUSTRIES** stands as a trusted name in premium EPDM roofing and waterproofing systems.

Known as the home of flexible roofing supplies and a proud NFRC member, the company continues to deliver exceptional quality and reliability to roofing professionals across the UK.

As specialists in EPDM roofing membranes, Stephens Industries proudly supplies the full Elevate RubberCover & RubberGard system—a market leader known for durability, adaptability, and environmental responsibility.

Perfect for residential flat roofs of every dimension, it provides dependable protection and performance year after year. The addition of the new Elevate Toluene-Free QuickPrime Plus means professionals can now achieve even greater results with sustainability in mind.

Stephens Industries' dedicated training centre offers hands-on courses for roofing professionals, providing expert guidance to become certified Elevate RubberCover

installers. This hands-on certification equips professionals with the expertise and knowledge needed to install the system to the highest standards, thereby supporting their career growth and success in the roofing industry.



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The Flexible Roofing Supplies website gives trade members easy access to a full range of roofing products. Registered accounts unlock exclusive trade discounts, competitive pricing, and dedicated support, which ensures that roofing professionals get top-quality materials at the best value.

Working with NFRC to improve the professionalism of the roofing industry, Stephens Industries delivers expert training, premium products and exclusive trade benefits, helping roofing professionals achieve reliable, sustainable results across the UK.



READY TO JOIN? Call the team on 01225 810324 or email sales@stephens-industries.co.uk.



AIR-PERMEABLE MEMBRANES: THE SMARTER WAY TO CONTROL CONDENSATION AND MAXIMISE ROOF PERFORMANCE

Image courtesy of R and M Roofing York Ltd

Condensation remains one of the biggest hidden risks in pitched roof construction. When warm, moist air becomes trapped within the roof space, it can lead to timber decay, mould and costly call-backs. A well-chosen underlay is therefore critical—not just for weather protection, but for long-term roof health.

The move, which builds on Barratt Redrow's historical pallet re-use efforts, comes as the number of green LOOP pallets entering the building materials supply chain increases week-on-week and has surpassed one million pallets issued to date.

Air- and vapour-permeable membranes provide a simple, effective solution. By allowing both air and vapour to pass through, they help moisture escape before it can condense. To ensure compliance and peace of mind, roofers should always look for BBA certification for use in both cold and warm non-ventilated roofs, as well as NHBC approval confirming that no additional ventilation is required.

First introduced in 1996, Roofshield® from **DON & LOW** set the benchmark for this technology—and continues to outperform

not just competing underlays, but even conventionally ventilated roofs.

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Sustainable choice—made using recyclable materials and backed by an Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) for full transparency.



After nearly 30 years of use in real-world UK conditions, Roofshield® remains a trusted, installer-friendly solution that cuts risk, saves labour, and keeps roofs performing at their best.

For more information please call **0808 169 4444**, email **membranes@donlow.uk**, or visit **www.donlow.co.uk**.

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By Geoff Grierson, EBS Managing Director

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ACTIS GETS BEHIND 'SKILL, BABY, SKILL' FOR 'BUILD, BABY, BUILD'

Insulation specialist **ACTIS** has backed a warning by the NHBC that 'skill, baby, skill' is required for the government to achieve its target to 'build, baby, build' 1.5 million homes by 2029.

The call, by NHBC Chief Operating Officer David Campbell at a construction reception at the Labour Party conference, stressed that a significant expansion of the housebuilding workforce was vital to enable it to hit its ambitious target.

Actis UK and Ireland Sales Director Mark Cooper agrees that encouraging more people to choose a career in construction is vital.

The company is playing its part by upskilling existing professionals via its RIBA-approved CPD training courses and interesting young people in the industry through school and college outreach sessions.



Actis UK and Ireland Sales Director Mark Cooper backs NHBC's call for 'skills, baby, skills' to help the government 'build, baby, build'

Mark adds that the housebuilding industry must also embrace speedier construction methods to help compensate for a smaller workforce.

In other words more offsite construction is needed, which can be around 30 per cent faster than traditional brick and block, thus increasing output capacity.

He says: *"Our Hybrid insulation systems are used in many of these modular homes. As the products can be installed by less experienced members of the construction team, this frees up the longer-serving colleagues to carry out some of the more skilled tasks."*

"As they are factory built, such homes are also known to deliver more consistent quality and more effective thermal efficiency."

For information on Actis insulation products please visit www.insulation-actis.com.

RUBBERSEAL EXPANDS TRAINING OFFERING WITH NEW SOUTH EAST FACILITY

RUBBERSEAL, a UK leader in roofing and waterproofing solutions, has strengthened its commitment to the industry with the opening of a new training facility in the south east, near High Wycombe.

As specialists in flat roofing systems, Rubberseal supplies a wide range of high-performance solutions, including Elevate RubberGard EPDM, Rhenofol single-ply membranes, Liquiflex Pro liquid waterproofing and Polyflex MS. The company supports contractors, architects, and building owners with a full suite of services, from specification advice and site surveys to technical support, training, and CPDs.

The south east facility joins Rubberseal's established training centres in Kilmarnock (head office) and Walsall, ensuring nationwide coverage and easy access for contractors across the UK. Each centre is equipped to deliver hands-on, practical training that combines classroom knowledge with on-roof application.

CURRENT TRAINING COURSES INCLUDE:

- Elevate RubberGard EPDM—the proven single-ply rubber membrane
- Rhenofol PVC single-ply membranes—versatile, durable flat roofing solutions
- Liquiflex Pro—a seamless, cold-applied liquid waterproofing system.

Beyond training, Rubberseal's commercial services include tailored technical support, CPD presentations, and on-site guidance—all designed to help contractors and specifiers deliver reliable, long-term waterproofing systems while growing their businesses.

To book training or learn more about Rubberseal's full range of services, please call the team on **01290 559333**, email info@rubberseal.com, or visit www.rubberseal.com.



SIKA DELIVERS HIGH-PERFORMANCE ROOFING FOR BLACKPOOL'S STANLEY BUILDINGS REDEVELOPMENT

The Stanley Buildings project is a standout example of how innovative roofing solutions can breathe new life into heritage structures while meeting the modern standards for sustainability, safety and performance.

Located in the heart of Blackpool, this 1930s landmark has undergone a transformative £7.5 million redevelopment led by Blackpool Council as part of its £39.5 million town deal.

Designed to support local enterprise, the refurbished building offers 44 high-quality office spaces, a co-working hub and a rooftop terrace, with the historic Midlands Bank corner unit re-imagined as a modern café.

Sika's Roofing Division, in collaboration with roofing specialists Designed Roof Systems Ltd, was tasked with waterproofing the 1,893 m² roof using Sikalastic®-625 BMS, a cold-applied liquid system designed for intricate detailing and complex roof geometries.

The roof featured multiple levels, angle changes and intricate parapet work, all while preserving original faience blockwork. Sikalastic®-625 BMS provided a seamless, flexible system that encapsulated these features without compromising the building's aesthetics or integrity.

Sikalastic®-625 BMS also played a crucial role in addressing sustainability and performance goals. This single-component, cold-applied polyurethane membrane is not only highly durable but also offers major environmental benefits. The product contains biomass-balanced materials and bio-based solvents, lowering its carbon emissions by over 35 per cent compared to the standard system, Sikalastic®-625 N.

The Stanley Buildings project highlights Sika's role in modernising heritage infrastructure through sustainable, high-performance roofing solutions.

For more information please visit www.sika.co.uk/roofing

GLIDEVALE PROTECT LAUNCHES NEW FLAT INTERLOCKING TILE VENTILATOR

GLIDEVALE PROTECT has launched the Venta-Line TLE, a flat, interlocking low-profile tile ventilator designed to fit with thin leading edge (TLE) roof tiles.

Engineered for use with large-format concrete tiles featuring a slim profile, the Venta-Line TLE delivers roof space ventilation for new-build

and refurbishment projects. It can also be installed as a terminal for soil pipe ventilation or mechanical extract when used with Glidevale Protect's Soil Universal Adaptor and Flexi Pipe.

The tile vent integrates seamlessly with adjacent tiles, replacing a single roof tile while maintaining a consistent appearance.

Its unobtrusive profile and flush grille ensure the vent is virtually unseen from the ground, preserving roof aesthetics. Built-in weather protection and concealed baffles safeguard against rainwater ingress, while the integrated lower tray channels water away from the throat of the vent.

Produced in the UK from UV-stabilised uPVC with embedded silica sand and a polypropylene base plate made with up to 100 per cent recycled content, it is available in seven UV-stable colours to match popular TLE tile finishes.

It also offers a minimum geometric free ventilation area of 10,000 mm² to help meet BS 5250 requirements and suits roof pitches of 20° and above.

Compatible with leading TLE tiles, the Venta-Line TLE provides a holistic solution for modern ventilation needs.

For further information please call 0161 905 5700, email info@glidevaleprotect.com, or visit www.glidevaleprotect.com/tle.



THE PALLET LOOP ENHANCES OFFER WITH THREE-DAY COLLECTION SERVICE



Companies using **THE PALLET LOOP** across the UK mainland will now get their pallets picked up faster, as the business introduces a free three-day collection service option.

With immediate effect, all collections booked via The Pallet LOOP's nationwide recovery network will be completed within three working days—reflecting The Pallet LOOP's dedication to customer service, supply chain efficiency, and environmental responsibility.

Through this ground-breaking scheme, businesses earn £2 to £4 for every LOOP pallet returned, ensuring they are continually reused while also reducing construction waste.

The Pallet LOOP previously offered two collection possibilities: a three-day service (with a £100 fee), and a free ten-day option. LOOP's free three-day service now becomes the default, replacing the current ten-day offer.

Simplifying the collection service supports UK construction in several ways. Shortening the LOOP collections window to three days will help pallet recipients free up valuable yard, site and warehouse space. With a faster collections service, LOOP pallets will re-enter the supply chain more quickly instead of ending up damaged or in skips.

With The Pallet LOOP's three-day service, the collection of 50 or more pallets (green and white) is free, but collections of under 50 pallets will incur a £100 charge, while each standard white pallet returned will also cost £2.

For more information please visit www.thepalletloop.com or email collections@thepalletloop.com to book a collection.



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INVESTING IN SKILLS: APPRENTICES AND TRAINING AT METAL SOLUTIONS

METAL SOLUTIONS is a big believer in hands-on skill building.

This year, alongside offering a range of hard metal training courses for practicing roofers, it has also welcomed two new apprentices, Oliver and Maxwell, to its team. Joshua is progressing through his welding apprenticeship, and the team is proud to celebrate Helena and Max, who have recently completed their apprenticeships.

For Metal Solutions, apprenticeships are not just about training; they are about investing in people, supporting local communities, and keeping the craft alive.



Apprenticeships bring fresh ideas and energy into the workshop, give experienced team members the chance to pass on their knowledge, and ensure the strength of the hard metal roofing industry for years to come. For the wider community, they open doors—helping local people build rewarding, sustainable careers close to home.

Mentors Raf and Piotr say: *"It's amazing to see the progress from those first nervous weeks to confident, skilled team members. They're not just learning a trade—they're building a career."*

If you have ever considered taking on an apprentice, just do it. The rewards go far beyond the workplace. When businesses invest in people and skills, everyone benefits, your company, your team, and the future of the metal roofing craft.

As well as supplying roofing and cladding metals, Metal Solutions provides fabrication services and training courses, and also operates roofing-tools.com, the UK's largest online shop for specialist hard metal roofing tools and machinery.

For details about Metal Solutions and its hard metal training courses please visit www.metalsolutions.uk.com/metal-roofing-training.

FLEX-R WINS ROOFING SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR AT MERCHANT AWARDS

Specialist flat roofing supplier, FLEX-R, has won the Roofing Supplier of the Year Award at the Builders Merchants Journal Industry Awards 2025. As one of five finalists announced in this category, it was up against strong competition and leading brands in the roofing sector, which made scooping the win even more rewarding.

The event was recently held in London, where the merchant industry gathered to network and celebrate the finalists from various categories.

BMJ Group Managing Editor, Fiona Russell Horne, said: *"The BMJ Industry Awards, run in partnership with the Institute of Builders Merchants, are the only merchanting awards programme where the people who work in the industry are the ones who decide the winners. They are best placed to understand what good looks like."*

Trading Director for Flex-R, Danny Cole, commented: *"This award is for every single member of the Flex-R team for all the hard*

work and dedication they deliver daily. It is recognition that we have the best team in our industry, and our service is second to none in the merchant sector."

Sales Director for Flex-R, Barry Shorrock, added: *"A huge well done and thank you to every member of the Flex-R team. You are the reason we won this trophy, for which we are very grateful. A big thanks also to those who voted for us."*

"Our merchant customers are immensely important to us, and we will continue to strive to deliver great service to you."

For further information please visit www.flex-r.co.uk.



L - R: Lawrence Dallaglio OBE (Host of the awards), Danny Cole, Barry Shorrock from Flex-R and Andy Gamble, who announced the prize.

CUPA PIZARRAS BACKS NFRC WARNING ON RISKS OF BRAZILIAN METALUTITE

Leading natural slate supplier **CUPA PIZARRAS** has welcomed NFRC's latest guidance note—GN66 Brazilian stone (slate)—for clarifying the risks associated with Brazilian metalutite.

Often sold as 'Brazilian slate' this rock has very different properties from true metamorphic slate.

Published on 1 October 2025, the NFRC document highlights that Brazilian metalutite is a weaker, sedimentary rock formed from compacted mudstone rather than a durable metamorphic material. As a result, it is more brittle, prone to breakage, delamination and water absorption—all of which can compromise the roof's longevity.

Steve Pearson, UK Director of CUPA PIZARRAS, said: *"We are pleased to see the industry coming together in agreement about the risks of Brazilian metalutite and offering real clarity for specifiers, homeowners, and roofing contractors."*



"For too long, there has been confusion between genuine metamorphic slate and inferior metalutite products. Clear industry guidance protects everyone—from roofers working with reliable materials to homeowners investing in roofs that will truly last."

The NFRC guidance recommends hook fixing to reduce the risk of cracking, and notes that Brazilian metalutite's higher water absorption makes it more vulnerable to freeze-thaw damage.

As the world's leading producer of natural slate, CUPA PIZARRAS continues to support the use of proven, high-quality materials that ensure roofs remain safe, durable, and beautiful for decades.

For more information please visit www.cupapizarras.com/uk/brazilian-metalutite.



Guidance note GN66 can be downloaded by NFRC members: www.nfrc.co.uk/resource/gn66-brazilian-stone--slate---mrk289--pdf.html.

25 YEARS ON: TYVEK® MEMBRANE PROVES ITS ENDURANCE IN BERKSHIRE ROOF RENOVATION

In a compelling demonstration of material resilience, a recent renovation project in Berkshire has spotlighted the long-term performance of **TYVEK® 2001B Pro**, a roofing membrane installed in 1998.

The membrane, installed free-spanning over counter battens and sarking boards beneath natural slate, has successfully endured over 25 years of everything the British weather

could throw at it—offering architects and roofers a rare and welcome glimpse into real-world aging of roofing underlays.

Natural slate presents a rigorous test for any underlay. Heat transfer across the batten void can compromise the functional layer responsible for moisture management and wind resistance. Yet Tyvek® 2001B Pro, with its unique 170-micron functional layer, has stood the test of time and continues to perform.



Tyvek® performance after 25 years

Testing conducted in collaboration with Ascot Designs revealed exceptional aged performance results:

- **NAIL TEAR RESISTANCE:** 97 per cent of original strength.
- **TENSILE STRENGTH:** 88 per cent retention.
- **WATER COLUMN:** 1.7 m (*surpassing the 1 m of new air-open membranes*).

These figures confirm that Tyvek® membranes not only meet but exceed expectations for long-term durability, maintaining critical moisture resistance and structural integrity decades after installation.

Expert insight

"The opportunity to revisit a Tyvek® membrane after more than 25 years in situ was remarkable. The material's integrity and performance under natural slate's demanding conditions exceeded expectations and reaffirmed our confidence in specifying Tyvek® for long-term roofing solutions." commented Ascot Design Architects.

For further information please call 0117 452 9052/9053, email tyvek.construction@dupont.com, or visit DuPont™ Tyvek® Building Knowledge Centre at www.dupont.co.uk/building.html.

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