

# Midlands Region Newsletter



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**Ian Trickey FICConstM. Director of Membership for the past two years has handed over the role to Roy Blamey MConstM. at the Executive meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> January, Ian was thanked for his hard work**

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### Coventry

Galliford Try has been awarded a £52.5m contract from The Elite Group for the construction of a 922-bed student accommodation facility at Paradise Street in Coventry.



The new halls will be constructed across three blocks of three, 12 and 14 storeys on the site of a former garage close to the city centre, with an additional two low-rise housing blocks. The project includes further landscaping which will provide a recreational area for the students, as well as office and maintenance facilities for the proposed management company AXO Student Living.

The award comes with Galliford Try's Building East Midlands business already working on another student accommodation site in

Coventry, building a £47.5m 770-bed facility at Godiva Place.

Galliford Try East Midlands managing director Jon Marston said: "We are delighted to have won this contract and continue to build on our strong reputation as a contractor both within Coventry and in the student accommodation sector. We look forward to working with The Elite Group to produce high-quality facilities for the students of Coventry to benefit from."

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## AGM and National Rally Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 *Hosted by South West Region*



### Leigh Park Country House Hotel & Vineyard. Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire. Book asap please

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### Health fears

Health fears raised over construction nanotechnologies  
Concerns are growing that Nanotechnologies being used in building materials could pose a



health threat to construction and demolition workers.

Researchers at Loughborough University have now issued a guide for construction companies about how to minimise the dangers.

Nanotechnologies manipulate materials atom by atom.

Estimates suggest that by 2025 up to half of new building materials might contain nanomaterials. Scientists fear that the tiny particles and fibres could pose health risks similar to asbestos if they float freely in the environment and are inhaled.

The Institution of Occupational Safety and Health have sponsored the research in a bid to improve industry understanding of the potential dangers.

Project lead Dr Wendy Jones said: “The team found that nanomaterials are used primarily in surface coatings, concrete, window glass, insulation and steel in different ways and to differing extents.

“Some nanomaterials, such as certain types of carbon nanotube (CNT), are reported as potentially harmful, but these do not currently seem to be in common usage in the UK.

“In terms of risk, even problematic nanomaterials such as long, straight CNTs will not be hazardous as long as they are embedded in a solid, stable structure.

“Risk only arises if workers are exposed to certain nanoparticles or nanofibres in the form of dusts or aerosols; this might occur during construction or demolition activities.”

## M62 Motorway

Morgan Sindall/BAM smart motorway double confirmed.

Morgan Sindall and BAM Nuttall joint venture has confirmed the value of two contracts at £322m to deliver part of Highways England’s smart motorway programme.



The first contract, a two-stage design and build contract worth £104m, is to upgrade 10 miles of the M62 between Warrington (J10) and Manchester (J12).

BMJV, supported by design partners WSP and AECOM, started design work last month, with works planned to start on site from spring 2018.

Its second contract, worth £218m, will see the M27 between junctions 4 and 11 converted to create permanent dual 4-lane all lane running along the 15-mile stretch.

Consultants SWECO/Mott Macdonald and WSP have just started the design work with construction now due to begin in the spring.

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