

South East Region Newsletter



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Diary Dates

13th February 2018 South East Region Annual General Meeting

13th March 2018 CDM Update

Venue – Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath commencing at 6.30 p.m.

Skittles Evening – 7.30 p.m. on 4th May 2018 at The Bull Inn, Henfield.

National Annual General Meeting – to be held on 30th June 2018 at the Leigh Park Country House Hotel, Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire

DECRA Roof Systems

Mark Knewson gave a very interesting presentation on this roofing system outlining the many advantages it had over the conventional roofing tiles, slates etc. The system comes with a 40 year guarantee and Mark was able to demonstrate via a video how strong the tiles are compared to conventional roofing. In the video bricks were thrown at a sloping Decra system and a conventional roofing system, the roofing system was destroyed whilst the Decra system showed no damage whatever. Another video showed its resistance to wind damage – in a hurricane only the roof of a building remained in tack.

The system composition is made up of five layers –

- Transparent protection layer
- Natural stone granule
- Coloured acrylic resin
- Polyurethane primer
- ZM25g g/m steel

Each tile measures 1.290mmx360mm is .39mm thick and weights 2.8kg and is fixed by 4 Decra fixing nails to each tile.

Due to the size, weight etc. the tiles are quick to install and economic to deliver, one pallet of Decra Classic tiles contains approximately 150sq metres of roofing meaning significant cost savings on transport and logistics. They are recyclable and frequently contain recycled steel making them one of the most environmentally friendly roofing solutions.

Depolluting – Noxite granules have been proven to dramatically reduce the level of atmospheric NOx so Decra have now produced a Decra classic tiles with Noxite granules combining the long lifetime with the de-polluting property of Noxite granules.

It was proved that although at first more expensive to install taking into consideration its 40 year guarantee, zero maintenance and after installation zero additional costs it was less expensive than conventional tiling.

Liverpool Football Club

Anfield, home of Liverpool Football Club, is undergoing a major redevelopment as part of a wider £260m scheme to regenerate one of the city's most deprived areas.

Liverpool FC broke away from Everton FC to form a new club in 1892 and was to become one of the most successful clubs in Europe. In 2012 the owners Fenway Sports Group announced the club would remain at its historic home instead of building a new stadium and to meet growing spectator demand would redevelop the main stand adding 4,500 seats taking the capacity from 45,500 to 54,000.

The main stand dates from the early 1900s and in the 1970s a steel frame was built to support two of the stand's floors together with raking beams to support the precast concrete terrace units. Development of the new Main Stand began in 2014 and included demolishing the roof structure, the rear two storey extension and the events building. An eight storey steel frame was built next to the retained terrace structure and in 2015 the main primary roof truss weighing around 670,000kg, 15m high and 140m long was lifted into place by two of the largest mobile cranes in the UK.

The entire ground floor, including slabs and drainage were demolished and replaced by modern changing rooms, media suite and a coach drop off area and car parking.

Gatwick Airport's Big Plans

The airport has appointed a company to manage the delivery of the airport's largest single investment scheme as part of its current five-year programme. A total of £180m is to be invested to double the size of Pier 6 in the North Terminal which will ensure greater operational efficiency in response to continued record-breaking growth.

The UK's only direct flight to Taipei is a vital new trade link from Gatwick to the Far East. This four-times-a-week China airlines service will provide both UK and Taiwanese businesses with the fastest access to both markets in addition to carrying business and leisure passengers. At present about 300 UK companies are located in Taiwan and 180 Taiwanese companies in the UK.

Market Report

New car sales suffered their first annual drop in six years in 2017 as consumers shun diesel cars over pollution warnings. Electric car sales soared by 35% but are low in comparison with petrol and diesel sales. Jaguar Land Rover are holding steady.

Productivity climbed by 0.9% in the three months to September as British workers produced more output an hour than ever before. This jump was the fastest quarter since 2011.

House prices rose by 2.6% in 2017 down from 4.5% in both 2016 and 2015.