



**May 2018**

### **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.

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**Leeds**

£300m Leeds SOYO scheme approved  
A taste of America is heading to the centre of Leeds.



Caddick Development has been given the green light for the first phase of its flagship £300m mixed-use scheme at Quarry Hill in central Leeds.

Caddick are seeking to create a sense of New York’s East Village and San Francisco’s SoMa districts at the new SOYO district in Leeds.

The new district named SOYO – (South of York road) – will transform a six-acre site with bars, apartments, restaurants, a hotel and multi-storey car park.

Construction work will start later this year on the initial phase of 515 units, named New York Square. The first phase will consist of two 16-storey blocks designed by DLG Architects, sitting alongside new public realm as well as 9,000 sq. ft of co-working space within the wider masterplan. Once completed, the homes will be managed for the long-term under Caddick’s Moda brand, with a 24-hour concierge service and round-the-clock maintenance provided.

The Moda model is based on what is available to renters in the United States, where professionally managed rental apartment complexes filled with amenities – known as ‘multifamily housing’ – have been around for decades. backed by Apache Capital Partners, Moda has a £1.75bn development pipeline of 6,500 homes, with high-profile city centre schemes underway in Birmingham, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester as well as Leeds.

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#### **First Hard hat recycling scheme launched**

Viridor has launched what it claims is the first recycling scheme for hard hats to divert them from landfill. Viridor has launched what it claims is the first recycling scheme for hard hats to divert them from landfill. With the life-





span of a hard-hat at just two to five years, thousands are binned every month.



Now waste management company Viridor is working with Devon plastic recycling specialist Polymer

Industries to give old hard hats new life as plastic products such as refuse bins.

A trial has been rolled out with Babcock International Group, resulting in 1,200 hats recycled to date, with more expected as the trial progresses.

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### Scarborough

Balfour Beatty has won a £13.m contract by Scarborough Borough Council to stabilise the cliffs behind the town's Spa building. Work on the Scarborough Spa slope stabilisation scheme started in May.



It will involve piling along the rear of the Spa complex with almost horizontal drainage to address the deep seated failure of the slope, soil reinforcement (nailing) and re-grading of the slope, together with further drainage measures, other works including repairs to the

arch structure near the Spa Cliff lift and relaying of cliff access paths. The scheme is expected to be completed by Christmas 2019 but both client contractor are "mindful that the timetable for works of this magnitude could be subject to the unpredictable influences of weather and the surrounding coastal environment".

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### Grenfell Tower



The fire at Grenfell Tower will live long in the memory of everyone involved with the built environment. With the inquiry ramping up in earnest in 2018, the tragedy will have wide-ranging implications for construction. The question of what to do with the building itself, though, has yet to be resolved. Grenfell Tower still stands out like a scar on west London's skyline, a constant reminder of the failings of the building and the lives that were lost.

2018 is likely to see a decision taken, with most expecting the tower to be demolished altogether – which, if it happens, would be the most high-profile and sensitive demolition project since the recovery operation

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