



### June 2018

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



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### Welsh Link Road



Civil engineering contractor Alun Griffiths has commenced work on a new

**£15 m link** road in the Vale of Glamorgan that will improve access to the St Athan and Cardiff Airport Enterprise Zones. Transport secretary Ken Skates (left) cuts the turf

The Welsh government is investing £15.5m in the 2km-long St Athan Northern Access Road (NAR), which will tie into the existing Eglwys

Brewis road and the B4265. It has been developed to take traffic away from St Athan and the Eglwys Brewis road.

In addition to providing the necessary access to the Aerospace Business Park, the design has incorporated environmental defence works to help protect the villages of Llanmaes and Boverton from flooding.

Alun Griffiths (Contractors) was awarded a £9.8m contract for the main works by the Vale of Glamorgan Council in December 2017.

Advance works started in January with top soil strip, along with the installation of site fencing and archaeological investigation works. Some minor historic finds were discovered as part of the investigation, but nothing so significant that would cause delay to the start of planned construction, the Welsh government said, with completion predicted in autumn 2019.

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### South Wales

Housing association Newport City Homes has brought in Lovell for the £7.5m first phase of a regeneration programme in the Ringland area of Newport in South Wales. Lovell will start work in September on the redevelopment at the Cot Farm Estate, building 56 new homes and apartments for social rent – 26 houses



and 30 flats. Several existing maisonettes will be demolished to make way.

Lovell is expected to finish this first phase in December 2019.



Under a masterplan by Powell Dobson Architects the Ringland regeneration programme includes the relocation of Ringland's shopping centre.

Lovell regional managing director Kate Rees said: "Our team brings a strong record in estate regeneration to this major transformation of the Ringland area. In addition to the new homes and apartments, an important part of the scheme will involve offering a range of job and employment opportunities for people living in the area."

+++++++ 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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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. 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. "Hard hats aren't accepted for commercial recycling due to their complex plastic composition but we know our customers want us to identify a circular economy solution," A trial has been rolled out with Babcock International Group, resulting in 1,200 hat hats recycled to date, with more expected as the trial progresses.

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