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UK ROOFING AWARDS SPECIAL

WELCOME

Welcome to this special edition of *Roofing Times*, focused exclusively on the UK Roofing Awards 2021.

The Awards are a fantastic showcase of not only the quality but also the breadth of the work that takes place in our industry—from manor houses to motorway services.

I am sure you will be as impressed as the judges were by the high standards of craftsmanship, care, creativity, innovation, precision and attention to detail that went into these projects.

This was the first live Roofing Awards that we have held in over two years after we were unable to hold a live event for the 2020 Awards due to Covid-19 restrictions. I am pleased to say that this was also the largest awards we've ever held, and it was wonderful to be able to bring so many people together

under one roof at the InterContinental hotel, once again, to celebrate the best of our industry after what has been a very challenging period for us all.

I would like to thank all our sponsors for making these awards possible, particularly our headline sponsor, **Radmat Building Products**. Also our Knowledge Partner, **SIG Roofing**; **BMI** for providing the drinks reception and after-show party; our industry partner, **QANW**; as well as our associate sponsor, **Cromar** and all the award category sponsors. Thanks also goes to all the judges and the NFRC Technical Team who gave up their time to go through all the entries we received and selected the very best projects for recognition.

Finally, I would like to thank all of those who submitted entries either as contractors or suppliers. We offer a huge congratulations to all the contractors who were shortlisted

for a 2021 Roofing Award—their projects can be viewed at www.nfrc.co.uk/uk-roofing-awards/2021-finalists. If your project didn't win an award this year, I urge you to consider entering the next UK Roofing Awards. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy reading about all the different winners in this UK Roofing Awards special edition as much as I did—there are really fascinating and diverse projects among the winners.



Steve Laurence
NFRC National Account Manager

ROOF OF THE YEAR

WINNING PROJECT
PLACES LEISURE, CAMBERLEY

See pages 14 and 15 for more photos of this year's unanimous winning roof

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WINNER

IAN PICKARD

Employer:
CLARKE ROOFING
SOUTHERN LTD

Ian's meaningful work both in the immediate workplace and outside of it means that this award, for an individual making a strong positive impact in Health and Safety, is very well-deserved.

Ian has worked for Clarke Roofing for many years and as the company has grown, Ian has more than stepped up

DEDICATED MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE AND ORGANISER WINS NFRC INDIVIDUAL HEALTH AND SAFETY AWARD

to meet the challenge of managing the health and safety demands that have been put upon all SME businesses.

Along the way Ian continued in his own professional development which has enabled him to use that knowledge to improve many aspects within Clarke Roofing. He has held responsibility not only for health and safety policies and procedures of the company, but also sourcing environmental and health and safety training for both managers and operatives, during which Ian's understanding of people and the stresses involved both at home and the workplace have stood out.

Over the last 18 months, as well as implementing safe working procedures to prevent the spread of Covid-19, Ian personally interviewed all operatives on

a completely confidential basis, checking on their wellbeing and mental health.

Ian has played a very large part in setting up two initiatives locally, outside of work. One of these is Mankind—an online Zoom meeting every Wednesday evening with fellow trustees—to help men suffering from stress or mental health problems, regularly attracting over 20 men a week.

The second mental health initiative is SWAG (Sussex Wellness Action Group), set up to break down the stigma of mental health, and help pool Mental Health First Aiders from four large contractors on the South Coast. There are now well over 45 companies, local authorities and many individuals backing this initiative, a massive credit to Ian and all concerned.

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Matthew Downs—Awards Adjudicator

Editor, Total Contractor

Matt is co-owner and Editorial Director of Media Now Ltd., a B2B publishing house specialising in magazines and digital content for the construction sector. Media Now's titles include Total Contractor, a monthly magazine dedicated to operatives working within the roofing, cladding and associated sectors; Greenscape, a magazine

for all those involved in the specification, design and installation of green roofs and systems; Total Installer, which provides advice and guidance for glazing installers and home improvement specialists, and Total Fabricator, which targets all those involved in the fabrication of windows, doors, conservatory roofs and associated products.



John Austine FloR

John's career spanning some 50 years has all been within the construction industry and for over 30 years in a managerial position. He has contributed to the expansion and development of three roofing and construction contracting companies whilst heading-up the operational side of their businesses. In all three companies the whole spectrum of roofing works were undertaken, including pitched, flat-to-pitched conversions, RBM, mastic asphalt, liquid waterproofing and leadwork.

His last role as Technical Director for Langley Waterproofing Systems Ltd involved representing the company within trade organisation governing bodies such as NFRFC, SPRA, GRO and LRWA, all of which can influence positive changes within our industry. He also represented the Company on the Technical Committee of the NFRFC. John is a fellow of the Institute of Roofing (IoR).



Paul Bussey

Technical Design: CDM/Fire/Access Lead—Allford Hall Monaghan Morris

Paul is an architect with over 40 years of experience of architectural practice in small, medium and large practices in the UK and abroad. Over this period he has developed a specialist technical design expertise in the application of all types of building related legislation and constructional guidance. He is the London representative of the

in-house AHMM Technical Consulting team who research current and best practice technical solutions on all projects.

Paul developed the concept of 'CDM Differently' with the introduction of the 2015 CDM Regulations.



John Dodd FloR

John Dodd Consulting Ltd

John has 50 years' experience in the construction industry and now runs a consultancy business specialising in technical advice, specifications, training, technical literature and articles, and investigative work on pitched roofing and cladding projects. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Roofing (IoR) and prior to being employed as Technical Manager for roofing and building materials manufacturer Marley, trained as an architect and worked as an architectural assistant for both local authorities and private architectural practices.

He is currently Chairman of British Standards Technical Committee B/542, responsible for eleven sub-committees dealing with pitched roofing and cladding products for discontinuous laying and is also a member of the European CEN/TC 128 mirror committee. He is also Chairman of B542/1, responsible for BS 5534 'Slatting and tiling for pitched roofs and vertical tiling—Code of practice' and BS 8000-6 Workmanship on building sites—Part 6: Code of practice for slating and tiling of roofs and walls', and is a member of the NFRFC Roof Slating and Tiling Committee and the Roof Tile Association (RTA) Technical Committee.



Ian Roberts

Technical Advisor—Construction and Utilities, City & Guilds

Like many in his generation, Ian started his career as an apprentice bricklayer/mason and then moved on to establish a successful construction company. He further enhanced his career as a full-time lecturer within further education for over 20 years. During this period, Ian received an invitation to become a consultant with City & Guilds, a role he eagerly accepted and now currently spans over 30 years culminating in his current role as Construction and Utilities Technical Advisor.

A career within the construction industry that spans over 45 years, Ian was appointed an honorary member of the City and Guilds of London institute in recognition of significant involvement, and outstanding contribution to, the furtherance of the work of the institute in technical and vocational education and training.



Anna Thompson FRICS

Head of Engagement, LABC

Anna Thompson FRICS C BuildE FCABE is a Chartered Building Control Surveyor and Chartered Building Engineer with over 35 years' experience in Local Authority Building Control. Previously Building Control Manager at East Devon District Council and Director of Training at LABC. Anna is now Head of Engagement. She works with local authority building control teams, partners and clients to improve understanding, competency, collaboration and standards.

Anna is a passionate advocate for exemplary building control, having previously been an LGA National Policy Advisor, part of

the Core Cities Group for Public Safety and the LACORS Cowboy Builders Working Party and a member of the RICS Building Control Professional Group.

She is a Non-Executive Director of the National Home Improvement Council, a member of the CLC RMI Workstream Digital Taskforce, RMI Communications Taskforce and part of the Constructing Excellence Leadership Council. She is a Women in Construction Ambassador.

BITUMINOUS HOT APPLIED LIQUID WATERPROOFING



ROOFING TECHNOLOGIES COMBINED TO REDUCE BUILDING'S CARBON IMPACT

WINNING PROJECT

VEGA CONTROLS Ashdown Business Park

Contractor:
ICS Ltd

Manufacturer:
Danosa

ICS LTD's roofing work on the new headquarters for a global manufacturer combined multiple features that reduced the building's carbon impact, and exhibited a strong focus on quality assurance throughout the project.

ICS utilised a sedum green roof, not only naturally slowing the flow rate of rainwater from roof level to ground level but also encouraging local wildlife and insects, benefitting the area's natural environment. A self-ballasted PV solar system was also installed to provide additional green electricity. **DANOPREN TR XPS 300 Grade Insulation** was installed for its superior compressive strengths, due the terrace area and plant being installed on top of the insulation.

The project also benefited from a strong focus on quality workmanship: 100 per cent of operatives working on the installation held

approved installer cards for the hot melt system, obtained by attending and passing the in-house training school of the manufacturer, ensuring there was sufficient knowledge and competency on-site. Furthermore, Regular Quality Assurance (QA) site inspections were carried out by the manufacturer's field technicians, who were able to provide additional onsite advice and guidance to the installation team when they were dealing with the roof's more complex details.

The judges were particularly impressed with how different technologies were incorporated to reduce the overall carbon impact of the building.

COLD APPLIED LIQUID WATERPROOFING

PROJECT MET CHALLENGES WITH PRECISE DESIGN AND EXECUTION

WINNING PROJECT

SAN REMO TOWERS

Contractor:
Roofsmiths LLP

Manufacturer:
WestWood Liquid Technologies UK

SAN REMO TOWERS, a Grade II listed development in a conservation area, saw Roofsmiths LLP tackle challenging constraints, utilising highly-experienced contractors, precise design and execution, and problem solving to produce an excellent result.

The flat roof sits behind high parapets edged with pantiles, and with pantiled roofs over staircase towers. A key constraint was the parapet wall height, which met Building Regulations but left only 90 mm spare for the desired insulation and thermal upgrade.

An asbestos contractor was also required after an earlier survey confirmed the presence of asbestos in parts of the original roof which was to be stripped.

The project was installed by highly-experienced contractors with a track record of installing tile-effect liquid systems. The intricate grout lines were all installed by hand using 6 mm tape by a single operative, an ex-signwriter skilled in detail and precision. This included the diagonal design which had to maintain a straight view whilst going over raised deck areas, then continuing beyond a soldier course to the entire 180 linear metre perimeter.

The stunning finish achieved, whilst improving the thermal performance of the building, really stood out to the judging panel.



FULLY-SUPPORTED METAL

IMPRESSIVE USE OF TRADITIONAL MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP

WINNING PROJECT CLIFF TOPS

Contractor:
Roles Broderick Roofing Limited

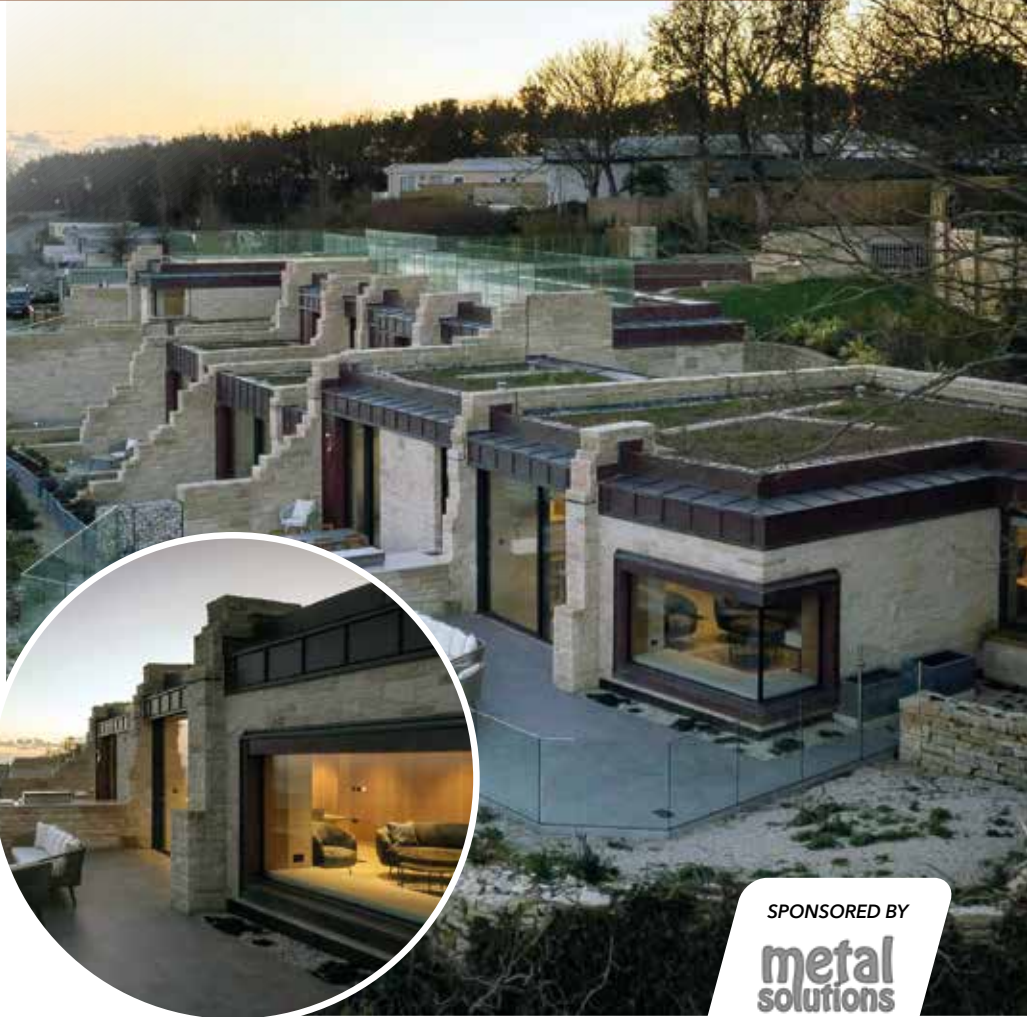
Manufacturer:
Various products used

ROLES BRODERICK ROOFING LIMITED

were enlisted to work on this bespoke luxury hotel along the cliff line in Portland. The hotel is designed with the intention to have a minimal impact on the landscape; its single-storey buildings are built with local stone and natural materials, all to weather and blend with the immediate surroundings.

The cladding works consisted of mill finish Aurubis copper including the fascia, soffit and capping elements, where a combination of 0.7 mm and 1 mm thick was used. Being only single storey, the work was at eye level, so the utmost care was required in the installation to ensure optimum aesthetics. All the works were also completed using traditional techniques and tools.

This was a fantastic way of showcasing traditional materials and workmanship on a contemporary building with striking results.



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GREEN ROOFING

INNOVATIVE ROOF BLENDS INTO NATURAL LANDSCAPE AND AIDS WATER MANAGEMENT

WINNING PROJECT LEEDS SKELTON LAKE MOTORWAY SERVICES

Contractor:
Cawston Specialist Roofing Ltd

Manufacturer:
ABG Geosynthetics

Part of the 'landscape mitigation and green space strategy' for the **LEEDS SKELTON LAKE MOTORWAY SERVICES**, this project delivered a 'new concept' building design that closely reflects the surrounding landscape and minimises the negative impact on a naturally-beautiful area.

The services, at Junction 35 on the M1, are located adjacent to Skelton Lake, a 40,000 m² area of ecologically diverse country park, two miles southeast of Leeds city centre.

The living roof and timber eaves echo the nearby woodland and lakeside habitat, and the main amenity building features an oversailing, undulating green roof, configured in an eleven-part 'ribbon' pattern, which further minimises the visual impact on the landscape and local wildlife, giving the illusion of rolling hills.

The green roof plays an important part in the site's overall sustainable drainage strategy, absorbing rainwater and minimising surface water runoff. *The stunning visual effect of the roofline, along with this ability to reduce runoff, really stood out to the judging panel.*



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HERITAGE ROOFING

ROOF COVERINGS EXPERTLY REPLACED ON A CHALLENGING GRADE I LISTED MANOR HOUSE

WINNING PROJECT

LITTLE SODBURY MANOR

Contractor:

Ellis & Co (Restoration and Building)

Manufacturer:

Various products used

A Grade I listed stone-built Cotswold manor house located in South Gloucestershire, LITTLE SODBURY MANOR dates back to the 15th century.

The great hall has a typical open double-height ceiling with an exposed timber structure and a stone floor. Both Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn stayed at the property in 1535 when it was owned by Sir John Walsh. Due to the building being of historical interest and Grade I listed, materials and workmanship to upgrade the roof insulation

and performance needed to meet the specification of the architect and all of the relevant bodies associated with the 'listing' of Britain's Heritage.

The original stone tiles from the main hall were carefully removed from the multiple roofs across the manor and sorted by type of material and whether they could be reused. Where necessary hand-selected and dressed replacement tiles ensured only the best quality stone was utilised in the roof construction. Stone ridge tiles were also hand carved in the Ellis & Co workshops. The manor house has been adjusted and added to throughout its history, and so the building has countless valleys, intersections, angles and verges.

This project took seven people over two months to complete. Tiling, leadwork and stonemason apprentices all worked on this project, one of whom achieved his National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) Level 2 during his work on the project.

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MASTIC ASPHALT

COMPLEX DETAILING ON A CHALLENGING ROOF IS AWARD WINNING

WINNING PROJECT

ST ANTONY'S COLLEGE

Contractor:

SPV Group

Manufacturer:

IKO Permaphalt

Arguably one of the finer examples of 20th century Architects Howell, Killick, Partridge and Amis, **ST ANTONY'S COLLEGE** has an impressive, coffered ceiling that reflects through and onto the external roof—a brilliant aesthetic effect, but one that present challenges for roof repair and replacement.

The roof's pattern posed technical issues and meant that the solution needed to be capable of following the network of raised square platforms which each housed a single rooflight. IKO Permaphalt mastic asphalt was the material chosen to replace the existing failing system as it can be easily detailed around difficult details and protrusions, offering a robust monolithic system that is impervious to standing water.

The main challenge of the project was that all 88 rooflights had to be individually built up from scratch. The contractor had an apprentice who worked on this project throughout, gaining valuable experience of a large-scale, challenging mastic asphalt project.

The skilled craftsmanship utilised when installing this asphalt roof, to achieve complex detailing, particularly impressed the judging panel.

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MULTI-DISCIPLINE PROJECT > £250K

WON BY LEISURE CENTRE FOLLOWING STATE-OF-THE-ART UPDATE

WINNING PROJECT

PLACES LEISURE, CAMBERLEY

Contractor:
Progressive Systems Ltd

Manufacturer:
Various products used

For this upgrade of a leisure facility, the client wanted an up-to-date, modern-looking building with a mix of innovative materials, as this leisure centre is the company's flagship building.

The roofing element was a flat single-ply roof but the specification needed to change to facilitate the different internal conditions, from a swimming pool to a sports hall to recreational areas, including the requirements for enhanced acoustics. The walls had to transition from Euroclad Vieo standing seam to Corium brick slips to composite panels through to gold standing seam and vertical timber features, which required a rigorous design



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process to ensure every intersection detail was robust. In addition, the curved drum with standing seam installed at a 30-degree angle was a world-first for this particular system.



RAINSCREEN

NEW UNIVERSITY BUILDING BOASTS STUNNING FAÇADE

WINNING PROJECT

BOURNEMOUTH UNIVERSITY GATEWAY BUILDING

Contractor:
TA Colbourne Projects Limited

Manufacturer:
Various products used

This building is the new home for the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences at **BOURNEMOUTH UNIVERSITY** and stands at 33 m high at its highest point, incorporating nine storeys, with a tiered flat roof and splayed footprint design in the shape of a circle quadrant.

The rainscreen on this project consists of interlocking pressed 2 mm thick aluminium planks anodised in gold, silver and bronze, in both a solid and perforated panel.



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The contractor also took responsibility for the framework installed between concrete floors to ensure that it was lined and levelled to the correct tolerance for the rainscreen system.

Operatives accessed the external façade by the use of single lift mast climbers, around the full perimeter of the building footprint. This suited the programme sequencing of cladding the façades floor by floor, to suit the concrete frame pour programme. It also allowed the effective collaborative sharing of the access method by the glazing and brise soleil specialist

contractor, especially where there were critical interface detail junctions between sealed weathered backing wall, rainscreen and glazing. Multiple contractors often had to work simultaneously as a result of the tight timescale, as the project had to be finished in time for the September start of the academic year at the University—which was successfully achieved.

This was a challenging project brought to life with a stunning façade that showcases rainscreen with dramatic effect.

REINFORCED BITUMEN MEMBRANES

CHURCH'S UNIQUE CIRCULAR TURRET REQUIRED COMPLETE OVERHAUL

This project saw the refurbishment of an eleven metre tall copper Veral roof which was delaminating and allowing water into the 1970s church. The church features an unusual circular timber portal frame turret roof, creating a structure that varies in pitch as it rises. The roof also included several windows at high level.

WINNING PROJECT

CHURCH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

Contractor:
Premier Roofing & Construction

Manufacturer:
Langley Waterproofing Systems



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The most cost-effective solution was deemed to be to replace the existing copper faced RBM with like-for-like. This would guarantee continuity of roofing build-up and offer a good saving to the diocese who had considered changing to a full copper specification.

Scaffolding and crawl boards were utilised to protect the new membrane as it was completed. The new waterproofing also

had to be detailed around 24 new window units around the base of the top turret.

Good planning and a thorough roof condition survey in advance avoided any unusual or unexpected challenges, and the communications between manufacturer and contractor has ensured a visually-stunning project.



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WINNING PROJECT

LEEDS TOWN HALL

Contractor:
Harwood Roofing Contractors Limited

Manufacturer:
Various products used

This project gave a new lease of life to **LEEDS TOWN HALL** which was first built in 1853. Reclaimed random slates and new slates were used, and the work consisted of ten pitched roofs in addition to a large half dome feature. All materials, including lead and slate, were taken up through a lift five stories high and walked around the perimeter gutters, which was incredibly labour intensive.

The biggest challenge was using random-width slates, laid in diminishing courses on a dome feature. All of the slates had to be cut by hand with a slate break and a slate knife. The slates were laid over a modern breather membrane and quilt insulation to increase the building's U-value without increasing the depth or build-up of the roof covering.

The difficult detail on this project was very well executed, especially considering the incredibly-difficult access.

ROOF SLATING

NEW ROOF FOR 19TH CENTURY TOWN HALL

ROOF TILING

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WELL-PLANNED AND BRILLIANTLY-EXECUTED WORK ON AN 18TH CENTURY FARMHOUSE

WINNING PROJECT

MANOR FARMHOUSE

Contractor:
Clarke Roofing Southern Ltd

Manufacturer:
Various products used

MANOR FARM is a Grade II* listed farmhouse, built in the 18th century and located in a conservation area in East Sussex.

The roof comprises handmade peg tiles with bonnet hips and purpose-made valley tiles which require careful setting out as the coursing had to continue around all roof slopes. Extensive conservation carpentry repairs were carried out, and roof tiles were used to re-cover the roof. All mortar work was carried out using lime to ensure the mortar would withstand the extremes of weather given the raised coastal location. There is a central lead gutter, several chimneys, and a

lead-clad dormer, but the standout detail is the vertical tiled area and mansard tiling which combine into a hip detail. The hip detail is likely to be one of a kind where there is an unorthodox use of bonnet hip tiles to achieve this junction with exceptional detailing.

Work was also done on an additional historic building on the site, the old bakery. New oak plates, trusses and purlins were installed, with a new pitched roof using softwood timber. The roof was then insulated and covered with Tudor peg tiles to match the main house. During the renovation, extensive masonry work was carried out, with the introduction of all new joinery throughout, with a glazed apex to maximise the light into the bakery.

This project also presented the opportunity to allow for some of their improvers to work alongside a heritage skilled tiler, collaboratively achieving quality workmanship.



SHEETING AND CLADDING

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CONTRACTOR BATTLED WEATHER, ASBESTOS AND WORKED ON A LIVE PLANT TO EARN THEIR WIN

WINNING PROJECT

BENRIACH DISTILLERY

Contractor:
Ronald G Graham Roofing and Building Limited

Manufacturer:
Various products used

BENRIACH DISTILLERY is a bonded warehouse based in close proximity to Edinburgh Airport. Ronald G Graham Roofing and Building Limited met the challenge to work whilst ensuring there was no disruption to production, on a project involving the removal of Chrysotile asbestos cement sheets from a live bottling plant.

The roof was in an extremely-poor condition as the Chrysotile sheets were fragile and at risk of blowing off from wind. To facilitate safe removal a purpose-built containment tent was erected at roof level. Once the sheets had been removed a new non-combustible twin-skin cladding system was installed including new membrane-lined valley gutters and a

new trim line external gutter system. Over 6000 m of scaffolding was also erected inside the bottling hall.

This project is an excellent example of a twin-skin cladding system breathing new life into an aging distillery for years to come.



SINGLE PLY ROOFING

SIZEABLE REFURBISHMENT INCLUDING BRAND NEW ROOF TRANSFORMS OLD OFFICE BLOCK

This work took place as part of a refurbishment project, transforming offices to 35 one- and two-bed apartments. The roofing contractor was appointed to remove the old lead roof which was replaced with a brand-new warm-constructed single ply system with a standing-seam profile finish.

The installation was very involved—incorporating the mansard, dormer windows, front vertical panelling, and box gutters into the design. The contractor encapsulated the parapet copings with the membrane as a new capping to the outside edge. This proved difficult given the shape of original coping and the chamfered front edges.

Regular weekly toolbox talks were carried out to all DF Roofing operatives during the installation covering such topics as working at height, PPE and hygiene.

The judging panel were impressed with the quality of the finish achieved by the installation team.

WINNING PROJECT ST JOHNS HILL

Contractor:
DF Roofing Ltd

Manufacturer:
Soprema UK

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SMALL-SCALE PROJECT < £25K

EXCELLENT CRAFTSMANSHIP SAVES PART OF A VILLAGE HALL

NAME OF PROJECT VILLAGE HALL TURRET

Contractor:
Emerton Roofing (Western) Limited

Manufacturer:
Various products used

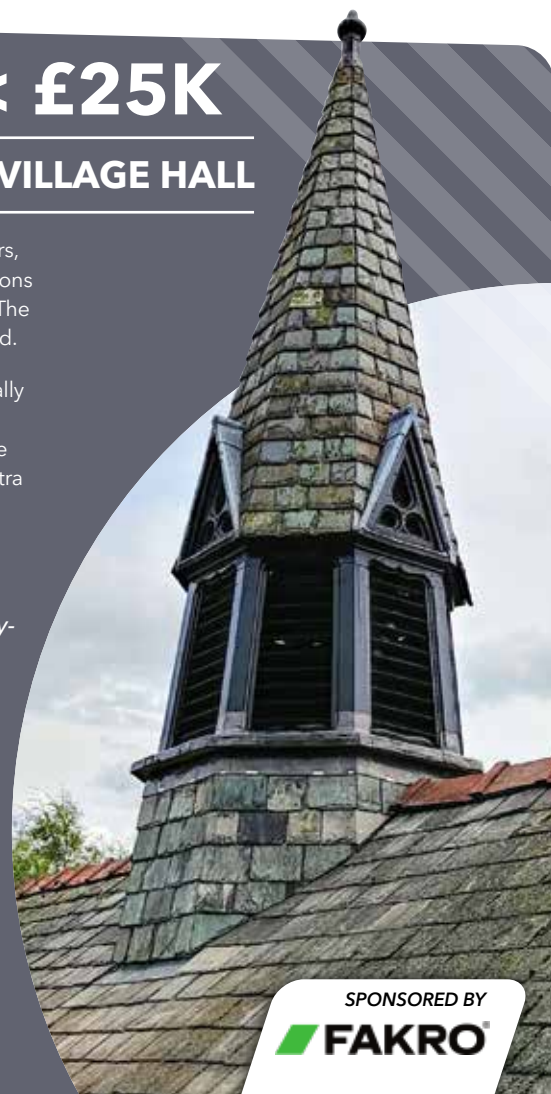
This interesting project involved the renewal of eight oak timber posts on a village hall ventilation turret failing from previous repairs. During the inspection it was quickly realised that it wasn't just a quick fix, the project would require a multitude of skills, including specialist mitred vertical slating, bespoke joinery and the skills of an expert lead worker.

Once the job had been stripped back to a stage at which the oak could be accessed, the contractor was able to discover that they needed to source 8 x 8-inch oak timbers so that the posts could return to their former glory. The lead used was a variety of codes,

ranging from code 3 for the fishtail soakers, code 4 for the soakers, code 5 for the aprons and code 6 for the lead inside the turret. The Welsh green slates were saved and reused.

Old photos showed that the turret originally had louvers between each oak post; the contractor reinstated these louvers to give protection against driving rain and the extra ventilation to the turret.

Whilst the slating involved was over a small area, the level of complexity was particularly high, requiring highly-skilled and experienced operatives. The skilled craftsmanship of the tradesmen who worked on this turret impressed the judging panel.



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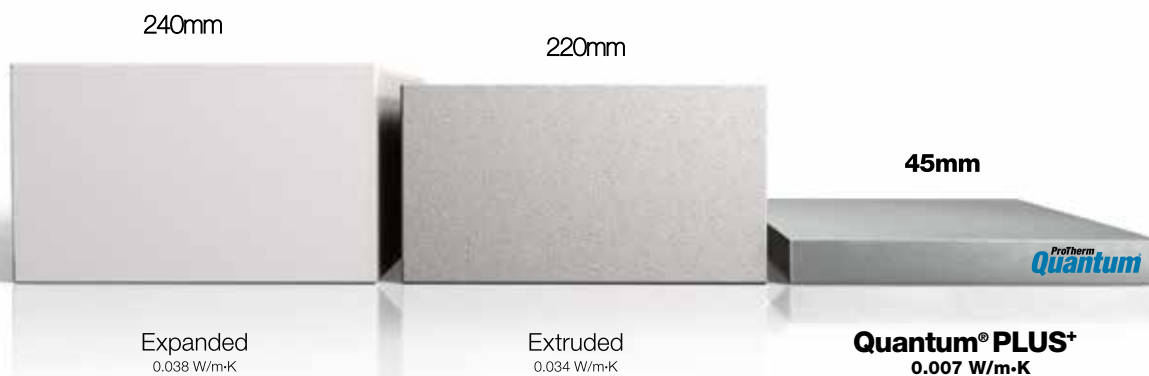
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INDUSTRY CHOICE AWARD

The Industry Choice award, sponsored by Radmat Building Projects, is a fantastic opportunity for the industry to have their say. All projects shortlisted for a UK Roofing Award, are put up for an online vote where the public decides which is their favourite project.

At the time of this special Awards issue of Roofing Times going to print, public voting was still open. To check which project and contractor has won, visit roofingawards.co.uk/2021-winners



OUTSTANDING YOUNG TRAINEE WINS YOUNG ROOFER OF THE YEAR

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WINNER
SHANE ROBERTS

Employer:
J RANDALL
ROOFING
CONTRACTORS
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Monique Jones from
J Randall said about Shane:

"Shane joined J Randall two years ago after having difficulty finding employment or training locally. As a keen rugby player, Shane had heard of the J Randall

Roofing Youth Generation Programme and asked to speak with Joby, the Managing Director—a hands-on and busy director who still has time for people who want to learn. Within weeks of speaking with Joby, Shane was being trained in Health and Safety and prepared for site expectations.

"Working in the roofing industry can involve a lot of early mornings and challenging journeys. We have watched Shane transform himself in the last two years with many exhausting days in all weathers, having to take himself out of his comfort zone to travel by train to Birmingham for college. He truly has gone from strength to strength, Shane was a very shy and quiet character in the beginning of his employment. How proud we are of him now that he is a strong team player, encouraging yet another

apprentice that we have in training.

"Shane has had difficult times in the last twelve months with the pandemic with colleges being closed and no support, so he got his manager to build rigs inhouse so he could continue his training as well as completing individual units for his NVQ—pure dedication. He had only two units to complete and unfortunately, Birmingham College had to close so they are now scheduling the final units in Scotland! Has this stopped Shane's determination to complete his training? Oh no!

"Shane you were once lost and you have truly come into your own, a confident, charming man willing to support and encourage anyone that works with you your passion for roofing is unique, and we look forward to watching you develop."

WINNER
ANDY HARES

Darwin Roofing

LOCAL HERO AWARD

The Local Hero award is all about celebrating Roofing's unsung heroes. It's likely that we all know a Roofing Contractor that has helped an individual, group or charity or a local community in some way. The local hero award is where customers and the general public can nominate a roofer for services they have done above and beyond the call of duty.

Andy Hares from Darwin Roofing is the 2020 Local Hero; recognising the amazing support he provided a roofing customer during the first lockdown. Andy contacted his client, knowing his wife was unwell, and went on to provide his support throughout the lockdown period delivering everything from groceries to prescriptions.

His client described Andy as a 'real hero' and went on to say he doesn't know how he would have coped without him.

Nominations for the 2021 Local Hero will open in November so be sure to visit www.sigroofing.co.uk/local-hero/ to put forward someone you believe deserves recognition for their efforts.

LOCAL HERO

"I HOPE HE GETS SOME
RECOGNITION (ALTHOUGH
I'M SURE HE WOULD BE
EMBARRASSED AT THE
THOUGHT) AS HE TRULY
DESERVES IT."



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ROOF OF THE YEAR

JUDGES PRAISED AN INNOVATIVE MIX OF MATERIALS AND EXCEPTIONAL LEVEL OF FINISH WHEN AGREEING ROOF OF THE YEAR

This is a unique project highlighting an exceptional level of workmanship where numerous different products have all interlinked seamlessly in not only flat and vertical planes but also impeccably flowing onto a convex radius. The gold standing seam was actually installed at a 30 degree angle, an installation technique that has never been seen before.

As a flagship building, it is undoubtedly a complex project which required good project management to achieve the outstanding finish presented.

NFRC's Head of Technical and Training, Bob Richardson commented that:

"this is a project which everyone involved with should be very proud of".





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Radmat are once again pleased to be able to support the Awards this year, and personally I am delighted that we had the chance to meet in person at the live event.

The 2021 winners certainly show what the UK Roofing Awards are all about—recognition of the outstanding team efforts and workmanship—a true celebration of roofing at its best. Seeing results like these across all the different roofing disciplines, should make us feel proud as a sector for the legacies which being produced for generations to come.

Congratulations to all the well-deserved prize winners.

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