



# Contractors Mechanical Plant Engineers

## NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

**Welcome to another edition of your National Newsletter.**

### CMPE NEWS

#### CMPE Wessex Branch:-

A Charity/Ladies Night is to be held by Wessex Branch on 16th May 2026 at the Botleigh Grange Hotel.

This will be a black tie event starting at 6.30pm for 7.00pm with a 3 course dinner for £45.00 per person.

The chosen Charity is Cystic Fibrosis and all are welcome.

Contact Angie Farrington on 02380844588 for reservations.



*Botleigh Grange Hotel.*



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## CMPE NATIONAL AGM & DINNER DANCE.



### CMPE 62nd NAGM Weekend 19th—21st June 2026

**The Stanwick Hotel**  
West Way  
Stanwick  
Northants  
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The current National Vice Chairman Gerry Hill is pleased to host the 62nd NAGM of the CMPE at The Stanwick Hotel.

Nestled amidst the breathtaking Northamptonshire countryside, The Stanwick Hotel is a charming gem that combines the allure of a mock Tudor house with the elegance of bespoke renovations. With two acres of landscaped gardens, a restaurant, bars and built around two beautiful courtyards.

Rushden lakes shopping centre is just 4 miles for anyone wanting to explore.

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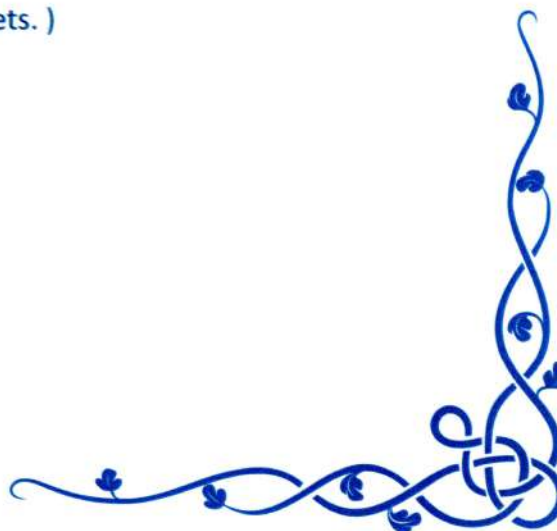
(Weekend costs do not include Dinner Dance Tickets. )

Couples weekend £350.00

Single weekend £295.00

Saturday night B&B £125.00

Dinner Dance Tickets £45.00 per person.





More information regarding this weekend shall be circulated when more details are available. However we are taking bookings from now.

The CMPE National Annual General Meeting Weekends are a great way to socialise and are always an enjoyable experience. Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

#### **How to Book:**

Please email or phone Grace Tidbury to book your room and advise of any dietary requirements.

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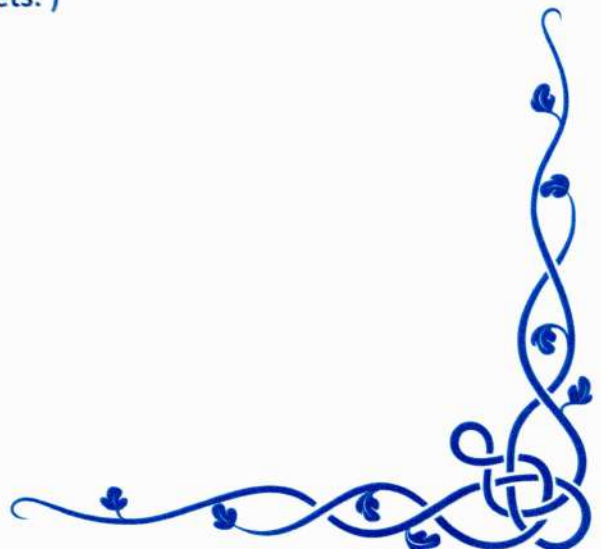
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## **CMPE Annual Subs.**

We are almost at the end of our financial year and it would be timely to remind all branches and members of the following:-

- “Annual Subscriptions” are due from the 1st April 2025.
- Annual Full Membership is now £60.00 per member.
- Annual Retired Membership is now £35.00 per member.
- Any member whose subscription has not been paid by 31st May 2024 will *ipso facto* cease to be a member of the Association.
- Branch Honorary Treasurers are to remit to the Honorary National Treasurer half of the Annual Subscriptions paid to the branch by the 30th June 2024 and all new members subscriptions thereafter are to be remitted every three months.
- The Annual Subscriptions remitted to the Honorary National Treasurer must be accompanied with a list of the members names and addresses, telephone numbers, email address, and whether they are a full or retired member.

Your co-operation to the rules of the association would be appreciated.



## **Industry News**

**From 23-25 June, Hillhead Quarry, will once again host the world’s largest and most iconic quarrying, construction, and recycling exhibition!**



Hillhead 2026 is set to have more exhibitors and live demonstrations than ever before, with all the leading OEMs signed up for the biennial quarrying industry extravaganza.

**Hillhead Quarry, near Buxton, Derbyshire, UK.**

## Tobin Plant becomes Hyundai compact dealer.

Hyundai Construction Equipment has appointed Tobin Plant its compact equipment dealer for Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex, Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Lincolnshire.

Suffolk-based Tobin Plant now offers the full range of Hyundai machinery under 10-tonnes operating weight, including compact tracked excavators, wheeled excavators, skid steers and compact tracked loaders.

Simon Tobin, managing director of Tobin Plant, said: “The Hyundai product has always been considered a good, reliable machine. With the new models that are coming to the market this year, customers should really take a look at these market-leading machines.”

With depots in Southwold and Lakenheath in Suffolk, Tobin Plant will provide service and back-up to new and existing Hyundai compact equipment customers across East Anglia.

Tobin Plant has taken delivery of an initial batch of mini excavators and will be among the first in the UK to offer an all-new compact machine that will be launched in the coming weeks. Simon Tobin is planning a number of local promotional events with potential customers across the region to demonstrate the line-up.



Glen Hampson, Hyundai's head of compact growth, said: “Having Simon and the team at Tobin Plant working with Hyundai is great news. With a rapidly growing range of compact equipment, we are keen to boost awareness of just what Hyundai has to offer, along with the great dealer network that we have to support those machines.”

*Above: Simon Tobin*



## SFO arrests four over £44m insulation fraud.

The Serious Fraud Office has arrested four people over allegations of fraud linked to the Energy Company Obligation 4 (ECO4) involving the companies Warmfront, JJ Crump and South Coast Insulation Services.



The allegations are that the companies were involved in a sophisticated conspiracy across the country to undermine the government energy efficiency scheme by submitting claims where little or no work was undertaken. One of the companies involved, Warmfront, was sold in 2024 and is now under new management not connected to the investigation.

It is suspected that energy companies were defrauded of at least £44 million in this way. The SFO is seeking information

regarding the case.

The National Crime Agency and SFO conducted a major operation across the UK, with four people arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to defraud, and homes searched in Cannock, Wolverhampton, Chilworth, and Southwell. Two commercial sites were also searched at Cannock and Killamarsh.

Graham McNulty, director of the Serious Fraud Office, said, "This scheme was designed to reduce carbon emissions, help households cut costs and stay warm – instead in many cases we suspect little or no work was done. We are particularly keen to hear from installers and assessors who worked on these contracts and know what really happened. Our door is open, and coming forward is the right thing to do."

Solicitor General Ellie Reeves said, "This scheme was meant to tackle fuel poverty and improve people's homes. Instead, the Serious Fraud Office is investigating claims £44m in public money was paid to companies that allegedly did little more than submit false invoices for work they failed to carry out."

"I am sickened by those who want to profit off the back of a scheme designed to help vulnerable people, and I'm confident the SFO's investigation into allegations of substantial fraud will deliver the answers victims and the public deserve."



## Hyundai UK gets dedicated delivery centre

Hyundai has established a dedicated pre-delivery inspection (PDI) centre for the UK at Southampton Docks, aiming to cut delivery times.



Established by parent company HD Construction Equipment, the facility will take fully assembled machines directly from the factory, reducing delivery times to the customer and ensuring that the highest quality standards are maintained. Until now, machines destined for UK users had been first delivered to Hyundai's EUCUP facility in Antwerp for checks.

The site will receive complete machines to satisfy existing dealer orders and for stock. Excavators and wheel loaders that are delivered without booms or loader arms, for specific customer builds, will continue to be delivered to the EUCUP facility, where there are stocks of booms and arms to allow further customisation.

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The centre is operated by established international partner Wallenius Wilhelmsen. Machines are received at the facility and power washed to remove any salt and dirt that may have been picked up in transportation. A larger wash bay is already being planned to cope with Hyundai's growing range of equipment.

Once cleaned, every machine is inspected in detail, with up to 100 photographs taken and stored on a system that can be accessed at any time by Hyundai. The company operates with one inspector per machine, to ensure continuity throughout the process. Any damage to paintwork, or corrosion caused during shipping, is noted and repaired. The facility can handle full panel resprays and it holds decal sets for Hyundai machinery, to replace anything that may have been damaged.

The site has a six-bay workshop, capable of handling any of Hyundai's machines. Additional lighting around the machines ensures that every scratch or defect can be located and rectified. Again, digital photographs are taken at each stage of the process, to ensure quality standards.

Gillian Schluter, quality lead Europe, has been working to establish the facility. "Everything is done digitally," he says. "We can track everything back through photographs. We even take photographs of the machines when they are being transported from the site on trucks, to show that they have been lashed down correctly."

Equipment is shipped directly to the supplying dealer, for individual livery, buckets and other **attachments**, with any updates to meet individual customer order requirements.



## JCB launches new finance offer.

JCB has launched a new way to finance the purchase of its machines, aiming to make them easier to buy for smaller businesses.



JCB FlexiBuy is a business contract purchase (BCP) facility that, JCB says, offers low initial outlay, affordable monthly payments and flexible end-of-term options, helping customers invest in new equipment while managing cashflow.

Offered through JCB Finance Ltd., the new option is available across JCB's mini excavator range from 1.5t to five tonnes, including the 19C-1E electric excavator. Weekly payments start from the equivalent of £82 for the 1.8t, 18Z-1 zero tailswing

model, aiming to make new machines more accessible to smaller businesses and first-time buyers.

Customers pay an initial deposit followed by fixed monthly payments over two or three years. At the end of the agreement, they can choose to return the machine, trade it in using any equity towards a new JCB machine, or make a final payment to take full ownership.

JCB Finance marketing director Paula Millward said, "JCB FlexiBuy is designed to open up new opportunities for businesses looking to invest in mini excavators. Inspired by the automotive industry, this approach lowers upfront costs and offers flexible options at the end of the agreement, making it easier for customers to access the latest machines and support their growth."



## Hodge to sell Hyundai in Scotland.

Hyundai Construction Equipment has appointed Hodge Plant as its dealer for Scotland.

Hodge will cover all of the country, with the exception of Dumfries and Galloway. Sales and support will initially be based at the head office site in Hamilton, where the company's main workshops, sales operation, parts facility and service operations are located.



*Above: Alistair Hodge, MD, Hodge Plant, Bart van Berkel, Hyundai's head of network and dealer development, Stephen Cook, Hyundai regional sales manager and Joshua Hodge, operations director, Hodge Plant*

Hodge Plant plans an expansion, with building works underway at its Stirling/Northern depot. Once completed in spring 2027, the depot will strengthen coverage across central, northern and rural Scotland.

The firm operates through an extensive network of sub-dealers across Scotland and the Northern Islands. These locations will have sales and service capabilities, providing wider support to customers across the country.

Hodge Plant currently has four road-based service engineers, supported by the workshops, a fabricator and an in-house paint facility. They are backed up the wider company support structure, that includes parts, service administration and management and by the sub-dealer network.





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