



Contractors Mechanical Plant Engineers

NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to another edition of your National Newsletter.

CMPE NEWS

CMPE Glasgow Branch.

The Glasgow branch held their Branch AGM on the evening of the 7th May at Riva in Bothwell, Lanarkshire.

Attendees were Allan Toal, Hugh Brown, John McGrath, John Longmuir, Willie Macfadyen and myself.

Apologies were received from Don Cochrane, George Elton and Adam Bruce.

The AGM was sponsored by Adam Bruce and a good night was had by all.

Davie Black.



From left to right:

John McGrath

Allan Toal

Hugh Brown

John Longmuir

Davie Black

Willie Macfadyen



Above from left to right: John Longmuir, Davie Black, Allan Toal



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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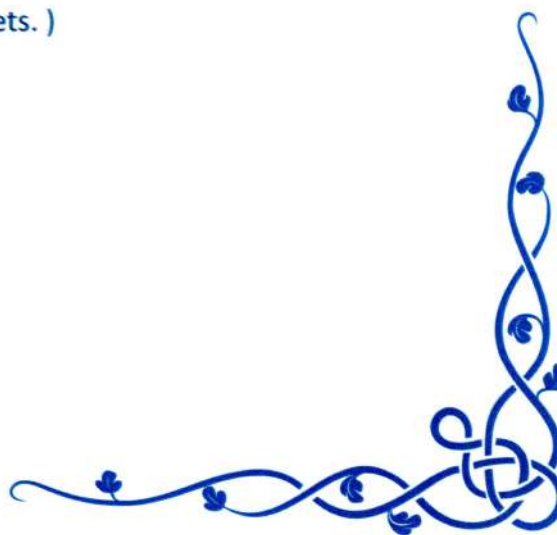
(Weekend costs do not include Dinner Dance Tickets.)

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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The Contractors Mechanical Plant Engineers

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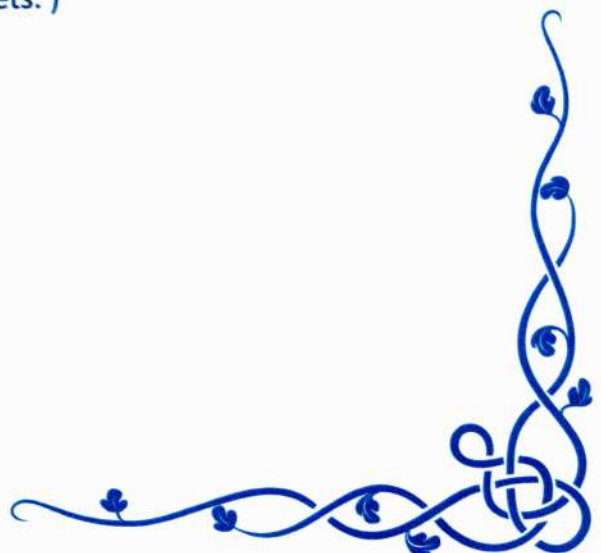
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Industry News

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



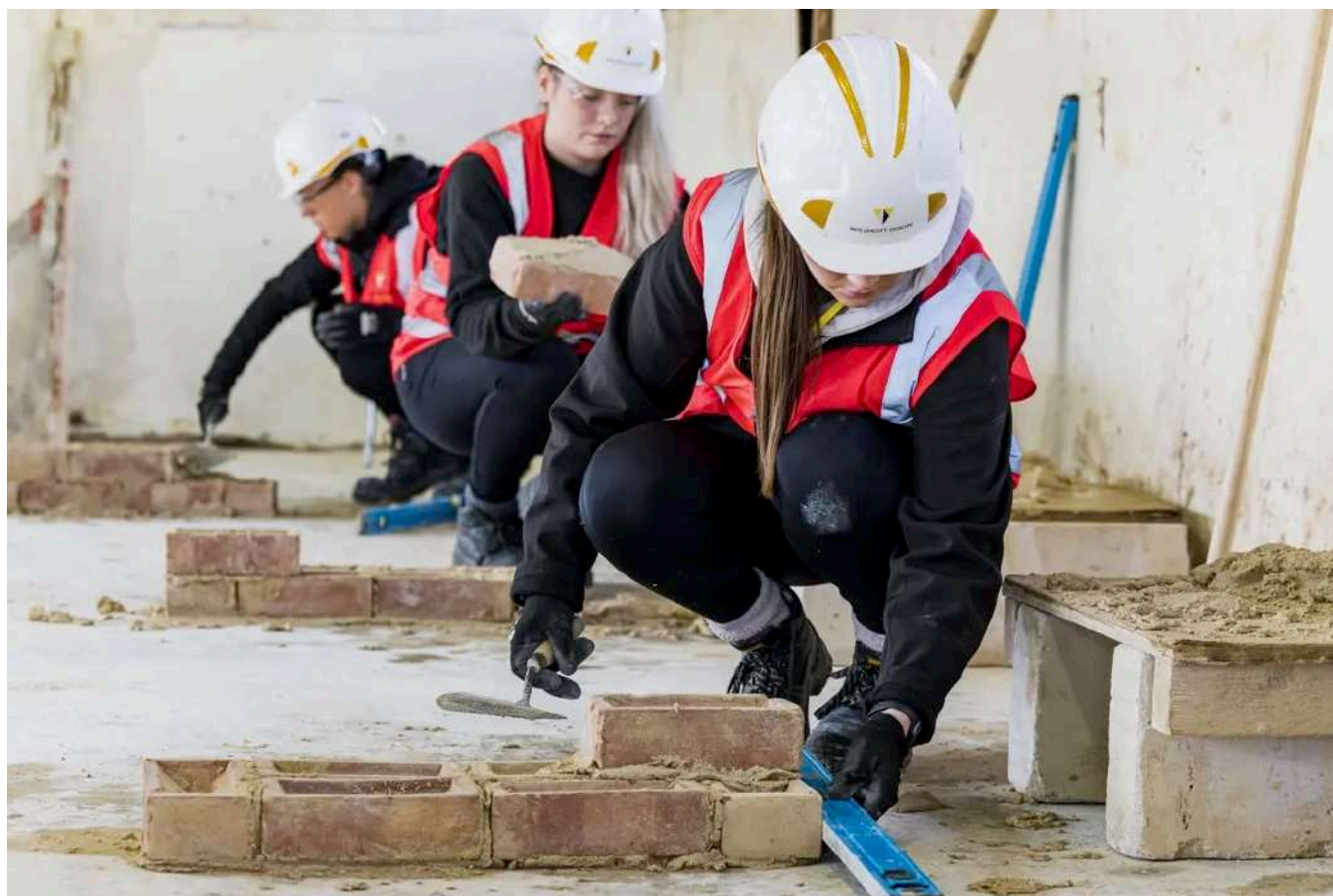
Hillhead 2026 is set to have more exhibitors and live demonstrations than ever before, with all the leading OEMs signed up for the biennial quarrying industry extravaganza.

Hillhead Quarry, near Buxton, Derbyshire, UK.



CITB accelerates apprenticeships.

The Construction Industry Training Board has launched a new Accelerated Apprenticeships programme to help deliver the government's homebuilding goal of 1.5m new homes by 2029.



The programme aims to deliver 1,680 Accelerated Apprenticeship starts across four years and is designed to increase the pipeline of skilled workers in key homebuilding trades, including bricklaying, carpentry, and roofing.

An initial five Accelerated Apprenticeship programmes will be established through further education colleges and training providers, with a further 15 programmes planned by mid-2029. These will be located in areas of highest housing demand, ensuring training provision is aligned to local labour market needs. This is aligned with CITB's new strategic partnerships with regional mayors across England and the delivery of Local Skills Improvement Plans, collectively underpinning the development of an integrated construction skills ecosystem.

The initiative introduces a new approach to apprenticeship delivery, enabling trainees to complete their training in as little as 14-18-months, compared to the traditional two to three years. This is achieved through a flexible model that combines intensive early-stage learning with structured block release training alongside on-site experience, helping to speed up completions, improve efficiency across the system, and put trainees in the best possible position to secure long-term work in the homebuilding sector.

The first phase will focus on five regions with high levels of homebuilding activity and identified training gaps: Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire, the West Midlands, Kent, and Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. Additionally, the Accelerated Apprenticeships programme will feed into a new National Construction Mayoral Network being created by CITB that is expected to launch later this year.

Tim Balcon, CEO at CITB, said, “Meeting the scale of the UK’s housing need requires a step change in how we train people for construction careers. Accelerated Apprenticeships are a key part of that shift – helping more people gain the skills they need more quickly, and in the areas where they are most needed.

“Establishing regional Accelerated Apprenticeship programmes is a vital next step in developing our partnerships with mayoral and local authorities and is an example of the collaborative efforts that are required to address the skills shortage.

“But it’s not just about getting people through training faster. As an industry, we need to place greater focus on outcomes – ensuring that apprenticeships lead to sustained, high-quality employment. That’s how we build a workforce that is not only larger, but more resilient for the future.”

Base Concrete picks JCB wheel loader.

The machine is used to load lorries with materials including sand, cement and aggregates, for the company’s mobile batching operation.



Director Paul MacGregor said: “We tested a few machines to ensure we chose the right solution. We have a small yard, so anything too big can’t operate or anything too small would have to do extra runs. JCB TM420 proved to be the perfect mix of speed of loading, bucket size and manoeuvrability.

“We use it predominantly for loading the lorries which hold the materials: sandstone, cement and water, so they essentially become mobile batching plants. It has just the right size bucket to be able to load the trucks quickly enough and the extension of the boom is perfect for us. When it comes to concrete applications, it’s simply the right machine for the job.”

DB Cargo UK picks Liebherr for aggregate handling.

DB Cargo UK has invested £8.5m, using a credit line from Siemens Financial Services, to buy seven new LH 40 material handlers from Liebherr, supporting the low carbon delivery of aggregates by rail.



DB Cargo UK handles over 36 million tonnes of aggregates per year. To maintain this service, DB Cargo UK operates a large fleet of Liebherr material handlers, with a batch of seven new LH 40 models arriving at a selection of depots in the past few months.

One of the latest arrivals, an LH 40 C, has been put to work at the company's Cricklewood depot in North London. The 151-hectare site opened in 2020 and was designed to be the UK's first 'net zero' rail freight terminal.

Among its features are a large green acoustic barrier to minimise the impact of noise and dust on nearby homes, and to provide a haven for birds and other wildlife. On-site machinery is fuelled by Hydro-treated Vegetable Oil (HVO) instead of white diesel, reducing CO2 emissions by 98% per litre. The new Liebherr material handlers are also HVO-compatible.

The depot is permitted to handle 500,000 tonnes of material annually and in recent years it has regularly done so. This volume is made up of both incoming aggregates and the export of inert soils to landfill.

One of the UK's leading aggregate suppliers, Whatley Quarry in Somerset, sends over half of its output via the rail network, reducing congestion, cost and carbon impact.

With the LH 40, the whole process of unloading close to 1,000 tonnes of aggregates takes just over two hours in total and removes over fifty 8-wheelers off the roads from Somerset to London. Additionally, the LH 40 is economical to run, using just over 13 litres of fuel per hour – up to 20% less than previous models. The modern handlers improve uptime, and are expected to run at almost full capacity, with 85–90% use across DB Cargo UK's depots.

The new arrival at Cricklewood, the LH 40 C crawler handler, has been specified with Liebherr's quick-coupler system, enabling fast attachment changeover from the comfort and safety of the cab.

The crawler LH 40 machines have been delivered on Liebherr's EW undercarriage which gives the machine an overall width of 4.4m on its 600mm wide pads. The long track frames allow almost 5.5m of track to be in contact with the ground, giving the machine a very stable working platform.



Sany appoints E H Hassell & Son.

Sany Heavy Machinery has appointed E H Hassell and Son as an authorised dealer for material handlers in the UK.



Hassell has supplied equipment to the the scrap, waste and ports industries for 20 years, and has been in business for 50. It will now offer customers the Chinese company's material handlers.

As part of the dealer agreement, E H Hassell & Son will provide full sales, servicing and repair support for the complete S, ensuring customers receive expert backup throughout the life of their machines. Hassell will offer 0% finance options through its finance partner, making it easier for customers to invest in material handling equipment.

Jack Hassell, managing director at E H Hassell & Son said, “The addition of Sany Material Handlers represents a significant new chapter for our business. With over 50 years of experience in material handling, we are excited to offer our customers what we believe to be the very pinnacle of modern material handler design. Partnering with Sany allows us to strengthen our commitment to delivering reliable, high-performance equipment backed by outstanding support.”





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