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TTA sets new vision in motion

Our 3 Strategic Pillars

Raise tile and tiling standards and enhance installation expertise and craftsmanship

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Improve the value of membership and attract, engage and retain more members

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Promote the benefits of tiles and provide a unified voice for the industry at government level

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Our core purpose

Building excellence in tiling and the tiled environment

As an association, we have come together to set the new strategic focus to deliver the benefits of tiles, advocate for continuous improvement in industry standards, and champion the best of UK tiling.

Building excellence in tiling and the tiled environment is the core purpose of TTA's new vision. In line with one of our strategic pillars, which is to raise tile and tiling standards and enhance installation expertise and craftsmanship, we are set to introduce a new Master Tile Fixer Certification Scheme this year.

The scheme is meant to certify highly experienced and skilled independent tile fixers with the aim of promoting best tiling practice and encouraging the existing tiling professionals to strive for excellence. TTA certified Master Tile Fixers will enjoy a number of added membership benefits once they have satisfied the selection and assessment criteria.

Together with the Master Tile Fixer Certification Scheme, we are also introducing a

series of technical masterclasses covering popular tiling topics such as Heated Floors, Wet Rooms and Large Format Tiles. These short duration courses will take place at TTA HQ in Stone, Staffordshire, and are open to both members and non-members.

In addition to these developments, in line with the second strategic pillar - to improve the value of membership and attract, engage and retain more members - TTA will soon be announcing a refresh of the brand identity and website improvements, along with news on the member recruitment programme.

Progress on the Master Tile Fixer Certification Scheme, training courses, rebranding, website improvements and member recruitment programme will be communicated to members and supported by multi-channel marketing campaigns in the coming months.



Brian Newell receives MBE in 2022 honours list

Brian G Newell, Chair and Founder of TTA Technical Committee, received an MBE in 2022 New Year's Honours, on 1st January this year.

The Award recognises Brian's work over nearly 40 years in developing and improving tiling standards and ensuring the competitiveness of the UK ceramics and tiling industry. Brian has over the years represented the UK sector in various international forums. Brian Newell has made, and continues to make, a totally unique contribution. He is the UK's foremost expert on technical aspects related to ceramic tiling.

Having started out as an apprentice wall and floor tiler aged 15, Brian has worked in the industry for more than 50 years. He eventually



became the group chairman of his own company, Shackerley (Holdings) Group Ltd, which has twice won the Queen's Award for Enterprise for products he himself invented and patented.

"Obviously I'm delighted and honoured to receive this accolade," says Brian. "And I especially want to pay tribute to the support of TTA colleagues over the years, in particular fellow members of TTA Technical Committee, who have the same commitment I do with regard to standards and the future of our industry."

Brian's achievement means that TTA Board now have two directors recognised as providing a significant contribution to the tiling industry, following Bob Howard MBE receiving his honour in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 2012.

Get your tickets for TTA Awards night on 24th June 2022

Award entries are now closed. Details of the judging panel, made up of TTA and industry representatives, are being announced in the coming weeks. As before the judging process will include a public vote to all categories (excluding Lifetime Achievement), where one judging point will be added to the winning entry. This will then be combined with the judges' scores.

A record number of 13 Gold sponsors have signed up this year to support TTA Awards. The current Gold sponsors are: Banks & Lloyd, Genesis Global Systems, JACKBOARD®, Mapei, N&C, Palace Chemicals, PCS, Shackerley (Holdings) Group Ltd., STS, Topps Tiles, UltraTile, Verona and Weber. Further details about these major industry brands can be found in the Gold Sponsor Profiles section of this newsletter.

The high number of Gold sponsors this year represents a very strong expression of confidence in the tiling industry, as we emerge from the pandemic and face many other challenges in today's marketplace. TTA is very grateful to all this year's sponsors for helping to make the event possible.

This year the gala Awards celebration will return to The Hilton Birmingham Metropole. The event will be hosted by Dominic Holland. Dominic is an award-winning comedian, author, actor and broadcaster. He won the 1993 Perrier Best Newcomer Award in Edinburgh. His BBC Radio 4 series, *The Small World of Dominic Holland*, won a Comic Heritage Award.



TTA is maintaining the prices of tables for the event at the same level as in 2021, which is £1,575.00 for a table of 10, £1,400 for a second table and £175 for a single ticket. Tickets are going fast. Make your booking now by emailing awards@tile.org.uk or Tel: 0300 365 8453.

As in previous years, TTA Awards will raise money for our nominated charity Children Today. The Charity provides grants for specialised equipment which can radically improve the quality of life for disadvantaged young people. TTA has supported Children Today for more than a decade.



The Tiling Show, organised by TTA - the UK's only trade show devoted solely to tiles and related products – is back this year. It promises to be the 'must attend' event of the year and you should be there, either as an exhibitor or a visitor!

The Tiling Show will be held on Friday 24th June 2022, from 10am to 4pm at The Hilton Birmingham Metropole – the same venue that will host TTA Awards that evening. This year's Tiling Show is solely sponsored by Lithofin UK, a major brand in our industry.

"Lithofin UK are delighted to sponsor The Tiling Show 2022!" said the company. "We are pleased to be able to support TTA and are really looking forward to being a part of this exciting show. Our stand will showcase the professional Lithofin product range for cleaning, sealing and maintaining tile and stone surfaces and our Technical Manager, Bob Sewell, will be available to answer technical questions, give advice on projects and specifications as well as offer troubleshooting solutions. We look forward to welcoming you at the Lithofin Stand."

The Tiling Show is currently open for bookings, and TTA members who are interested in taking space are encouraged to email show@tile.org.uk.

All TTA members are eligible to exhibit. TTA Awards Gold sponsors are automatically entitled to a free stand at the Show. Any other members wishing to exhibit have the choice of:



- **2 x 1 metre space for just £100 + VAT**
(including a trestle table, suitable for a pull-up stand)
- **4 x 1 metre space for just £200 + VAT**
(including trestle tables, suitable for a pop-up stand)

As in previous years, all exhibitors are requested to have a special Show Offer running on the day. The Show will feature a dedicated demonstration area, which is always popular, and exhibitors who wish to host a demonstration should contact TTA, so that they can be allocated a timeslot. If you're interested in exhibiting, contact TTA by email show@tile.org.uk or Tel: 0300 365 8453.

The Tiling Show welcomes visitors from all sectors of the industry – independent fixers, major tiling contractors, retailers and architects. Admission is free. The central location is easy to access and parking is available right outside. In the run-up to the Show, TTA will be releasing details on who is exhibiting, and you can be sure the exhibitor list will include many of the major brands from our industry.

You can register your interest in attending online at www.ttaawards.com/tiling-show

How your generous donations have helped!

Last year, The Tile Association's chosen charity, Children Today, was able to provide 60 pieces of adapted equipment and support hundreds of more families with its pathways services, thanks to the generous donations from its members. Here are just a few of the wonderful children and young people your support has helped!

Maija – who her parents describe as “an eternally happy little camper” – has cerebral palsy, triple X syndrome and global developmental delay, which affects her mobility. Children Today provided her with a ‘Race-Runner’ so she can get daily exercise. Her mum, Elke, says: “Maija requires constant assistance to move and is unable to independently operate her wheelchair or walker. However, due to its engineering, the ‘Race-Runner’ allows her this ability and freedom. When the ‘Race-Runner’ arrived, she wanted to go out on it at the first opportunity.”

Meanwhile, Harry, who has DiGeorge Syndrome, is enjoying spending more time with his family since receiving his adapted buggy. His mum Dani described how “Children Today's help was invaluable for us as a family to gain independence and more freedom!”

21-year-old Beth – who became paralysed in her right leg following a sports injury when she was 13 years old – has been able to start medical school in Newcastle thanks to her wheelchair powerpack. The equipment has enabled her to fulfil a life-long ambition of becoming a doctor and the freedom to experience university life as any other student.

With your support, these young people and many others have realised their dreams, so thank you.

This year, throughout June, Children Today would like to invite members of The Tile Association to join them in taking part in its “Wheely Great Challenge”. The charity is encouraging supporters to take on their very own ‘10 for 10’ challenge with the aim of raising £10,000 in total. It could be a 10K run or cycle, 10 laps of the local park or hosting 10 coffee and cake mornings! More information will be released shortly: <https://www.childrentoday.org.uk/>



The Children Today team looks forward to seeing you at TTA Awards 2022!

TTA members invited to join second visit to Spain

ASCER, the Spanish Ceramic Tile Manufacturers' Association, have invited TTA members to join a second visit to Spain, planned for May this year. This follows a previous successful TTA tour of large format tile producers in Castellón, which took place in November 2021.

The upcoming trip will be mainly focused on retailers, with a theme of Sustainability in Tiling. Information about handling and cutting large format tiles is also likely to be included, as well as discussion on the latest trends with regard to colour and format.

Expressions of interest to join the trip are being sought now. So if you are interested in participating, please contact TTA on membership@tile.org.uk. Places will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis, and it is hoped that those who are unlucky this time will be able to take part in future trips.



TTA seeks further confirmation on the use of NPD for UKCA marking

TTA has become aware of different interpretations of an EU regulation going back to 2011 as it applies in Great Britain, that may have implications on how members make declarations of performance to affix UKCA marking.

Currently it is permitted in the existing legislation not to declare the performance for any essential characteristic* which is not subject to a specific regulation in Great Britain, as long as the declaration of performance is not empty. This is a ‘No Performance Declaration’ or NPD and is often used for tiles, adhesives and sealants.

Article 4 “Declaration of Performance” of the consolidated UK legislation, might be taken to imply that any information provided relating to CE marking might lead to confusion with the use of NPD for essential characteristics in the UK Declaration of performance. Under AVCP Level 3 (Assessment & Verification of Constancy of Performance) any essential characteristics whose performance is declared in the UK DoP would have to be tested by a UK Approved Body to make the same declaration.

As this is currently not possible for some test methods relating to specific essential characteristics because there is currently no UK Approved Body or insufficient



testing capacity, the guidance is therefore that the use of NPD for the UK DoP for these characteristics is perfectly valid.

Whilst TTA has asked for urgent confirmation of this interpretation, the current answer from the government department responsible is that, if in doubt, manufacturers should seek legal advice on compliance with legislation so we, in conjunction with other Associations, are continuing to push for a more helpful statement.

* Listed in Annex Table ZA1 of the relevant designated standard

Industry support for TTA Awards reflects a buoyant and optimistic sector

The excellent news that this year's TTA Awards have attracted a record number of 13 Gold Sponsors reflects the industry confidence in the buoyant and optimistic sector.

Here we are putting the Gold Sponsors in the spotlight and giving them the opportunity to tell us a bit about themselves and why they are supporting the Awards this year. These are major brands from our industry who are associating themselves with the core values of the Awards, which are all about recognising achievement, endeavour and innovation.

The company is a market leading UK freight forwarder for the tiles and ceramic industry, and has been in the business for 40 years, focusing on outstanding customer service, competitive rates and reliable, quick service. The company works with a globally connected network of partners and has a second office in Valencia, Spain. Forward thinking, agile, proactive and highly ambitious, the company aims to be the best and most experienced freight forwarder in tiles and ceramics transportation.

"The Awards provide an opportunity to reflect on another year gone by, and to recognise those who have gone above and beyond – which is important in the recent tough times. Sponsoring the Awards offers Banks & Lloyd the opportunity to show its reverence for the tile industry, and its mission to support the industry through turbulent shipping times."

www.banksandlloyd.com



Genesis is a major player in the ceramic accessories and tools market, selling products into the tile industry and several other sectors. The company exports to over 70 countries worldwide and promotes its products via architects, retailers, distributors, contractors, and end-users. The product range includes tools, entrance matting and finishing profiles such as edge protectors, expansion joints, LED solutions and much more.

Sales Director Michael Gadney says: "Working with and supporting TTA is imperative for us to continue improving, modernising and supporting the tile industry, as well as taking care of its members at all levels. These are traits that mirror our own company, so we are very pleased to sponsor this wonderful event."

www.genesis-gs.com



JACKON UK - JACKOBOARD® is a leading manufacturer of XPS board solutions for use as a tile backerboard and supplier of shower tray and wet room systems. The company offers a broad range of innovative products for environmentally-friendly and sustainable thermal insulation solutions used in construction projects.

Sponsorship of TTA Awards, with its explicit support for excellence, achievement and innovation, fits very well with JACKOBOARD's brand aspirations, and the company is delighted to be associated with them once again.

JACKOBOARD® is also continuing its work with the Bee Centre, for which the company won TTA Award for Best Environmental Initiative in 2020.

www.jackon.co.uk



Mapei is delighted to continue to support TTA Awards with Gold Sponsorship of the 2022 event, recognising the best that those in the tiling and tile industry have to offer.

With more than 85 years' experience, Mapei is a world-leading producer of adhesives and chemical products for the construction industry. Mapei's 'Products for the installation of Ceramic and Stone Materials' line incorporates complete quality systems for all types of projects.

Mapei is proud to be supporting TTA Awards in 2022 and look forward to being a part of such a key construction industry event.

www.mapei.co.uk



N&C are British manufacturers and distributors of high quality tile adhesives, grouts, smoothing compounds and tiling systems. With over 60 years' experience, the company has grown from strength to strength with expertise in the manufacture and distribution of high quality products.

N&C invented ready mixed tile adhesive in 1958. Today, N&C continues to offer an unrivalled range of solutions that allow the fixing of every format of product imaginable.

As a manufacturer with distribution and retail sites, N&C is unusual in that contractors, whether small or large, can buy direct, place orders for delivery to their offices or site address and with no minimum order value for nationwide delivery (subject to terms and conditions).

www.nctilesandbathrooms.com



Palace Chemicals is a leading independent manufacturer of building, construction & DIY products, as it has been for more than 40 years.

Established in 1978 in Speke, Liverpool, its ongoing commitment to technology and development has enabled it to bring to market a more extensive range of flooring, tiling & DIY products than any other manufacturer in the UK.

With its well-established infrastructure and deep-rooted in-house expertise, it is well placed to remain at the cutting edge in the advances of tiling, adhesives and construction as the industry continues to develop.

www.palacechemicals.co.uk



PCS are a UK-based manufacturer of high-performance construction products that are thermally insulating, lightweight and waterproof. DeltaBoard Thermal Construction Boards and DeltaTray Tileable Shower Floor Formers, form part of an extensive range of products manufactured by PCS, that offer high performance for the lining and overlaying of subfloors and walls prior to the application of tiles, plaster and flexible render coatings.

PCS products offer effective and durable solutions, designed to enhance performance, and reduce construction time of your project. PCS product range includes: Tile Backer Boards, Construction Boards, Shower Tray Formers, Flexi Board, Wall Niches, Wedge Board, Tileable Seating profiles, Wellness Spa Pods & more.

www.pcsboard.com



Shackerley is a British, independently owned, manufacturer and prefabricator, renowned for supplying innovative, engineered products to the architectural and construction industries for over 55 years. Today the company leads the UK ceramic granite and natural stone ventilated cladding market with its award-winning patented SureClad® façade systems, and is universally recognised as the country's leading authority on the use of large format ceramic granite in external cladding applications.

SureClad® façade cladding has been specified across the UK, to enhance and protect new and refurbished properties in every sector of the market. Shackerley is able to offer the specifier an almost infinite array of aesthetic design options.

The latest addition to Shackerley's product portfolio is their patented BrickClad® system for mechanically fixed brickwork.

www.shackerley.com



As a respected provider in the UK construction industry, STS is proud to hold to our core values to be Industrious, Cheerful, Creative and hold to Sound Family Values. We are constantly working to ensure products such as NoMorePly are both sourced and manufactured to a high standard.

The driving force behind the STS team is not merely to meet industry standards, but to exceed and redefine them, and in doing so, bring our customers and installers a clear competitive advantage.

As a leading manufacturer of Fibre Cement Tile Backing solutions in the UK, STS has a vision to ensure all stockists and installers are provided with The Ultimate Solution for their needs, and to provide sustainable, eco-friendly solutions for all tile backing needs whilst upholding a high level of product quality and exemplary customer service.

www.sts-uk.com



"Here at Topps Tiles, we're excited to be back sponsoring TTA Awards, it's important to us as a brand to celebrate the success of the tiling industry and support the tilers that shop with us, making up such an important part of our customer base."

Topps are proud to be able to offer a great range of products to consumers in over 300 locations around the UK and also online. Tradesmen are encouraged to register for a trade account, by visiting their local Topps Tiles store and speaking to in-store staff.

Topps offer the best product innovation at great prices with some top exclusives seen nowhere else in the UK. The award-winning trade website has handy online visualisation tools to help show customers future project possibilities.

www.toppstiles.co.uk



UltraTile supplies the tiling market with a comprehensive range of adhesives, grouts, primers, levelling compounds, silicones and external tiling solutions. All products are manufactured in the company's state-of-the-art factory in Tamworth, Staffordshire.

Marketing Manager, Rebecca Talbot, Board Member and Chair of TTA General Purposes & Marketing Committee says: "We are delighted to be sponsoring TTA Awards again for 2022. The Awards are a highlight of our promotional calendar and such a great opportunity to showcase our work across the tiling industry. TTA aims to promote professionalism and technical standards, something we aim to emulate here at Instarmac with our research and development, technical support and training academy."

www.instarmac.co.uk



As the UK's leading distributor of tiles, mosaics, outdoor porcelain and flooring, Yorkshire-based Verona offers a comprehensive portfolio of products at competitive prices, with professional merchandising concepts to support independent and national tile retailers across the UK.

Verona supplies directly to customers nationwide from its state-of-the-art distribution centre in Doncaster. With a large UK stock holding, competitive prices and short lead times, Verona caters for everything from single independent retail outlets to large scale commercial or residential projects.

Verona will once again be showing its support for the industry as a Gold sponsor for this year's TTA Awards. It will be wonderful to get the industry together again to celebrate the strength and resilience the tile sector has shown over these past years and shine a positive light on what's to come.

www.veronagroup.co.uk



Weber is the leading manufacturer of easy-to-apply products in the tile fixing, renders, construction mortars and flooring system markets. Weber has supported TTA, including the prestigious TTA Awards, for over 19 years. Our involvement in the committee provides us with invaluable information on challenges and opportunities within the industry allowing us to adapt our products and services for our customers.

At Weber, we believe that what matters most in the construction industry is to care about people and their environment, which is why we created the ever-popular Weber Rewards loyalty scheme, ensuring every customer who registers benefits not only from using market-leading products but also an extra special Thank You - a 'love-you-back' from Weber.

www.loveweber.co.uk



TTA shortlisted for Trade Association of the Year award

TTA was shortlisted as Trade Association of the Year in the Trade Association Forum (TAF) Best Practice Awards 2022.

The Trade Association Forum is the leading representative body for associations in the UK, helping its members to engage, improve and lead their sectors. It works closely with the Government, and also partners and sponsors to help trade associations deliver value for their members. The TAF Awards are supported by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

TTA was one of just three associations to be shortlisted. This is in recognition of how TTA has worked with Build UK, BEIS, CPA and CLC to source and provide the most accurate information for its members throughout the pandemic and also how it has supported members on a wide range of other issues, such as the skills and materials shortage and training. Throughout the last two difficult years, TTA has managed, not just to maintain, but to increase its activity to support its members, as the situation has demanded, including moving many of its events online, such as TTA Awards.

TTA has worked tirelessly to address the main issues affecting the industry, by persistently lobbying the Government in order to obtain the best information and support for members. It has regularly participated in discussions with BEIS. TTA CEO, Kay Porter, was recently elected on to the Build UK board, providing TTA with an even stronger industry voice to influence the Government, policy makers, investors and consumers. Meanwhile working with the Construction Leadership Council has allowed TTA to influence policy directly, since the Government ministers are present at CLC meetings.



"It was a great honour to have been shortlisted as one of just three finalists for Trade Association of the Year," says Kay Porter. "It is a recognition of how TTA has developed and improved its services over the years. It is also an encouragement for us to continuously refine our member offers and provide increasingly professional and effective representation for the industry."

Customer testimonials reinforce value of TTA technical inspection service

TTA's Technical Inspection Service is one of the most important services offered by TTA to the market. Under the terms of the Service one of TTA's highly experienced technical inspectors will visit a site to inspect any tiling installation where there are thought to be problems. The inspector will assess the job against relevant British and European Standards and provide a detailed written report of the inspection with their findings and a conclusion. This report can be used in court as evidence, should any dispute go to that level.

The Service provides excellent value for all users and is available to anyone who has concerns about tiling work.

The latest market feedback shows that reports from the Technical Inspection Service are often key to solving problems that can be caused by bad workmanship or poor installation.

According to one user of the Service: "You recently supported me with a court claim document for my faulty patio and I promised to give you an update once I had been to court. I wanted to say 'thank you most sincerely' for your support. The report helped immensely, as did the advice you gave me in our discussions."

In another case in the higher education sector, which was threatening to become a multi-million pound dispute, the customer contacted TTA to say: "We just wanted to provide an update that this matter has now settled. Thank you all for your support."

"Sometimes cases arise in which it turns out there is not a requirement for a full report", says Bob Howard MBE, TTA's lead technical inspector, "in which case TTA will provide appropriate guidance."

"We would like to thank Bob Howard MBE for his support, guidance and sharing his vast knowledge he has," says one TTA member who used the service. "This has allowed us to satisfy the customer without them having to spend more money on a report."

"The vast majority of tiling jobs are completed without issue and to the customer's complete satisfaction," says Bob Howard MBE. "This is especially true if a TTA member is contracted to do the work. However, from time to time things can go wrong for any one of a variety of reasons. The Technical Inspection Service exists to provide support for the customer in these cases and to enhance the reputation for competence of the tiling sector as a whole."



Pricing for the Technical Inspection Service is based on the size of the tiled area in question.

- **Up to 25sqm are priced at £895 + VAT**
- **Over 25sqm to 50sqm are priced at £1,180 + VAT**
- **Over 50sqm to 100sqm are priced at £1,560 + VAT**

Contact TTA directly on technical@tile.org.uk for technical inspection prices for projects larger than 100sqm.

More information is available under 'Support' on TTA's website www.tiles.org.uk. TTA members who require use of the service are able to claim a 20% discount on the above prices. Anyone who requires the service should fill in a Technical Inspection booking form (also available on the site), and TTA staff will be in contact to confirm further details.

SkillBuild regional qualifiers from April to June

Registration closes in April 2022 for SkillBuild, the largest multi-trade competition in the UK delivered by CITB for construction trainees and apprentices.

The Regional Qualifier Heats of SkillBuild run UK-wide, from April to June. A timetable including venues is available on www.goconstruct.org/skillbuild. These one-day events bring together apprentices and trainees, with the overall eight highest-scoring competitors in each specialist skill going through to the next round – the SkillBuild UK National Final, due in November.

The UK competitions cover ten skill-categories including Wall and Floor Tiling. The highest-scoring eligible competitors in the UK National Final will progress through to Squad UK to join the next levels: EuroSkills and WorldSkills.

TTA has donated prizes in support of SkillBuild and TTA members such as BAL, N&C and Schlüter have sponsored the events with tiles and tiling products.



Wall and Floor Tiling winners at the Craft Awards

The Worshipful Company of Tylers and Bricklayers hosted The Craft Awards 2021 & 2022 on Thursday 10th March 2022 at Trinity House, London.

The Tylers and Bricklayers encourages excellence in the tiling and bricklaying industries. Awards were presented in three distinct crafts – Bricklaying, Roof Slating and Tiling, and Wall and Floor Tiling on the day.

Tiling apprentice Aaron Gillespie won this year's Montgomery Award for Wall and Floor Tiling. Aaron completed his NVQ Level 3 at Southern Regional College, which is one of TTA's Centre of Excellence for training. Aaron's tutor is Paul Doran, who is also the WorldSkills UK Training Manager.

Aaron competed against six other contestants in SkillBuild 2021 UK National Finals held in November, and won Gold in the Wall and Floor Tiling category. As a medal winner in the UK National Finals, Aaron is qualified to enter WorldSkills 2022 which is being held later in October in Shanghai.

The Tylers and Bricklayers also recognises those who achieve higher levels of competence in the three crafts, through a combination of their own training, practical site experience and a willingness to assist in the training of others. This recognition takes the form of the award of Master Craftsman status at the Craft Awards.

Mark Exley, from W. B. Simpson & Sons, was awarded Master Craftsman – Wall and Floor Tiler at the Event.

At the age of 15 Mark spent a year completing extended work experience with his father, who is an established and experienced tiler. This allowed him to grasp a knowledge for both old and new tiling techniques, and an understanding of the tiling trade.

Mark then progressed to working for a couple of tiling contractors, gaining experience in large scale commercial tiling projects, in particular an in-depth understanding of terrazzo floors and screeding. At the age of 21 Mark and his father began working for W. B. Simpson & Sons. Joining W. B. Simpson has broadened the scope for Mark to refine the skills which he had acquired in previous employment, sculpting him into the accomplished tiler he is today.



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As a member you get:

- ✓ Free business advice
- ✓ Free legal helplines
- ✓ Free credit check
- ✓ Free legal guidance
- ✓ Insurance deals
- ✓ Access to Primary Authority
- ✓ Free technical advice
- ✓ TTA technical publications

... and much more!

CSCS smart check app available in April

In December 2020, the Construction Leadership Council issued a further update to its requirement regarding the implementation of Smart Technology by card schemes displaying the CSCS logo.

The update stipulated that “by 31 March 2022, all card schemes must use smart technology which has the capability to electronically check agreed information relevant to a cardholder, using a common interface, without the need to manually enter data”.

Developed by the 38 card schemes currently displaying the CSCS logo, the CSCS Smart Check App will be rolled out from April 2022. It is designed to radically improve the construction industry's card checking procedures and site safety whilst also helping tackle fraud in the sector.

The App is free to download and will be available from Apple Store and Google Play Store. Further information about the Smart Check App including a list of FAQs can be found on www.cscs.uk.com/cscs-smart-check



Welcome to new members

With this issue we are delighted to welcome the following businesses into membership of TTA:

Amber Underfloor Heating

MD Tiling Contractors Ltd.

Tiles Ahead

Brevetti Montolit S.p.A

MJ Tiling Specialist Ltd.

Tilex London Ltd.

Cosentino UK Ltd.

Nice Touch Tiling Ltd.

T.R.I. Contracting Services Ltd.

Hawkins Tiles

Niche Tiling Ltd.

Weise Tiling Ltd.

Home Solutions Specialist

Pro Tiler Tools

Westwoods Tiling

Any members who have any queries about their membership at any time should contact TTA head office.

Keep up to date with TTA's social media channels

Our social media platforms are the best place to get all the latest information from TTA. All our channels have been growing strongly over the last year and the content is constantly refreshed and updated.

Please follow and like all our social media channels to keep up with the latest news.



TTA's Facebook now has nearly 2,500 followers



TTA's Twitter now has over 5,300 followers



There are nearly 2,000 followers on LinkedIn



TTA's Instagram has over 1,800 followers