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**MIA sponsors National Bricklaying Awards**



Winner of the junior section of the Guild's north west region competition, Joe Higginson of Bury College, receives his trophy from the guild's vice president, John Howe (right) and regional chairman, Jeff Dunn.

**Guild of Bricklayers national bricklayers' competitions in 2015 are being sponsored by the Mortar Industry Association (MIA).**

Association members are supplying free of charge, factory-produced mortars for each of the ten regional competitions and for the grand final to be held at the Leeds College of Building on 17 June. MIA has also sponsored a trophy for the ultimate winner.

Competitions are organised by the Guild of Bricklayers and held at colleges around the country offering construction courses. There are two competition grades: junior for new industry entrants with little or no site experience and working towards S/NVQ / diploma level and senior for trainees working towards S/NVQ/diploma level 3.

Each college within a region is allowed one competitor at each level

Four regional competitions have already been held, those for Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire, the North West, Wales and the West Midlands.

At a recent MIA executive meeting, representatives of the guild emphasised there is no shortage of quality bricklayers in the UK, contrary to many recent media reports. Their message was simple: if you need a bricklayer contact your nearest college offering construction courses for help and advice.

MIA director, Brian James, said: 'MIA member products play such a fundamental role in the UK construction industry it makes great sense for us to help support the training and development of young bricklayers to ensure we have the necessary skills available to continue to build the houses, schools and commercial buildings we so desperately need.'



The MIA sponsored trophy

## Marshalls Premier supplies mortar to military contract



An artist's impression of the finished Whittington project

**Factory-produced mortars from Marshalls Premier Mortars are being supplied for the development of new facilities at the Defence Medical Services (DMS) centre at Whittington, near Lichfield, Staffordshire.**

The project will provide state-of-the-art training facilities including a learning centre, lecture theatre, living accommodation for permanent staff and trainees, and a junior ranks dining and welfare facility.

Managed by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation, the £144m project will establish the West Midlands as the central focus for the DMS, bringing together a full range of services and training, with care for service operational casualties at the nearby Queen Elizabeth Hospital and University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust.

Thousands of army, navy and RAF medical trainees will be based each year at the site.

Director of sub-contractor Andy Flynn Brickworks, Andy Flynn, said:

'We recently commenced works on the latest phase of the Whittington Barrocks site which will require approximately 300m<sup>3</sup> of mortar with Carillion being the main contractors.

'The programme is set to be very fast paced, with flexible daily deliveries a must in order for us to meet the client's expectations. Due to the nature of the project, strict delivery times and conditions are also in place.

'Marshalls Premier Mortars have been able to meet all our requirements in that they offer daily deliveries to suit us (either AM or PM) and contact a member of our staff on approaching site so they can meet them and escort them to the designated delivery point.

'All in all, Marshalls Premier Mortars have gone above and beyond in order to meet our requirements on this and other projects across the Midlands Region.'

## MIA exhibits at Eco Build



MIA demonstrations at Eco Build

**Block laying demonstrations at the MIA exhibit within the Concrete and Masonry Pavilion at this year's Eco Build exhibition in London drew great interest from visitors.**

Trainee bricklayers from Barking & Dagenham College demonstrated their skills on a stand that also showed a mini dry mortar dispensing silo/mixer and a range of standard details for where floors go into walls, with weatherproofing and thermal requirements

## New home registrations up

**New homes registered in the UK increased by 23% in the rolling quarter December 2014 to February 2015 compared to the same period last year, says the NHBC.**

A total of 36,505 new homes were registered compared to 29,681. The private sector recorded 28,139 registrations compared to 21,373 (+32%) a year ago with the public sector showing a marginal one per cent increase with 8,366 new homes compared to 8,308.

NHBC chief executive, Mike Quinton, said: 'We are very pleased that the growth we saw throughout last year has continued into 2015, with our latest figures clearly showing that registrations are up on 2014 levels for the last three months, which is great news for the industry.

'However, we have been clear that we are building way below the level of homes that our country so desperately needs, therefore it is important that we keep up this momentum.'



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