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John Carr (Liverpool) Ltd 0151 2070067
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A font of mortar wisdom

The when, why and how of choosing and using mortar are now well covered on the MIA's website, www.mortar.org.uk as the association's series of data sheets near completion in terms of updates.

The website draws a consistently high number of visitors including a percentage from around the world. Main areas of interest include guidance on which mortars to use for a project, closely followed by requests for technical information.

The website now holds amongst its technical information data sheets and learning texts.

All 23 technical data sheets are available to download, both in colour and black and white. Subjects range from types and uses of mortar to technical references and the use of pigments and lime.

Learning texts are designed to help a wide range of construction industry personnel from apprentices through to seasoned specifiers and are available to download in 13 parts. Contents ranges from an introduction to mortar, to properties of masonry mortar and from production to quality assurance.

Design of the website is product led with the home page leading immediately to sections covering mortars, renders, screeds and technical information. Association and product news trailers also appear on the home page.

The site also has a comprehensive guide to MIA producer and associate members as well as to the administrative head office.

But the best way to understand and benefit what is available is to look yourself – go to www.mortar.org.uk

Modern Masonry: Housing Insights 2015

20 October 2015

IET, Austin Court, Birmingham, B1 2NP

An event organised by British Precast and the Modern Masonry Alliance during which attendees will hear from key industry figures, as they provide insight into the housing market, regulation and performance, as well as encouraging debate on the key considerations in delivering high performance housing.

Attendance is free although registration prior to the event is required.

More information and registration: amy.potter@britishprecast.org

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MORTARS
Factory-produced mortars play an essential role in today's building and construction industries, providing as they do, the essential glue principally for block and brickwork. [More →](#)

RENDERS
Factory-produced cementitious renders provide an attractive, durable finish to brick or block built walls. [More →](#)

SCREEDS
Levelling screeds are high quality products designed for internal flooring applications from modest house extensions and self builds to major commercial, residential, education and healthcare developments. [More →](#)

TECHNICAL INFORMATION
The MIA provides a wide range of information on the design, production and use of mortars, screeds and renders. [More →](#)

Welcome to the mia

Almost 80 per cent of mortars used in the UK today come from factory-produced sources as opposed to being mixed on site. Their use reflects the ever-increasing demands for quality building products in the development of our built environment.

The Mortar Industry Association (MIA) is part of the Mineral Products Association, the trade association for the aggregates, asphalt, cement, concrete, dimension stone, lime, mortar and silica sand industries – for further information go to www.mineralproducts.org

The MIA constitution can be seen by [clicking here](#)

[in](#) See the UK Mortar Industry Group on LinkedIn.

Updated data sheets now on website →

Latest news

- Updated data sheets now on website
- Guild of Bricklayers competition 2015 final winners announced
- Final of Guild of Bricklayers competition
- Further winners announced for the guild of bricklayers regional competitions
- MIA annual lunch business presentations
- Bricklaying winners announced

Home page of the MIA website

CEMEX provides quality answer for Leicester heritage project



CEMEX at the Leicester Cathedral site

Some 750 tonnes of bedding mortar was supplied by CEMEX for a prestigious £4m scheme to provide an attractive new gateway to the city of Leicester's cathedral quarter and the site of the discovered remains of Richard III.

The project was commissioned by Leicester City Council as part of Connecting Leicester, a major programme of work to improve pedestrian links between historic

buildings and heritage sites and the modern heart of the city.

Part of this contract was in the cathedral gardens. The importance of this public realm scheme is due, in part, to its association with the recent discovery of Richard III's remains in a nearby car park. The public realm areas around the cathedral are adjacent to the Richard III visitor centre close to where the remains were found.

The historic connections of the cathedral's original 13th century establishment as an Abbey Church and the discovery of the remains of England's last Plantagenet king meant that the project had to be carried out under an archaeological watching brief by the University of Leicester's archaeology department. The whole contract ethos was one of quality of design and finish and this was reflected in the selection of materials for paving and installations. The high quality of the design and specification for both projects was fully in keeping with the location, using a mixture of modern materials and concepts, but with a respect for the cathedral and ancient royal connections.

CEMEX Bedding Mortar was provided in silos as the cost effective, high quality solution to bedding in the client's paving.

The scheme was successfully completed in time for the opening of the city's new King Richard III visitor centre and for when the last Plantagenet king was laid to rest in Leicester Cathedral following the remarkable discovery of his remains in 2012.

KEY FACTS

- Project: Jubilee Gardens and Cathedral Square, Leicester
- Client: Leicester City Council / Larsen Building Materials
- Product: Bedding Mortar
- Volume: 750 tonnes

Introducing faces behind the MIA

The Mortar Industry Association (MIA) operates under the overall umbrella of the Mineral Products Association (MPA) out of offices in London. Its members represent the principal suppliers of factory-produced mortars throughout the UK and its activities are overseen by an executive committee, chaired by Steven Large.



Steven Large

Steven, national commercial director of CEMEX UK, has 28 years industry experience covering all disciplines relating to building materials, developed both in the UK and internationally. He is also a council member for

CONSTRUCT, the trade association for those working in the concrete structures industry.



Brian James

MIA director, Brian James, is based in London. Brian, a chartered civil engineer, has extensive construction industry both in the UK and overseas. He carries other responsibilities under the MPA banner which include the association's

regional activities and the dimensional stone and silica sand operations.

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New housing completions on the up

Not since the late 1970s has Britain been close to building anything like the 230,00 new homes a year it needs for its growing population but recent published figures at least show a move in the right direction: but there is a long way to go.

The latest National Statistics on house building issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government in August show that in the 12 months

ending June 2015, 131,060 homes were completed. This is 15 per cent higher than the previous year but is 26 per cent below the level for the 12 months ending December 2007.

Private enterprise housing completions were 11 per cent higher in the year ending June 2015 than in the year before whilst completions by housing associations rose by 30 per cent over the same period.



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