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### Welcome

Welcome to the latest issue of Scaffolding, published on behalf of the National Access & Scaffolding Confederation (NASC) by Construction Management.

This issue inclues the latest news from the NASC, its outputs and activities and profiles of the seven NASC Awards 2021 winners.

It also includes practical information such as best practice on appointing a scaffolding contractor, the latest NASC quidance, tables of all technical and health & safety guidance and four pages showing NASC Contractor members by the five NASC membership regions.

We first published this magazine in 2018 as a way of reaching out to Construction Management readers, and we will continue to do so.

But through our recent changes to NASC Information membership, we hope many readers will reach out to us by applying for free membership.

We recognise that scaffolding and working at height in general requires a host of specialist personnel to be trained in their dayto-day duties and aware of relevant legislation to be able to work safely.

This starts with scaffolding operatives but extends far beyond that: including scaffolding inspectors, designers, estimators, supervisors and managers but also principal and specialist contractors, procurement managers, HSQE managers, health and safety consultants and so on.

Through this new, inclusive approach to membership, we hope to grow our network of members for the greater good - ensuring many more organisations and decisionmaking individuals within them are informed and have direct access to expert scaffolding



## NASC drives up safety and standards in scaffolding

Regularly updated guidance and strict entry criteria for various membership categories are essential to standards

### The NASC is the UK's trade body

for access and scaffolding. It exists to set and maintain the standards for scaffolding, enabling those involved in the industry - either directly or indirectly - to operate safely and compliantly.

The NASC publishes guidance to help businesses do this. Its committees, comprising over 100 NASC member representatives, produce, publish and regularly review its library of titles covering technical, health & safety, contractual, product purchasing, asset protection, and environmental & sustainability topics.

All of these titles are available for purchase from the NASC's website. Many can be downloaded free of charge.



Members must meet a stringent set of criteria to determine whether the contractor is competent and compliant

Another way the NASC maintains standards is through its various membership categories, each of which has its own membership criteria. There are seven categories of membership:

### Contractor membership

Open to access and scaffolding companies. Members must meet a stringent set of criteria to determine whether the contractor is competent and compliant. These cover direct operative employment, training, products and equipment and more. Members are audited every year to ensure minimum standards are maintained.

### Supplier membership

Open to businesses that supply equipment to scaffolding

knowledge whenever

they need it.

contractors. These are commonly referred to as hire, sales and manufacturing companies.

Members must complete the NASC Code of Practice (CoP) product audit.

### Designer membership

Open to all UK businesses which provide designs to the access and scaffolding industry. To qualify for membership, designers or principal designers employed by the business must provide evidence of appropriate levels of qualifications and experience.

### Services & Ancillary Products membership

Open to businesses that provide services and ancillary products.

### Information membership New! Turn to page 7 for full details.

### International Information membership

Open to companies based outside of the UK who work within the access and scaffolding industry but do not carry out contract scaffolding or supply main scaffolding products.

### CISRS Training Provider membership

Open to CISRS accredited training providers.

The NASC has recently taken a number of steps to increase member-to-member engagement across the network of membership categories.

Turn to page 6 to find out more.

# Working Groups working well

Committee sub-groups on sustainability and fleet issues have made a significant start



A working group on fleet and transport has two aims

### The NASC's Current Affairs

Committee has recently created two topic-led sub-groups to help meet the brief in specific areas. These working groups have been tasked with providing guidance, support and direction on sustainability and environmental issues and fleet and transport issues.

Both groups have hit the ground running. The Sustainability & Environmental Working Group has initially been focused on providing useful and accessible guidance to members about how they can reduce their carbon footprint and work towards net zero.

It has recently produced an easy-to-use guide to net zero carbon,

including a glossary and FAQ, quick wins, potential longer-term opportunities, grants and incentives, a draft policy statement and useful links. This guide is available from the NASC website.

The Fleet & Transport Working Group has two objectives: provide members with information and guidance relating to fleet matters, such as licences, driver hours, loading and unloading and vehicle inspections, and represent the members' interests in a lobbying capacity.

The Group has also been tasked with maximising the NASC and its members' return from the Confederation's Gold Affiliate Membership of Logistics UK, which is now beginning to bear fruit.

A webinar was held last month to give members a better understanding of what they can gain through their free membership of Logistics UK and a flow of useful resources is now being sent to the Group by Logistics UK each month.

### **Find Out More**

Request a free NASC Information Pack by emailing us at enquiries@ nasc.org.uk. The Pack contains free digital versions of core NASC Health & Safety guidance as well as the latest copies of NASC publications, including the NASC Yearbook and NASC Safety Report, as well as NASC and CISRS site posters.





### Stand-out safety statistics released

This month the NASC will publish its 2022 Safety Report. This edition will contain accident statistics and analysis relating to the 2021 calendar year.

The 2021 Safety Report saw NASC Contractor members – employing a combined workforce of 16.084

operatives – record 81 incidents, the second lowest on record.

The NASC is the only scaffolding member organisation to publish its reported accident statistics. It does so to demonstrate the exceptionally high safety standards of its NASC Contractor

members but also as a means of better understanding the causes of incidents, crucial in the pursuit of putting plans in place to help prevent them from happening in the future.

Read the NASC's annual Safety Report at www.nasc.org.uk













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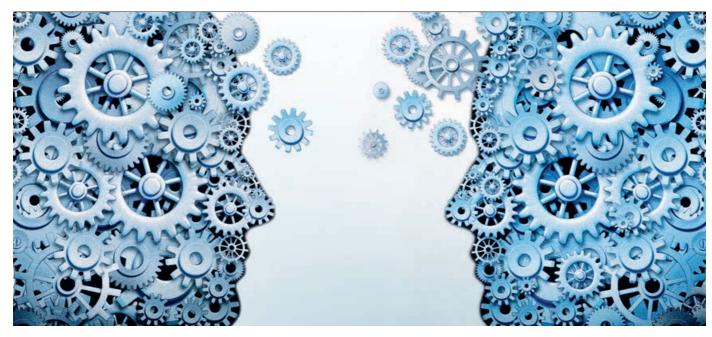


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Main contractors, specialist contractors, clients and trade bodies are now being encouraged to get connected to the NASC through free NASC Information membership.

As the name implies, membership provides businesses with a raft of information. This comes through a discount on all NASC guidance, receipt of monthly NASC e-bulletins containing the latest updates on NASC outputs and activities that are relevant to them, and free hard copies of NASC magazines.

Membership also opens up a two-way form of communication. Members are invited to contact the NASC for expert scaffolding support.

The NASC's in-house technical and health & safety experts are on hand to provide guidance and assistance on a broad range of complex matters.

Membership is free. Members can create as many individual user accounts as they wish, ensuring NASC information reaches the right people directly.

NASC Managing Director Robin James said: "The new NASC Information membership category provides members

# Get connected

Free information membership is available to all parts of the construction industry

The new NASC Information membership category provides members with the latest scaffolding industry information and up-to-date guidance on a range of practical issues Robin James, Managing director NASC

with the latest scaffolding industry information and up-to-date guidance on a range of practical issues.

"It also gives them access to the NASC's team of experts, able to provide specialist support on technical and health & safety matters as well as contractual, product purchasing and general compliance issues.

"This all adds up to peace of mind, something that is invaluable for any business involved with working at height or temporary works."

### **Benefits:**

- Discount on all NASC guidance including TG20:21
- Access to scaffolding support: establish a direct connection with the UK's trade body for access and scaffolding, including its technical, health & safety and contractual experts. Got a question? Pick up the phone or send us an email and we'll help you.
- Gain a better understanding of NASC outputs and activities, including guidance, toolbox talks and site safety posters in development through the Monthly Information Membership NASC e-bulletin
- Free copies of NASC magazines NASC
   Yearbook, Safety Report, Scaffolding
   Matters and Scaffolding Magazine

For more information on NASC Information membership and to complete an application form, visit the NASC website – www.nasc.org.uk/memberships

# Success stories

The 2021 NASC Awards drew a record 72 entries across five categories. On the following pages we shine a spotlight on the winners



**Project of the Year** (Turnover £5m+)

Sponsor: TRAD Hire & Sales Ltd Winner: Denholm Industrial Services Ltd Project: Forth Rail Bridge.

**Northern Approach Viaducts** 

The scaffolding is a suspended access slung from the bridge steelwork with access via scaffold staircases and goods and personnel hoists. The system chosen for the design was Plettac Metrix and the reason for this was to reduce the amount of loose materials needed to be used at height above the village, the productivity benefits

over tube and fittings, plus the greater control over design features using systemised components.

The design was created using a combination of historic drawings from the 1800s and site surveys to determine the geometry of the structure. The system scaffold components lend themselves to greater control over the finished scaffolding, but also required very careful planning to ensure that any clashes with the permanent structure could be mitigated and allowed for in the design.

Each scaffold span was a 50m long x 10m wide x 10m high suspended birdcage with shrink-wrap

▲ It's like painting the Forth bridge: Denholm's project

More details on the Awards and the seven award winners can be found on the NASC website. Go to www.nasc.org. uk and search for 'NASC awards'.

Once the pattern for construction became familiar the scaffold team quickly became very efficient at creating this structure

encapsulation to the outer faces. The scaffolding was required to allow the Denholm industrial Services painting team access to all the steelwork sections on the bridge spans and to collect and contain all arisings from these re-preservation works.

### Challenge accepted

The system scaffold and bridge interface was a challenge, as some of the historic structural data was a little less accurate than expected. The initial construction phases meant close contact between the scaffold team, project manager and technical manager. Once the pattern for construction became familiar the scaffold team quickly became very efficient at creating this structure.

The logistics of keeping the areas below the works safe meant adopting safe methods of work to tether tools and scaffold equipment and erecting safety netting in critical areas. The development of the safety netting system to protect the village from the works developed during trials to allow for a localised protection system to be drawn out and withdrawn at each shift.

This meant that protection was provided when works were being carried out but the netting system was not exposed to environmental conditions that would be detrimental to it and the bridae structure. ▶



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**Project of the Year** (Turnover up to £5m)

Sponsor: Layher Ltd Winner: Crossway Scaffolding (Elland) Ltd Project: Saltburn Viaduct. **North Yorkshire** 

Eleven no piers and abutments had fully boarded scaffold around them for access and to give support to the 1.28m deep dessa beams spanning the arches. The 10 no arches were spanned 15 metres to provide a fully boarded deck below each arch. Scaffolding was then punched from the beams along the two long sides of the viaduct.

Poor ground conditions prevailed to some of the arches so crane mats were used up to one metre square to spread the loads from the scaffolding standards as sleepers or sole pads would not support the leg loads which were up to 80 kn in some of the leg clusters. A total of 110 crane mats were used.

Some piers rose from the ravine and sheer rock faces which ran through the centre of the viaduct and this problem was solved by using gallows brackets made from RMD soldiers bolted to and through the brickwork with the scaffolds springing from these. In total, some 800 tons of equipment was

▲ 800 tons of equipment was used by Layher for Saltburn Viaduct

Constant interaction with the designer and client was required to overcome issues with the struture, the environment and logistical problems with the isolated location of the viaduct

used in this scaffolding package including the purchase 2265 metres or 1.40 miles of 1.28m deep beams.

### Challenges

There were many challenges to address on this project:

- The whole scheme had to be completed in 12 months during the pandemic. Breaks had to be staggered and teams were separated both travelling to site, working on site and staying in overnight accommodation with very few issues.
- The use of the gallows brackets including additional brackets saved the client time and expense in costly groundworks which would have to have been remediated on completion of the project.

Considerable trials were undertaken to decide the best method of fixing to the 150-year old brickwork. Layher re-designed the fixings by incorporating steel reinforcement bars which were held into place with a special quick curing resin. The ties then had to be tested using a special pull tester to determine the quality of the fixings. Some had to be re-sited and retested due to sub-standard brickwork.

As a result of this intensive testing regime supplementary brackets and wire cables were used giving additional support.

During the erection process the client decided to have the whole

structure built at once rather than a section then moved. This entailed the additional expense in purchasing additional materials and dessa beams amounting to hundreds of thousands of pounds.

The client required the work to be completed to the original programme which presented particular resource challenges including labour and materials.

Excessive manual handling was overcome by using rail vehicles to crane materials onto a large loading platform built by us at ground level. Also, a goods/passenger hoist was used for the transportation of operatives and materials. Separate hoists were used in erecting the large beams spanning the arches.

Constant interaction throughout the project with the designer and client was required to overcome unforeseen issues with the existing structure and environment and logistical problems with the isolated location of the viaduct. Two separate compounds were set up in fields to receive the loads of materials required.



### Innovation of the Year Sponsor: PERI Ltd Winner: Layher Ltd

Innovation: Layher Allround AGS Façade System

The aim of the Layher Allround AGS Facade System was to simplify and enhance facade scaffold installation, with the focus on the key benefits of safety, speed and versatility.

The AGS system comprises of 2m standard[s], with integrated innovative quick-release loading levers, in which the specifically developed guardrails slot into and are retained against falling out by mans of a special milled slot.

Importantly, these levers are coloured red so as to enable a rapid visual check of an entire structure to be made from ground level. The 2m standard is also equipped with a rosette at 1m high, so as when combined with standard Layher Allround it facilitates the fitment of transoms at deck level and in doing so integrates seamlessly with the rest of the standard Allround scaffolding.

The Layher Allround AGS system uses lightweight materials, which not only aid the manual handling process but also, because of its dimensions, help to optimise transportation and storage - once installed, extensions can be readily added, regardless of the existing structure's layout.

A key benefit is the interchangeability of minimal specific components, whilst maintaining customers pre-existing investments in existing product.

The Layher Allround AGS enhances the system's independence and enables



▲ Red levers enable a rapid visual check

the user to react flexibly to requirements that may arise on site – for example, all other Layher Allround components, hop-up brackets, stairs, loading bays and much more can become part of an AGS installation, integrating seamlessly.

Continuous equipment innovation and improvements are vital to Layher - much of which has been inspired by customer feedback, also a vital contributing factor towards the success of any new product development - the strategic partnership is important as the firm designs/manufactures only and does not erect, so buildability feedback is needed to then improve initial prototypes.

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### **Apprentice of the Year Sponsor: CISRS** Winner: Adam McLennan, City **Access Scaffolding Ltd**

Adam, 22, prior to joining City Access, worked for another scaffolding company for 18 months, but there was never any talk of progression or an apprenticeship which made him feel very undervalued.

From the age of 12 to 16, Adam was in care and attended a residential school due to continuous disruption and truancy. "Speaking to Adam, you would never associate him with being disruptive or disrespectful in any way, in fact, I can honestly say he is the polar opposite," says Kirsty Allan, performance director at CAS. "Completing his scaffolding apprenticeship during the pandemic has been both challenging and disappointing - college had to cancel scheduled courses. Adam was eagerly awaiting to attend his Part 1 training at college back in June, which was unfortunately postponed.

City Access says Adam has been committed to his practical learning, which is recognised by his chargehands and is often reported back to his supervisors and directors. Prior to attending his proposed Part 1 at college, Adam took the initiative to call operations director, Jonathan Allan, to request he be moved to a different project for a month to ensure he had good tube and fitting experience in preparation for training.

"We have never had this kind of initiative from an apprentice before so we were delighted to oblige," says Allan ."Adam won 'employee of the month' in June last year for his continued great attitude to work. He is always so respectful, warm and engaging with both clients and his peers at work. As a small token, we offer the employee of the month a £25 voucher. Adam selected a Cafe Nero voucher to share with his squad. He is most definitely a team player."



Above: lan Hines a champion for mental health issues

### **NASC President's Award**

Sponsor: Chris Sedgeman

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Winner: Ian Hines, Brand Energy & Infrastructure Services UK Ltd

T/A Lyndon SGB

lan Hines, regional SHEQ manager, is the leader of the firm's mental health team, one of the internal MHFA England instructors. The company has described him as "the biggest advocate of raising awareness, educating people and removing the stigma and discrimination around mental health that you could ever wish to meet".

Ian has delivered MHFA training to over 150 Lyndon SGB employees and another 50 to clients and other contractors on the sites where we work, along with numerous mental health awareness training sessions.

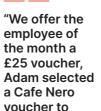
Beyond the day job, lan maintains his passion and drive for this subject, he has set up a not-for-profit organisation to deliver mental health first aid, youth mental health and applied suicide intervention skills training (ASIST) to communities, youth centres etc in and around the Birmingham area.

lan also volunteers for the Samaritans and gives up his own time often at very unsociable hours to help others, indeed while we were all watching England in the final of the Euros Ian was volunteering.

Ian has also set up the 'No Holds Barred Support Group' where he holds regular Zoom calls, no cameras no names just a safe place to talk

lan regularly takes part in charity events again to raise awareness and raise money for mental health charities he has previously ran a half marathon, completed Tough Mudder, taken part in White Collar Boxing and this year is training for a marathon.





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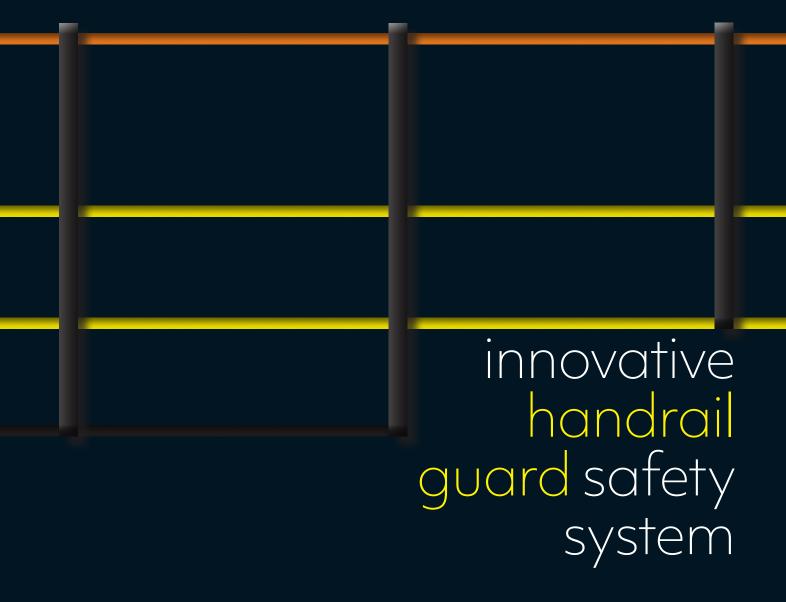
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team player"

◀ Left:Adam McLennan, Apprentice of the Year







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### Health and Safety (67+ **Operatives**)

Sponsor: HAKI Ltd Winner: Benchmark Scaffolding Ltd

The introduction of the Benchmark App has been very beneficial to the company and operatives: no more carrying booklets and pens and it reduces the carbon footprint. It sends prompts for carrying out safety checks and offers 110 toolbox talks. The mobile App replaces the arduous paper trail that site operatives disliked so much; it has not only been endorsed by the site teams, but it has also encouraged them to complete far more near misses and safety observations than previous years, which is a bonus for accident reporting and analysis.

Each entry from the App is entered into one portal, from there documents are filed into their own sections and can be easily obtained or retained for statutory periods.

The company also made great H&S progress through carbon footprinting, internal training and operative health surveillance. More details on this can be found on the NASC website.

- Above: A mobile App has transformed H&S reporting
- ► Below right: The City Access team picking up a previous NASC H&S Award

"Through JNF we have secured three members of staff connection with a trained counsellor for a minimum of eight weeks"

### **Health and Safety** (1-66 Operatives)

Sponsor: Forgeco Ltd Winner: City Access Scaffolding Ltd

City Access has collaborated with The Joshua Nolan Foundation – a charity that specifically works to combat suicide by providing funding towards counselling for those who are at risk or impacted by suicide. Although the construction industry has moved forward with health and safety, such as protocols for preventing physical injuries and death, there are still huge improvements to be made in protecting the mental health of workers. Since suicide is the biggest killer of men between 20 and 49, City Access has taken preventative action to avoid such tragedies within the workplace. "At CAS, we offer all staff the opportunity to reach out to our performance director if they require support. Kirsty, performance director, connected with the JNF as a volunteer. Through this

collaboration we have secured three members of staff connection with a trained counsellor for a minimum of eight weeks. This programme develops strategies with the individual to cope with suicidal/self-harm thoughts."

Further to its dedication to mental health within the workforce, CAS currently offers all staff the opportunity to attend The Mindful Enterprise. This is an eight-week mindful course delivered by The Mindful Enterprises skilled practitioners.

Also, it offers saving opportunities with Capital Credit Union. Generally, the scaffolders will tend to invest in the Christmas Saver Account. Deducting a small amount, which they can afford each week to save up money for when they need it the most.

The company has also upgraded its near miss reporting system and developed a check list app all chargehands to run through before the start of work each day.





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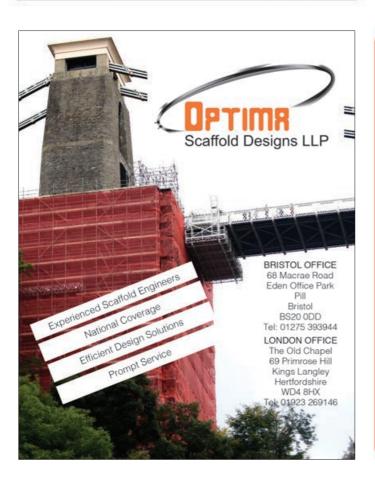














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Over the last 6 years, our team at Esher Scaffolding has progressively grown and 2021 proved to be a pivotal year for Esher Scaffolding. Firstly, our Transport Manager Anthony Cacace led the way in achieving FORS Silver accreditation and continues to maintain an immaculate fleet of vehicles and driver compliance.

Becoming members of the NASC was a goal for the company in 2021 and it was successfully achieved by the team at the end of the year.

In the midst of the company's achievements we moved to a larger premises in December. Considering how much the company has grown, the opportunity to move really came at a crucial time.

And finally, to complete what was already a successful year, Esher Scaffolding was awarded a place on the Thames Water Framework Agreement.



Gascoigne Road SPS, Barking 2020



Knight & Bessborough Reservoir, Walton 2021



Managing Director, Kevin Withers said 'Becoming members of the NASC and being awarded a place on the Thames Water

Framework Agreement are by far my proudest moments and biggest achievements of my career within the scaffolding industry. An incredible amount of hard work has gone in to reaching this standard of operating and I have a great team on board'.



Pictured left to right:
Leah Withers - Financial Director
Matthew O'Reilly - H&S Assistant
Anthony Cacace - Transport Manager Max
Hilligenn - Operations Manage
Ella Inwood - Office Manager
Kevin Withers - Managing Director























Membership nasc.org.uk



▲ Even more scaffolding contractors have joined the NASC in the past year

## Joining the network

New contractors joining NASC has swelled membership

Since the publication of last year's magazine, 10 scaffolding contractors have successfully attained NASC Contractor membership. These

companies are listed below. In total, there are now 239 NASC Contractor members operating across the UK. These companies are listed by region

### Castle Scaffold (Northern) Ltd North Shields, NE29 8RD

www.castlescaffold.co.uk Covering a full range of scaffolding services, including offshore, onshore, commercial and industrial settings. We provide the turnkey scaffolding solution across the whole of the **North East** 

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### **Hard Rock Scaffolding Ltd** Inverkeithing, KY11 1HZ

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### Infiniti Scaffolding Ltd Scarborough, YO11 3BT

www.infinitiscaffolding.co.uk Infiniti Scaffolding provides a comprehensive range of scaffolding services and equipment for all commercial

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### **SWC Scaffolds Ltd** Bristol, BS16 3JX

www.swcscaffolds.co.uk SWC Scaffolds provide professional scaffolding services to a range of clients from the commercial, Industrial & domestic scaffolding sectors.

### How to find a member

1 To find an NASC member in your area, go to the NASC website and click the 'Find a Member' box at the top of the page.

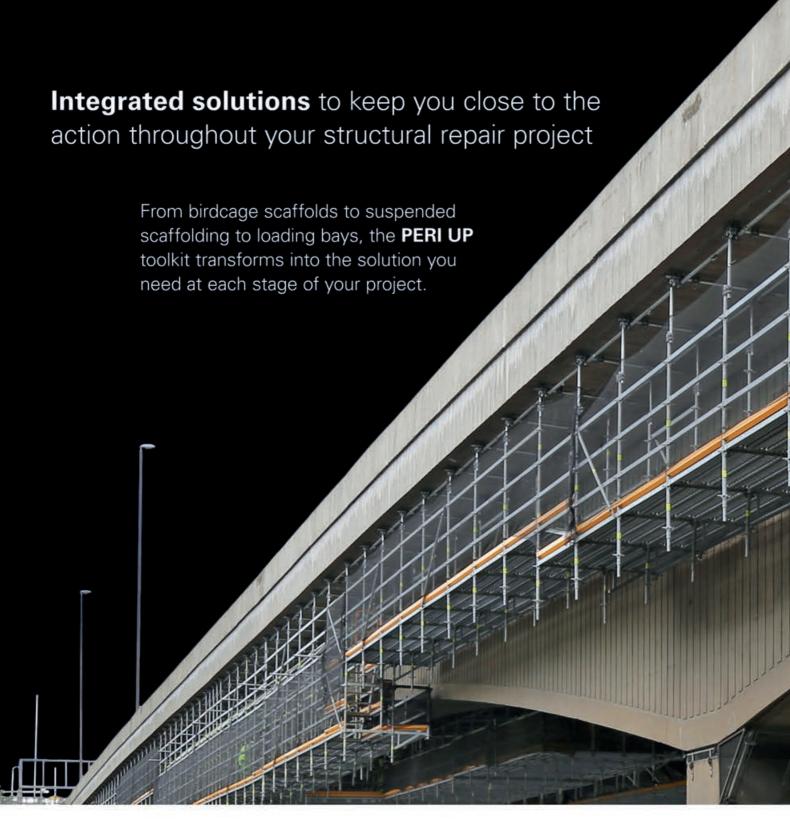
2 In the pop up box that then appears, simply enter a postcode to see members located near that location. You can then refine your search by membership type - Contractor or Supplier - and by whether the members are based near the given postcode or serve that area.

3 For each member that is displayed, you can then click on the arrows near their company names to visit their individual member profiles.

4 You can contact members directly via the 'send a message' feature on each member

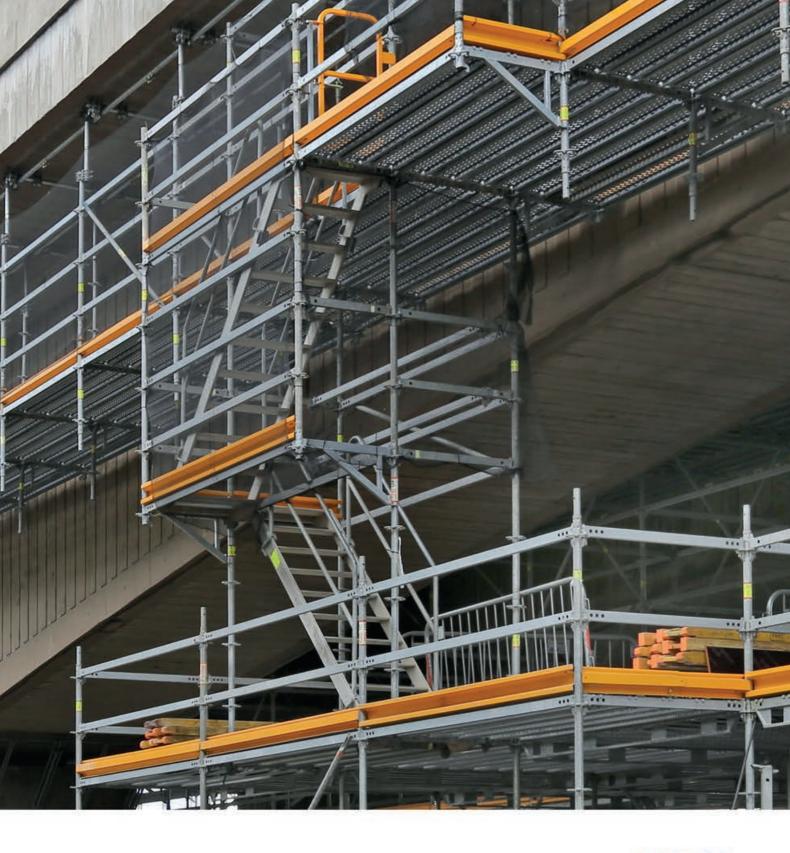
5 Alternatively, you can search the full NASC Member Directory. To do this, click the 'Find a Member' box at the top of the home page and then select 'search full directory', found underneath the white pop up box.

6 This will take you to a page where you will find all NASC members listed A-Z. You can refine by all NASC member types and also search for members by company name.

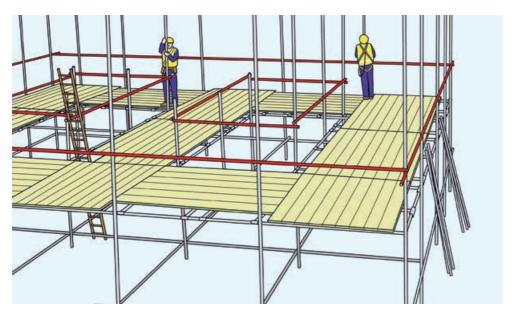




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## Choose wisely

Selecting a scaffolding contractor should not be undertaken lightly. Here the NASC offers help with the process



### **Under The Construction Design**

and Management Regulations (CDM), principal contractors and contractors have an important role in managing health and safety risks during the construction phase.

Among their duties, they are required to check that anyone they appoint has the skills, knowledge, experience and, where relevant, the organisational capability to carry out their work safely and without risk to health.

To assist principal contractors and contractors in appointing scaffolding contractors, the NASC has created the NASC Guide to Appointing a Scaffolding Contractor, a comprehensive management quide which is available for free download via the NASC website.

This 20-page document includes information on competence, minimum scaffolding requirements, regulations, codes of practice and best practice.

The NASC has also published a go-to reference guide - SG39:21

Specifying the criteria for a scaffolding contract at tender/ pre-contract stage(s) can be as onerous and uncertain a task as trying to manage the operations of an appointed scaffolding contractor Lynn Way, NASC President

Guidance on Appointing a Scaffolding Contractor - to be used in conjunction with the management guide. This document provides simple and accessible assistance on a range of principal contractor responsibilities, including:

- Monitoring of scaffolding operations during erection/ modification/dismantle
- Scaffolding design, calculations and risk assessment/method statement (RAMS)
- Scaffolding inspections and handover

NASC President Lynn Way said: "For many main contractors/ clients specifying the criteria for a scaffolding contract at tender/ pre-contract stage(s) can be as onerous and uncertain a task as trying to manage the operations of an appointed scaffolding contractor.

"The information contained within SG39:21 and the associated management guide will be of great assistance to those procuring, appointing and managing scaffolding contracts. It should help ensure that the correct and up to date scaffolding standards are incorporated into relevant contract documentation and further requiring that appointed scaffolding contractors adopt recognised scaffolding industry good practice upon their site(s)."



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# Guidance review

The NASC routinely updates its guidance. Here is what's new and due to be updated in 2022

The NASC standing committees' efforts to ensure guidance is comprehensive, up-to-date and fit-for-purpose continues apace. The following titles are currently under review, being developed at the time of publication or have been published.

A list of NASC technical and H&S guidance can be found on pages 26-27. To download a digital list of all NASC titles, visit the NASC website and search 'guidance index'. ▶

SG1:14	Control of Substances Hazardous to Health in Scaffolding (COSHH)		
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SG26:14	Scaffolding & Hoists		
SG42:22	Working over or near water (new)		
SG43:22	Lone Working in Scaffolding (published)		
SG44:22	Five Key Occupational Health Risks in Scaffolding (new)		
SG45:22	Management of Temporary Works to BS 5975 (new)		
SG	Toolbox Talk Suite		
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TG17:15	Identification of EN74 Scaffold Fittings		
TG26:22	Galvanic Corrosion of Aluminium Tubes and Prefabricated Beams (published)		
CG18:09	Daywork		
CG24:22	Guide to Staff Handbook (new)		
CG25:22	Common Contract Terminology (new)		
PG5:18	Purchasing Guidelines for Aluminium Beams		



### Scope of SG4 Update

The review of SG4:15 Preventing **Falls in Scaffolding Operations** began in January 2020, however the progress of the review has been impacted by the global coronavirus pandemic.

The NASC is pleased to report that the final draft of the updated management guide is nearing completion and due to be released this Spring. It is intended that the guide will be supported once again by a pocket book user guide (SG4:You).

The focus of the review has been to ensure that the guidance features methods of work and

▲ Updated SG4:15 offers guidance on safe systems of work

equipment that reflects current industry good practice. The Health and Safety Committee working party tasked with carrying out the review considered accident learning, legal cases, good industry practices and new technology for fall prevention and protection.

This Includes using the information from the current NASC 2020 Safety Report, which documents and analyses accident and injury statistics for our full contracting members.

To ensure the guidance remains current, obsolete products and methods of working that are no longer in common use have been removed. New sections have been introduced or further guidance provided to protect scaffolders and support employers in establishing safe systems of work.

Examples of new or enhanced guidance in the forthcoming edition of SG4 for preventing or protecting against falls include:

- Work on or near fragile surfaces
- Safety for the construction of traditional temporary roofs
- Sheeting and cladding operations
- Working with system scaffold decking

### Guidance on the requirements of BS 5975

BS 5975 'Code of practice for temporary works procedures and the permissible stress design of falsework' was last revised in 2019. Despite its title, this document includes information regarding procedural controls for the management of temporary works, which not only apply to falsework, but also to all types of scaffolding. Many scaffolding contractors are unaware of these requirements or the potential relevance to their operations.

To ensure the guidance remains current, obsolete products and methods of working have been removed. New sections have been introduced to support employers in establishing safe systems of work

Whilst the guidance contained within BS 5975 is not a legal requirement, many Health and Safety Executive (HSE) inspectors, when visiting sites, may expect to see evidence that adequate and appropriate controls are in place for the management of temporary works and often cite this document as the expected norm to be used within the industry.

The NASC has therefore produced a brief and concise guide to assist scaffolding contractors and others involved with the delivery and management of temporary works. SG45:22 Management of Temporary Works to BS 5975 will shortly be available and contains details of the basic requirements included within BS 5975, how these are currently interpreted and administered throughout the industry and essential guidance for scaffolding contractors.

Further and more detailed guidance regarding the management of temporary works can be found in the guidance document recently produced by the Temporary Works Forum - 'Effective management of



scaffolding to BS 5975:2019' (the TWf Guide). A copy of the TWf Guide can be downloaded, free of charge, from the TWf website.









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SG14	N/A	Document not in system – for information about Safety Nets refer to FASET
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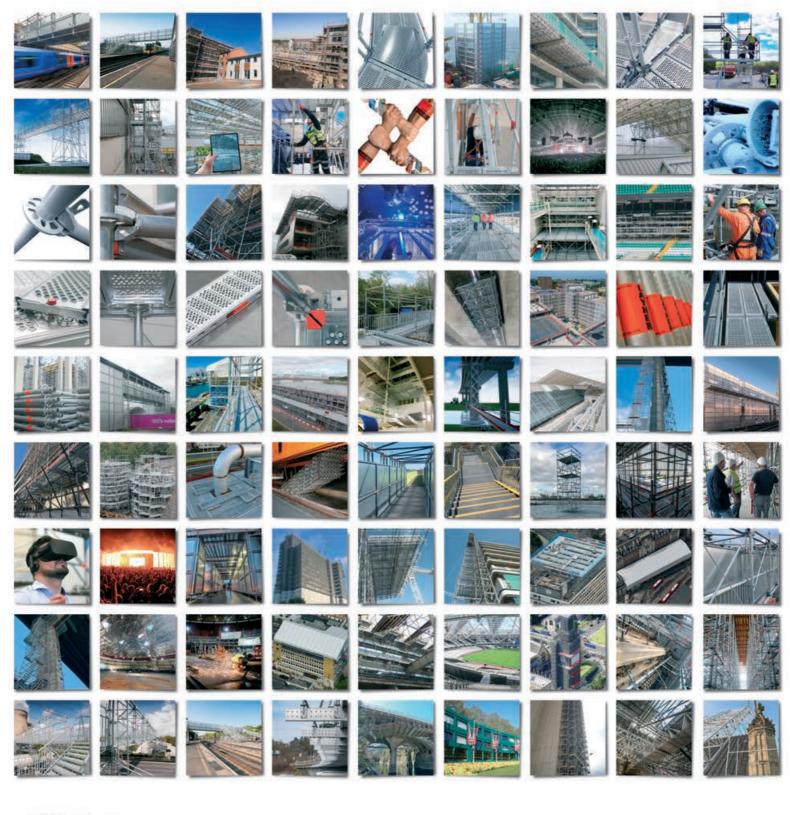




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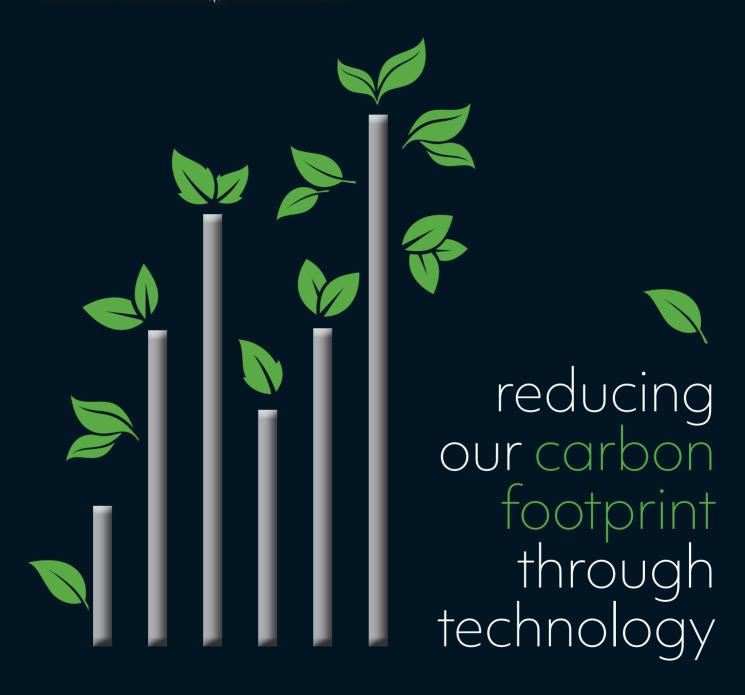
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