

Newsletter

October 2025

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Introduction

Welcome to the October newsletter.

Clark Hunter, the Construction Committee Chair welcomed 40 members to this month's event focussing on technology in H&S.

Peter Jenkins from Simply Foundry got the audience involved in demonstrating how the power of Microsoft can be harnessed to improve health and safety performance.

Jack Howard from Spillard talked about driver/operator visibility and the significant risks posed by machinery blind spots on construction sites and introduced us to several innovative solutions to combat these risk.

Finally, Jenny and Rachel from CITB gave members an update on the available grants for Apprentices and the recent changes in funding.

Sarah Kenny BHSEA Secretary



**“Very interesting,
some things to take
away and try out”**

New BHSEA Chair

Dear Members

I am excited to announce the appointment of Marisa Firkins as BHSEA's new Chair.

Founder and Director of Stafford-based Safety Forward Limited, Marisa succeeds Wayne Bishop of Speller Metcalfe, who stepped down at this year's AGM after two years in the role.

With over 16 years' experience as a respected health and safety professional, she becomes the first woman Chair of BHSEA in its history, marking a significant milestone for the Association.

Having worked across a diverse range of sectors, Marisa has helped many organisations across the region build safer, healthier workplaces through practical and people-focused solutions. Passionate about collaboration and meaningful connections, she believes that quality relationships are the foundation of effective health and safety outcomes.

As part of her role as Chair, Marisa plans to strengthen member engagement by creating inclusive, relevant events and discussions that bring the community together. And, she's committed to promoting innovation and sharing best practices in health, safety, and environmental management, ensuring BHSEA remains at the forefront of the profession.

I am sure you will join the Trustees and I in congratulating Marisa in the role of BHSEA Chair.

Sarah Kenny BHSEA Secretary



"It is an honour to be appointed Chair of BHSEA and I very much look forward to working with members to strengthen our community, share knowledge, and support the next generation of safety professionals."

October Member of the Month Spotlight!

Walker Health and Safety Services Ltd (WHSS)

Emma Woodhouse



We're excited to launch our Member of the Month series – a new initiative celebrating the organisations that make up the BHSEA community and their contributions to improving health, safety, and environmental standards across the region.

Operating since June 2010, WHSS has spent the past 15 years supporting businesses with comprehensive health and safety management systems - available both as physical files and via their online portal. Their services include:

- Bespoke policies, risk assessments & safe systems of work
- Tailored training recommendations
- Health & safety audits, including ISO audits to standards 9001, 14001, and 45001

They've been a valued BHSEA member since April 2022.

Here's what Emma loves most about being a member: "I really enjoy being part of BHSEA. There is a wealth of knowledge and professionalism among the members, and everyone is very friendly and welcoming."

Please join us in celebrating Walker Health and Safety Services Limited for their dedication to making workplaces safer and healthier for everyone!

Leveraging the most from Microsoft 365 to improve Health and Safety performance

Peter Jenkins – Simply Foundry

PRESENTATION

simplefoundry.

Driver/operator visibility and the significant risks posed by machinery blind spots on construction sites

Jack Howard – Spillard

PRESENTATION



SPILLARD
vehicle safety systems

CITB Update

Jenny Samuels and Rachel Dewar

PRESENTATION



Member updates



New Members

- HCR Law
- Aegis Risk Solutions
- Legionella Consultancy Services Ltd
- Health and Safety 1st



Safetyhub News

Safetyhub is getting a big upgrade on November 4th, and as a BHSEA Member you get a FREE one User access to the SafetyHub platform. Safetyhub has been providing safety video learning solutions and high-quality safety video content to companies for over 25 years.



Mentoring Scheme

Last shout out for Mentors and Mentees

Email secretary@bhsea.org.uk for details



British Safety Industry Federation

BHSEA are delighted to announce a new partnership with BSiF.

This partnership will bring a wealth of guidance and benefits to BHSEA members in an area. See the following pages for the latest benefits.

New Membership Benefit Launch

[APPLY NOW](#)

BHSEA Mentoring Scheme

Mentors and Mentees wanted!!

This initiative developed by the Training Committee is intended to provide members with a Mentoring/Mentee matching service to enable the less experienced, new to the H&S profession benefit from the knowledge and wisdom of a peer .

If you are interested in being either a Mentor or Mentee then click on the apply button.



New BHSEA Partnership BSiF



BSiF PPE HELPLINE

The BSiF PPE Helpline - a dedicated support service administered by the British Safety Industry Federation. This expert helpline was established in 2024 specifically to help remove barriers around sourcing reliable and compliant PPE.

The helpline is operated by PPE and safety specialists who provide impartial, timely guidance across a wide range of topics - no sales pitch, just practical advice. Whether you're a duty holder, category manager, or safety professional, you can rely on their expertise.

BHSEA members can email questions any time to ppehelpline@bsif.co.uk



Construction Mental Health Consultation

The Construction Leadership Council (CLC) has launched a mental health in construction consultation.

CLC published this consultation after identifying mental health as a priority focus area at its Health Safety and Wellbeing Summit in July.

As part of CLC's wider Health, Safety and Wellbeing Strategy, the aim of the project is to create an environment that fosters better mental health for the people that work in the UK construction industry.

The CLC held a series of focus groups across England, in partnership with [Mates in Mind](#) and the [University of Warwick](#), to identify the primary root causes for poor mental health in construction.

CLC want to hear your views and ambitions for how the industry can collectively come together to reduce or eliminate the challenges colleagues and friends are experiencing across the sector.

You can:

- [complete the consultation](#), which is open until 5 November 2025
- [visit the CLC website](#) to read further information and to download a site poster

Our Annual Membership Questionnaire is now live!

All Members should have received a copy of our 2025 questionnaire where we ask for your thoughts on:

- What we're doing well
- What you'd like us to do more/less of
- Any areas where we can improve your overall membership experience

Your insights help us shape our events, resources, and services, ensuring you get the very best from your BHSEA membership. If you haven't yet had your questionnaire through click [here](#).

What's more, you could win one of three £30 Amazon Vouchers in the free prize draw*. Please complete the survey by 31/10/2025

**Membership
Questionnaire
Reminder**

* The prize draw will take place on Monday 10th November and the winner chosen thereafter. The winner will be chosen at random and there is no cash alternative and the prize is non-transferable.

BHSEA 2025 Awards

We need your vote



It's nearly time for the 2025 BHSEA Awards Ceremony and we need your help.

The High Five Award is the only one that is being exclusively voted for by BHSEA members.

This award showcases the quality and quantity of events and presentations organised to support members to be better informed, Click on the voting link and then decide which one to nominate as your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of the best, most impactful and effective presentations/events.

The winner will be the one that receives the most overall votes combining all choices along with scores from the event feedback form.

The vote closes on Monday 17 November 2025.

All winners of the 2025 BHSEA Awards, including the High Five Award will be announced at our special festive celebratory event on Monday 8 December 2025, at Walsall Football Club.

What's more, when submitting your entry, you will be included in a FREE PRIZE DRAW* to win a Christmas Hamper courtesy of BHSEA.

2025 Programme of Events



2025 Dates for your Diary

- 13 Jan: Can't recruit &/or retain – change your H&S offering – Richard Heath - CMF
- 10 Feb: Environment – .
FREE Training Session – Coaching and Mentoring
- 10 March: Construction Matters – Work at Height – Arco Training Facility
- 7 April: AGM
Hand Protection – Chris Beddoes
FREE Training Session - COSHH
- 12 May: West Midlands Fire HQ
- 9 Jun: FREE Training – Risk Assessment Part 2
- 9 Jun: Legal Update
- 18th Jun: WWT – Behavioral Safety
- 8 Sep: Annual Conference
- 13 Oct: Construction Matters – H&S and Technology
- 10 Nov: Noise – HSE, Face Fit – Sunbelt
FREE Training Session – Wellbeing and Mental Health- HCML
- 8 Dec: 2025 BHSEA Awards and Integrating H&S into every training moment – Simon Brentnall

NEXT FREE Training Session

REGISTER NOW

Wellbeing and Mental Health

10th November 2025 | 09.30 – 12.15

Walsall FC 1888 Suite

This free training session is being run by HCML - a health and wellbeing provider, offering integrated and personalised healthcare solutions.

They provide an integrated healthcare proposition and personalised workplace health and wellbeing solutions. Their approach to assessment and intervention provides unique data insights to identify underlying cause and risk factors. They work with businesses to address these risks and deliver targeted health and wellbeing solutions that reduce the risk of ill health and improve overall wellbeing



NEXT EVENT

REGISTER NOW

Health

10th November 2025 | 12.45 – 16.00

Walsall FC

Noise – Paul Delderfield - HSE
Face Fit - Daniel Hill - Sunbelt

SHARING > LEARNING > IMPROVING

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10th November 2024
12.30 - 16.00
Walsall FC WSA 1SA
Lunch served from 12.45

