

Newsletter

October 2027

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Welcome...

..... to the October 2026 newsletter. At this month's event, Construction Committee Chair Clark Hunter welcomed Prof. Lesley Batty from Birmingham University, Louise Mansfield from Bevan Brittan and BHSEA Member, Peter Bowers from ICDM and BHSEA Member, Andrew Rolf from Mott MacDonald and Paul Riley from My Fire..

There were 34 Members in attendance to hear Lesley talk about the University's Industrial Placements opportunities, and Louise, Peter, Andrew and Paul lead a discussion entitled Building the Future – Educate not Regulate.

Panel Members introduced themselves and then took questions from the audience, looking at the issues Construction Members face when navigating the Building Safety regulations, Fire Safety and Duty Holders. Clark chaired the lively discussions around the Principal Designer Role, Fire Doors, Competences and Fire Risk Assessments vs Fire Strategies.

Earlier in the day Paul Manning of BSiF delivered a PPE/RPE Training Session to 20 Members, including a demonstration using the FFRED machine.

Clark Hunter
BHSEA Construction Committee Chair



BHSEA 2026 Annual Conference

On the 5th October, BHSEA held it's Annual Conference at the Cranfield Conference Centre Solihull.

Entitled Brave Conversations - Driving Safety Through Influence, the conference was for leaders who know that safety isn't just about systems - it's about conversations.

Marisa welcomed 65 Members to this day of workshops and presentations.

We brought together an exceptional lineup of speakers to guide the delegates through a day of reflection and connection and provide practical tools they could take straight back into their workplace.

Also in attendance were five Exhibitors, including MOHS, Cardinus, PIB Insurance, Interface NRM and Driving for Better Business.

Our Speakers included Becky Ray, Harold Floyd, Karen J Hewitt and Drew Povey.

Feedback has been really positive, and we can't wait to start planning for the 2027 Conference.

Thanks to all who attended.



Industrial Placements

Lesley Batty

PRESENTATION

Expert Panel Q&A

Andrew Rolf – Mott MacDonald

Peter Bowers – ICDM

Paul Riley – My Fire

Louise Mansfield – Bevan Brittan



Bevan Brittan 



Member updates



New Members

➤ Two new Members

- Chris Newson of Turner & Townsend
- Student Member Helen Fewdrell.



FREE Croner Webinar Reminder

Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 and what it means for OSH?

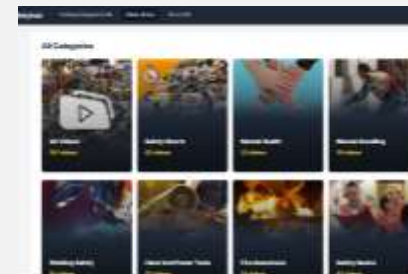
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BHSEA Membership Referral Scheme

Existing BHSEA members who refer a new member to join, that then signs up, will automatically be included in a Membership Referral Free Prize Draw* to win a £50 Amazon Gift Voucher. Therefore, the more new members you refer, the more times your name will be in the prize draw* and the better your chance of winning.



Safety Hub

Two new courses now available on SafetyHub, the Online Safety Training Portal, giving BHSEA Members free access to safety video learning solutions and high-quality safety video content.

DSEAR and Hierarchy of Control

HSE Updates

Don't wait until the damage is done: protect workers from noise and vibration

Noise and vibration at work can cause permanent harm, but much of this is preventable.

Each year, around 15,000 workers experience hearing problems caused or made worse by work, while an estimated 1 in 5 workers are exposed to harmful levels of noise at work.

Workers may not always realise they're being harmed until symptoms appear. By then, some damage may already be permanent.

Excessive noise can cause hearing loss and tinnitus, while regular exposure to hand-arm vibration can cause hand-arm vibration syndrome (HAVS) and carpal tunnel syndrome. These conditions can have a lasting impact on workers' health and their ability to carry out everyday activities.

To help employers take action, HSE has launched a new noise and vibration campaign, built around 3 simple steps:

- **Assess**
Identify who may be exposed, understand the risks and assess how exposure can be reduced.
- **Control**
Reduce exposure at source through effective control measures, equipment selection, maintenance and safer ways of working.
- **Protect**
Where risks remain, provide suitable protection, health surveillance where required, and the information, instruction and training workers need.

Taking action early can prevent permanent, life-changing health conditions and help employers meet their legal duties.

Whatever sector you work in, take action now to keep your workers safe and protected:

Visit the [noise and vibration campaign website](#) for practical advice and resources

sign up to the [HAVS Risk Reduction Pledge](#) to support HSE's wider work to reduce vibration-related ill health

Construction H&S News

Chief Construction and Scientific Adviser appointed to improve building safety



The government has taken further steps to improve the building safety system, announcing the appointment of an independent Chief Construction and Scientific Adviser as the Building Safety Levy comes into force.

Sergio Cavalaro, Professor of Infrastructure Systems at Loughborough University's School of Architecture, Building and Civil Engineering, has been appointed as the Chief Construction and Scientific Adviser (CCSA) on a three-year term.

The new position is strategically positioned as part of the wider scientific adviser network across government, recognising the important role of both the construction and scientific sectors for building safety reform.

It is just one of the recommendations in the Inquiry report being implemented by government following the tragedy of the Grenfell Tower fire in 2017, which took the lives of 72 people and exposed profound failings in building safety.

Building Safety Levy now in place

From 1 October 2026, the Building Safety Levy came into place to fund essential building remediation works, such as cladding.

If an application was submitted before 1 October 2026, is invalidated or rejected, and then resubmitted on or after 1 October 2026, it may be subject to the levy.

The BSR also activated contingency plans to deal with an expected surge of applications in advance of the introduction of the levy.

These contingency plans introduce additional levels of scrutiny prior to rejection, alongside a triage mechanism to ensure applications are progressed appropriately

Driving for Better Business

Breakfast briefings - work-related road risk

Join DfBB for [this breakfast seminar to uncover the hidden gaps](#) in your work-related road risk management before it's too late.

If your people drive for work – in vans, trucks, company cars, or even in their own vehicles – you carry a legal duty of care for every one of those journeys.

Most organisations discover the gaps in that duty at the worst possible moment.

They will look at three court cases, :**one in which the firm was fined a total of £750,000 another where the business owners were jailed a third case where the employer was exonerated for having met their duty of care.**

This is a series of six free regional breakfast seminars where DfBB will show you, in one morning, exactly where you stand and, more importantly, [what to do about it.](#)

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2026 Programme of Events



Monthly meetings take place on the second Monday of each month starting at 1:30.

2026 Dates for your Diary

- 11 May: Behavioral Safety – Craig Jackson/Mike Wright and Steve Warwood - UCB
- 8 Jun: Thorlux Factory Visit
- 22 Jun: Webinar – POWER /CE Marking
- 14 Sep: Free Training Session – Confined Spaces - Sunbelt
- 14 Sep: Legal Update
- 6 Oct: BHSEA Annual Conference
- 12 Oct: Free Training Session – RPE – BSIf and Sundstrom
- 12 Oct: Construction Matters – Panel Discussion
- 9 Nov: Free Training Session – Manual Handling
- 9 Nov: Health – AI and Manual Handling, Gambling
- 14 Dec: 2026 BHSEA Awards and Karen Hewitt – The Power of Story Telling

NEXT FREE Training Session

REGISTER NOW

Manual Handling

9th November 2026 | 09.30 – 12.15

Walsall FC 1888 Suite



The session will cover

- > Reasons to undertake the Management of manual Handling Moral. Legal and Financial with case studies
- > The Legal justification and hierarchy including criminal/ civil law
- > Manual Handling Operations Regulations (MHOR)
- > Employers Duties Avoid, Assess Reduce
- > Employees duties
- > Manual Handling risk assessment formal and dynamic TILEO(P)
- > Spinal structure and injuries
- > Training requirements L23
- > Demonstration and individual participation and assessment of lifting

November Event

REGISTER NOW

Health

9th November 2026 | 13.30 – 15.30

Manual Handling and AI - Ryan Brittain from Cardinus

Gambling - Clarke Carlisle (Ex Footballer) and Katy Wilson from Bet Know More - highlight the hidden risks to workplace safety such as fatigue from gambling activities that can impair job performance.

SHARING > LEARNING > IMPROVING

Health

Manual Handling - Cardinus
Gambling - Bet Know More

9th November 2026
13.30 - 15.30
Walsall FC WSA 15A
Lunch served from 12.45

