

With the sun shining through, it looks like the snow wont be visiting us again for a few months. Sad thing is, I'm already moaning that its too hot and sunny! Numerous developments within BSG at the moment, plenty of fully booked courses, a new corporate brochure on the horizon, a new time/money saver, and many new members to welcome.

----- FIRM BLOWS £31,000 AFTER SCAFFOLD COLLAPSE -----

You may have already read on the HSE website that a contractor has been prosecuted for endangering members of the public and violating the Work at Height Regulations after unsecured scaffolding was blown over into a residential street.

Craven scaffolding had erected the structure outside a new gym in Hyde near Manchester, but had failed to tie it to the building and did not inspect it to ensure it was secure.

"If it had been tied to the building, it could not have been forced over by high winds," said HSE inspector Neil Martin. Craven Scaffolding had put up netting on the scaffolding to catch debris but it acted as a sail and pulled over the structure. The judge fined the company £24,000 and ordered it to pay £7000 costs.



To ensure your team are all fully trained, enlist on our Scaffold Inspection course running on the 29th March. Alternatively, if you have 6 or more, it will be more cost effective for us to run the course at your premises.

----- WANT TO SAVE TIME AND MONEY WITH YOUR ONSITE PAPERWORK? -----

Our IT business partner, Resource Track, have introduced a fantastic time saving system whereby you can submit your onsite paperwork via your mobile, straight to the office computer. No more typing up, no more lost paperwork, no more chasing pieces of urgent information. If your business could be more efficient and competitive if paper based bottlenecks were removed, please get in touch. More details will follow in a separate newsletter at the end of the week.

----- GET SOME FREE PROMOTION! -----

We are in the process of reviewing our corporate brochure. There will be some incentives during the launch of the new sales material when it is available so watch this space. In the meantime, if you would like some extra branding please supply me with a copy of your logo—space permitting, I'm looking to dedicate space in the brochure to our existing clients. Not only will the brochure go to prospective clients, it will also go to government organisations and other associations who could be interested in your services. Email me a high-res copy of your logo ASAP

----- HSE SEMINARS -----

There are a couple of HSE Events coming up that should be appropriate for some of you:-
 'The Roof Worker' Event will be running on the 9th and 10th March
 'The Site Scaffold' Event will be running on the 17th and 18th March.
 Both are held in Gloucester and Swindon but they should also be running at other locations throughout the UK in due course.

----- NEXT AVAILABLE COURSES -----

Course	Length of Course	Start Date	Members Prices (excl vat)
SMSTS Refresher	2 Days	18th March	£300
Health and Safety Awareness	1 Day	27 April	£140
First Aid Requalification	2 Days	23rd March	£150
Directors Responsibilities	1/2 Day	16th March	£80
Scaffold Inspection	1 Day	29th March	£110
Working at Height	1/2 Day	25th March	£80
SMSTS	5 Days	1st April	£475

