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CPI Mortars Ltd 0845 850 9090
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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

Remix provides mortar strength and colour consistency for Newport regeneration



Marlborough Road regeneration project

Cwmbran-based construction company, **Pendragon Design & Build**, chose **Remix Dry Mortar** to supply factory-produced, dry silo mortar to 13 residential units in Marlborough Road, Newport, as part of an urban regeneration initiative.

The work was necessary to replace bay-fronted terraced houses destroyed by fire in August, 2007. The blaze was accidentally started in a joinery workshop and quickly spread to nearby houses with devastating effect, resulting in the eventual demolition of 13 properties. At

the height of the fire, 80 South Wales firefighters had been called to deal with flames that could be seen across the city. One hundred local residents were evacuated and more than 260 houses were left without power as the fire damaged a nearby electricity substation. The families made homeless were subsequently rehoused by insurers.

The £1.5m, fifteen-month reconstruction project for client Seren Group Housing was started in August 2014 and is due for completion in November 2015. The scheme's design was developed by Newport-based architects Willdig Lammie Partnership. The Remix technical department worked closely with the design team consisting of the client, Willdig Lammie and Pendragon, to ensure the right mortar selection to complement the masonry units being used. The team chose a designation iii natural light mortar, supplied to BS EN 998-2 via one 35 tonne capacity mortar silo to cater for the 100,000 Hanson Lindum Cottage Red Multi bricks and the 60,000 Hanson 100mm Thermalite Aircrete blocks specified.

Rhys Parry, new business and development manager at Seren Group, said: 'We are extremely pleased to be reaching the end of what has been a long and difficult journey for local residents. The fire that started in the local joinery business on Marlborough Road destroyed numerous houses and devastated the local community.

'We have worked closely with Newport City Council, the Welsh Government and our contractors Pendragon, to develop this site to provide much needed affordable housing for local people. Our new development comprises 13 high quality new homes designed sympathetically to reflect the style of the properties within the local area. Located in a popular and very established area of the city, these homes will benefit both the new residents of today and those of future generations.'

Pendragon Design and Build project manager, Carl Brewster, said: 'It was a specific requirement from the client that the new houses were constructed to replicate those that had stood on the site before. The finish of the masonry was therefore extremely important so factory-produced mortar from Remix was the obvious choice because of the colour and strength consistency that it provides to the finished product.'

Remix commercial manager, Mark Leveson, added: 'We are extremely pleased that Pendragon recognised the benefits of using factory-produced mortar on such a high profile and sensitive project. In addition to the provision of a consistent product, the dry silo mortar system also minimises noise and waste and provides a safer, cleaner working environment which was particularly advantageous in this instance as the site was located in the heart of an existing residential area.'

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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