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## New chair for MPA Mortar

MPA Mortar has a new chair, Michael May, taking over the role from long-serving Stuart Russell.



*Michael May, the new chair of MPA Mortar.*

Michael has a wealth of experience in the readymix, mortars and aggregates industries and is currently sales manager for the European Dry Mortar & Specialist Solutions business within CEMEX's Urbanization Solutions Global business.

This effectively means he is head of sales for CEMEX Dry Mortar and Silo Spray Concretes in Europe.

Away from work he plays cricket and golf and has a passion for classic motorcycles and currently is restoring a Suzuki 1976 GT550.

Speaking of his predecessor, Stuart Russell, Michael said:

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Along with the MPA Mortar executive committee, I would like to thank outgoing chairman Stuart Russell for all of his hard work and time that he has put into furthering the factory-produced mortar industry in the UK. Stuart has worked tirelessly over the past 5 years to ensure that the interests of the industry are at the forefront of the minds of clients, regulators and the European Mortar Industry. We are delighted that Stuart will remain active within the MPA Mortar organisation as vice chairman and I look forward to his valued support as we move forward our agenda in the coming years.

## New technical information on-line

Two new pieces of MPA Mortar technical information are now available on-line to download.

Data sheet 24, *Repointing external brickwork*, explains that mortar in poor condition can lead to a loss in wall strength. This is often found in old properties where mortar is powdery or easily scraped away so that the joints are appreciably recessed. Incorrect use of pressure cleaning of fresh mortar in

new masonry can also affect the strength of new construction and must be avoided. The data sheet goes on to identify the need for repointing, normally developing from a visual inspection of a property. A checklist is provided covering various factors including spalling at the edges of bricks, powdery mortar, eroded and recessed joints, rain penetration and cracking.

Learning text 14, *Cleaning brickwork*, stresses that, for long-term durability, it is vital that

fresh brickwork is not high-pressure, jet washed. This damages the clean, smooth face of a mortar joint which a bricklayer has spent time and care to create. The learning text continues by outlining measures to be taken to ensure cleaning of fresh brickwork is carried out in a safe manner.

Both publications can be downloaded from the technical information section of the MPA Mortar website, [www.mortar.org.uk](http://www.mortar.org.uk).

# CEMEX mortars add contrast in east London development



Technical ability of CEMEX to provide a wide range of pigmented mortars enabled its clients Peabody and the Hills Group, to achieve their desired effect of adding diversity to the visual scene at the Neptune Wharf, Fish Island Village development in east London.

The development is a major regeneration scheme to the south of Hackney Wick, close to the London Olympic park area, combining homes and affordable studio spaces to support London's creative community. It is a mid-rise development comprising 588 mixed-tenure dwellings, 25% of which are affordable, with 5,522 m<sup>2</sup> commercial space across a 2.23-hectare site.

Throughout the development, CEMEX provided a consistent, easily workable and reliable product to help the client achieve the finished look they wanted. Pigmented mortars were predominately supplied as silo refills which ensured the company was able consistently to fulfil site needs. In addition to this, CEMEX was able to provide tonne bags of dry-mix which met demand on site as and when required depending on the different stages of the build.

The range of mortar colours, supplied to various technical specifications, included black, white, natural, yellow and brown.

*Use of contrasting colours of brick and mortar at Neptune Wharf.*

## Continued support for young bricklayers...

Final of the 2024 Guild of Bricklayers national skills competition for young bricklayers will be held on 20 June at Herts Regional College, Broxbourne Campus, Turnford, Herts, after a series of regional stages. The competition is again supported by MPA

Mortar through the supply of factory-produced mortars to all venues.

Each of the regional competitions has a senior and junior category. Candidates are given up to six hours to construct a brickwork model from drawings supplied. Industry judges mark the work and winning competitors from each heat go through to compete in the national final.



*Presentation of the award to the senior winner, Charlie Richards (centre) of the north-west regional competition. Pictured also: (left) Guild judge, Phil Hodgkinson; (right), judge and chairman of the Guild's north west section, Mike Kelliher.*

## ...and experienced professionals too

MPA Mortar is also supporting Super Trowel 2024 through the supply of factory-produced mortar.

Final of this year's competition for professional bricklayers will be held on 8 August at the

Marshall Arena, Bletchley, Milton Keynes. The event showcases bricklaying skills and craftsmanship available from across the UK.

Last year's winner, Charlie Collison, laid 607 bricks in 60 minutes, winning the accolade of the UK's faster bricklayer.

Further details available at [www.bricklayerssocialclub.com/supertrowelcon](http://www.bricklayerssocialclub.com/supertrowelcon).



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