

NIRCA - National Insurance Repair Contractors Association

There has been effort recently here at the CBC office to identify and cooperate with relevant construction industry organizations that are active within the insurance sector. NIRCA is such an organisation, includes several CBCs in its membership, and was formed in early 2006 by contractors to represent the interests of those of you who work in the Insurance repair market. Croydon-based Rob Withers is Chairman, and described below are the areas of interest.

LEGISLATION: NIRCA aim to help members comply with legislative requirements, including the new CIS regulations for contractors, the new CDM regulations 2007 and the F.S.A legislative powers which now dominate the industry.

TRAINING, HEALTH & SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL: NIRCA will aim to help member companies and the industry at large to keep up to date. Relevant members training courses will be provided, and a

training policy introduced. A link will be sought with the CITB, and the use of NVQs and CSCS cards will be encouraged where appropriate. The issuing of a NIRCA card is to be considered, to not only demonstrate technical abilities (from the CSCS card route), but more importantly perhaps to include customer skills and training on the culture of working in the insurance market in the domestic environment: operatives will be working in someone's home as opposed to an ordinary construction site.

WARRANTIES: NIRCA will aim to provide for all its contractors and a client a meaningful Insurance Warranty for all works carried out. It is working closely with a number of insurers to help achieve this aim.

Interested **Chartered Building Companies and Consultancies**, perhaps already carrying out insurance works, please contact NIRCA direct on www.nirca.org.uk or telephone **01252 357840**, or email Lauren@associationhouse.org.uk.

Clerwood helps with fundraising for special occasion

Kirsty Milligan (22) and her fiancé Chris Harrower (23) organised an inter-family football match ahead of their wedding on July 15th. Kirsty presented the Clerwood Challenge Trophy, donated by Chris's father's company, The Clerwood Group, to the winning team (Team Milligan). Clerwood also sponsored the strips worn by both teams.

The families played against each other at Dalgety Bay Sports and Leisure Centre. Both teams have been raising sponsor money for Cancer Research UK and over £1000.00 has been collected to-date.

This Edinburgh CBC can be contacted on **0131 538 7338**.



Clerwood help with special charity event

An 'event-full' year for CBCs

A TALE OF TWO TREVORS

Pictured at the Local Authority Building Control convention, held at the beginning of February, Trevor Martin (on the left) head of Belfast City Council Building Control and Trevor Haynes, Head of Building Consultancy, Birmingham City Council. It is hoped that Belfast will be able to qualify soon for Chartered Building Consultancy status. Birmingham, of course, is already a CBC.



STUNNING FACILITIES

At the CBC February Event in Newbury was held at Newbury racecourse. Guests were thrilled with stunning recent upgrade of the facilities.



Doug Goodis, who presented on behalf of the Considerate Constructors Scheme, with CBC Co-ordinator Clare Donnelly and FAS Manager Veronica Dwin



Tony Stock, of CBC Dean and Dyball, with Doug Goodis. Tony Stock is a member of the CBC Board

Tony Hough, Chief Building Surveyor, Manchester City Council pauses whilst delivering a very amusing Local Authority Building Control presentation during the CBC event in Haydock in November.



CHAIR OF CIOB WORKING PARTY PROMOTES CONSULTANCIES IN IRELAND



Kevin Dawson, chair of the working party completing the progress towards the new CIOB Faculty of Building Control and Standards, attended the Irish Building Control Institute Conference at Bunnratty, Co Clare in March. Kevin was U.K. Local Authority Building Control President in 2005-6.