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» Welcome to the first MMA E-Newsletter of 2008.

We are looking forward to an exciting year of growth for the MMA. We start 2008 with a new Director in place, a successful exhibition completed, a challenging statement from the Environment Minister, Phil Woolas and the first houses to be certified to Code Level 4 built in Brick and Block.

THE MMA ANNOUNCE A NEW DIRECTOR

The Modern Masonry Alliance has announced the appointment of a new Director to lead the organisation

Mike Leonard has over 25 years of experience in the building material sector including 12 years with Thermalite and Marley Building Materials. Mike joins the MMA from the Building Materials division of the Laird PLC where he was Managing Director of their window, door and conservatory business Laird Lifestyle and more recently EWS, which manufactures steel reinforcement.



**Mike Leonard
MMA Director**

Commenting on his appointment Mike Leonard said "There has never been a more challenging time for the industry as we seek to meet the commercial and environmental challenges that lie ahead. I am looking forward to working with the regulatory bodies, manufacturers and house builders to ensure we achieve environmental sustainability with all the benefits of flexibility and dependability that masonry construction offers."

Mike Leonard has been busy since his appointment as Director of the MMA at the beginning of this year. Mike has been meeting the Members and Associations that play a key part in the progress and development of the MMA and working to create a strong direction and focus for the year.

MMA LOOK TO THE FUTURE



**MMA stand at
Futurebuild 2008**

Futurebuild – Earls Court - 26-28th February 2008

Over 24,000 visitors, 500 exhibitors and 500 speakers participated in Futurebuild 2008, the UK's biggest annual event for offsite and innovation in construction.

The MMA chose a striking new stand to showcase members products. The stand has been designed to be re-used throughout the year in various ways, to ensure that our message of sustainability is carried through in our actions. The key messages on the stand were Innovation, Sustainability and the major benefits of masonry.

Thanks to all those who contributed to the Project section, allowing us to show how the products our members' make go

LATEST NEWS

MMA responds to Environment Minister Phil Woolas

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First Code 4 certified house is brick and block

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COMING SOON

National Home Building & Renovating Show
Birmingham NEC
10th - 13th April 2008

Scottish Home Building & Renovating Show
Glasgow SECC
17th - 18th May 2008

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MMA Members get hands on at Futurebuild

into creating varied, innovative and sustainable buildings. If you would like to contribute more Projects for future stands, please contact Jennefer Lock – jennefer.lock@modernmasonry.co.uk

The MMA also held a successful seminar session in the Roger Bullivant Classroom - **Masonry the preferred UK House building material?** A varied programme was provided -

Masonry the preferred UK House building material?

Code for Sustainable Homes - The MMA Experience Mike Leonard Director, MMA

Masonry - A package view - Andrew Edwards Director, Masonry Homes

H+H Ltd - Is Masonry Sustainable? - Cliff Fudge, Technical Director

Hanson Building Products - Making housebuilding faster and safer- Paul Rogatzki, Head of Design & Engineering

For further information on any of the above presentations, please contact Anita Ladva-Cheung anita.ladva-cheung@modernmasonry.co.uk

MMA and TCC LAUNCH ENERGY GUIDE TO CODE

Launched at Futurebuild, Energy and CO₂: Achieving targets with concrete and masonry should enable designers to meet the mandatory energy and CO₂ targets in the Code for Sustainable Homes.

Central to this is the need for enhanced insulation and reduced air leakage. These are among the issues explored in this guide, which sets out the broad energy related design issues and options for achieving Code level 3 and beyond in masonry and concrete homes. To this end, a range of fabric and services scenarios have been assessed and the results presented graphically with detailed supporting information.

To download - http://www.concretecentre.com/main.asp?page=728&mode=search&publication_id=659



MMA YEARBOOK 2008: AVAILABLE TO VIEW ONLINE

Following the very positive feedback received for the MMA Yearbook 2007, the MMA are pleased to announce the online version of the Modern Masonry Alliance Yearbook 2008. The yearbook is now available to view at www.modernmasonry.co.uk

Articles include - How masonry can crack the Code, Factory produced mortar - the sustainable answer and Unique offsite from Hanson. To order hard copies, please contact jennefer.lock@modernmasonry.co.uk



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