

KEN DYKES ELECTED AS CRA CHAIRMAN

Ken Dykes of specialist civil engineering contractor Freyssinet has been elected as Chairman of the UK Concrete Repairs Association.

He is the fifteenth individual to chair the Association, having assumed the position from David Burgess of specialist contractor, Concrete Repairs Ltd (CRL), at the Association's Annual General Meeting on 14 October.

Ken aims to further develop the Association during his two-year tenure as Chairman. His primary aim is to promote the CRA quality ethos externally and ensure it is recognised and specified by government and private organisations alike. To meet this goal, he aims to maintain the already high standards of the Association and police them vigorously.

He aims to reach out to the wider industry and hopes to enter into dialogue with other trade associations and form alliances in areas of common conviction. He also plans to undertake a series of presentations around the UK to spread the CRA message and attract new members.

Looking internally, Ken hopes to promote greater inclusivity within the Association. He urges more members to take an active role in CRA activities and plans to encourage open discussions on issues that affect the concrete repair industry, as well as Association members.

As CRA Chairman, Ken serves as part of a ten-man CRA Executive Committee, made up of both manufacturer and contractor representatives. Other members of the Executive Committee include the Deputy Chairman, Jack Perry of EPMS Supplies and Immediate Past Chairman, Dave Burgess of Concrete Repairs Ltd.

The CRA was formed in the late 1980s to set high standards of workmanship and technical competence in the concrete repair industry. As well as being able to demonstrate a proven track record and overall proven ability in this specialist construction sector, each full member is currently obliged to be QA accredited to ISO 9001, and to environmental standard BS EN ISO 14001 to comply with the Association's stringent Codes of Practice and its training requirements.

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