



# Newsletter

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## Welcome

Welcome to the sixth in our series of Newsletters that we will be publishing throughout the year in order to update on our activities and give you an opportunity to engage better with us.

## CWCT Update

We have engaged with a research consultancy, Membership Matters, to help us better understand our Members and how we can best serve you.

If you are contacted by Membership Matters as part of this research, please engage with them. Your feedback is vital and will help us identify priorities in the future.

Congratulations to our Chair, Saverio Pasetto, who was awarded a CIBSE Silver Medal for outstanding service to the industry. Through his work with both CWCT and the SFE, Saverio has helped to raise the profile of façade engineering, to help ensure that the discipline receives the recognition that it deserves.

## Membership

My thanks to all of you who have paid your Membership subscription for 2024. Without your support our work would not be possible.

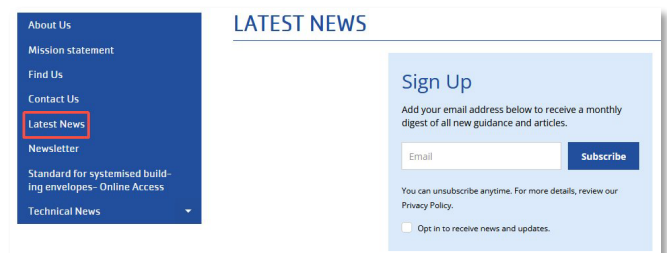
New Membership terms and conditions have been produced and are available to download via the [Cladding Forum](#). A new 'Member of CWCT' logo is available for you to download and use.

Guidance is also available on the appropriate use of the CWCT logo. This is an area where your help is required. If you see the logo used inappropriately, for example by a company that is not in membership,

please email [cwct@cwct.co.uk](mailto:cwct@cwct.co.uk), so that we can take the necessary action.

## Communication

Please continue to regularly check the [Latest News](#) section of the CWCT website, which we use to share information. Please sign up for monthly updates straight to your inbox so you never miss an announcement.



*Sign up for the latest news from CWCT*

We also have a [LinkedIn Group](#) where we share relevant information. You can also [follow me](#) on LinkedIn. Please help spread the word and promote the work of the CWCT by liking and sharing posts that we make.

## CWCT AGM and Members' Meeting

Our 2024 AGM and Members' Meeting was held on 26<sup>th</sup> September and was a great success!

Following feedback from last year, we had a much larger venue so 300 of you were able to attend to hear fantastic presentations, ask questions, and network.

A review of the event is available [online](#), and presentations are available to Members in the [Cladding Forum](#).



*Photos from our recent AGM*

The introduction of the Building Safety Act and the new Gateway 2 requirements were discussed at length during the day, and it is clear that there remains significant uncertainty over these requirements. In particular, what level of detail is needed as part of the Gateway 2 submission? We are keen to hear your experiences (both good and bad) of this. Please share any information you can by emailing [cwct@cwct.co.uk](mailto:cwct@cwct.co.uk).

We are keen to hear your feedback on the AGM. This is really important and will help inform future events. A [survey](#) has been produced, and we would be grateful if those who attended could complete this. Thanks in advance.

## CWCT Courses

Our programme of short courses is nearly complete for this year. In total we had over 600 people signed up to the 10 courses that we offered, which is fantastic.

Following the introduction of the Building Safety Act, competence is a key industry challenge. We believe that our courses are an important part of the evidence required to meet competence requirements.

In response to this, we introduced assessment following each course, which must be successfully completed to receive a CPD certificate.

Finally, we are in the process of completely updating our 'Managing the cladding package' course, following feedback from Members. The review is being undertaken with key stakeholders involved in the design and execution of façades.

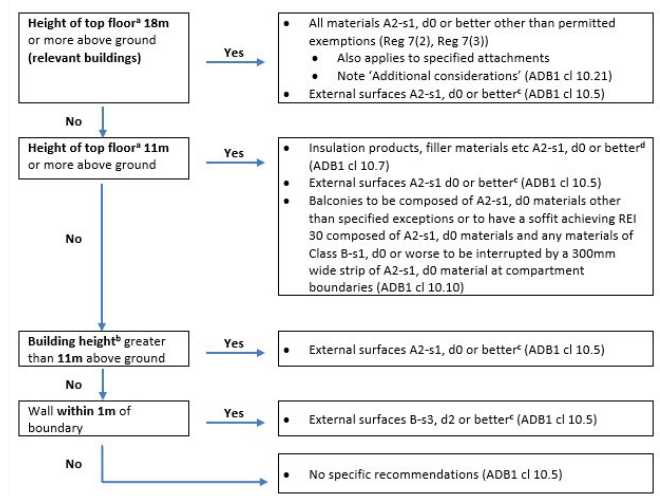
## CWCT Technical Notes

We are pleased to announce the publication of two new Technical Notes, that form part of a new series on fire. These are:

- TN113 – An introduction to fire and facades,
- TN114 – Use of combustible material,

These documents are free to download for CWCT Members via the [Cladding Forum](#).

*Buildings where at least part used for residential purpose<sup>1</sup>*



*A flow chart from TN114*

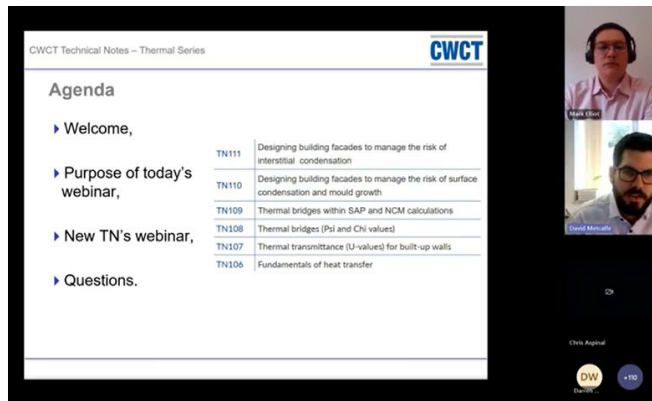
We continue to work on the two remaining Technical Notes in this series:

- Application to curtain walls,
- Application to built-up walls.

Following the publication of the latest Technical Notes in our thermal series, we organised a webinar to promote the guidance. We were really pleased with this webinar. Over 100 people attended, and we had some interesting questions and discussion following



the presentation. Due to the success of this, we plan more in the future.



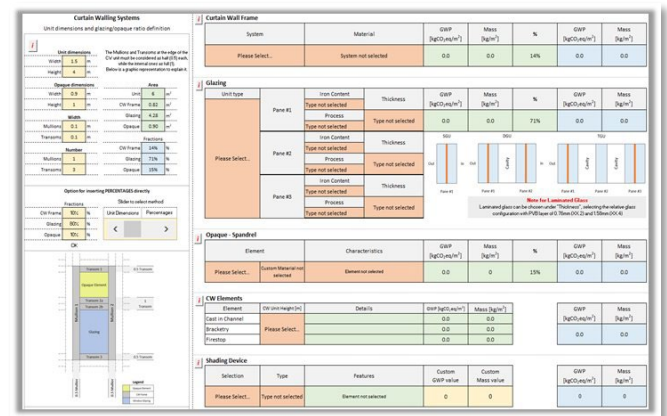
*Our recent webinar to introduce of thermal Technical Notes*

With the support of the Technical Committee, we continue to work on other draft Technical Notes, on subjects including breather membranes and vapour control layers, interfaces and brick slip systems.

## Sustainability

We continue to lead the way with our work on façade sustainability. We have recently recruited a new Senior Engineer to lead this work, which we are very excited about.

Wider adoption of façade embodied carbon calculation remains a key focus. Assessments are complex and this presents a potential barrier to their widespread adoption. One way to try and improve this situation is to provide an assessment tool to CWCT Members. WSP have very kindly offered us the opportunity to make their embodied carbon tool available to the Membership, and we are very grateful to WSP for providing this. We hope to launch this soon.



*Embodied carbon tool*

We are looking at various other options to further support this, including offering training.

Separately, we have begun a minor update to the embodied carbon methodology following the publication of revised [RICS guidance](#).

Two further short documents in our sustainability series will be published soon. These are looking at façade complexity, and the importance of recognising this during early-stage calculations, and module D.

All of our sustainability documents, including the methodology are free to download for CWCT Members via the [Cladding Forum](#).

Our other [sustainability workstreams](#) are all progressing well. This includes our work on EPD's which will be published very soon.

Finally, a reminder about our [Sustainability Stories](#) platform. Again, this is an area where we need your help. Please consider submitting your own Story – this is an opportunity to highlight the fantastic work that we know many of you are doing in this area.

If you have any ideas for future sustainability work topics, please email [sustainability@cwct.co.uk](mailto:sustainability@cwct.co.uk).

My continued thanks to all those involved in this fantastic work.





## Health and safety in facades

As previously reported, guidance on H&S issues related to façade design is live on our [website](#).

We have been disappointed with the lack of response on this initiative. This is something we would like to develop further, so if you have suggestions for topics that you think should be included, please email [cwct@cwct.co.uk](mailto:cwct@cwct.co.uk). You can also make comments via the website, or by email if you prefer, on the topics already included on the website.

Sharing of information, being up to date on the latest developments and learning from past mistakes is very important, and we urge you to engage with this.

We have also recently met with [CROSS UK](#) (Collaborative Reporting for Safer Structures UK) to discuss façade safety issues. CROSS is a confidential reporting system which allow professionals working in the built environment to report on fire and structural safety issues, including those related to facades. Reporting issues allows CROSS to share lessons learned. We all have a responsibility to act if we have concerns about safety, and CROSS provides an excellent platform for this.

## Fire

As previously reported, an updated issue of the [CWCT/SFE guide](#) was published last year and has so far been downloaded in excess of 1800 times.

We have spent time this year promoting the document beyond the façade industry, to try and ensure that as many people as possible are aware of this guidance. We think this is really important and is something that you can help us with as well – please continue to spread the word about this guidance.

This remains a live document. As always, if you have any comments on the guidance, or suggestions for items that should be included in the future, please [email](#).

Finally, if you have any specific concerns regarding fire and facades, or would simply like to share your experiences of the measures currently being required in order to satisfy building regulations, warranty providers and insurers, please [email](#) with details. Sharing this information will help us focus on providing guidance to help meet current and future challenges.

Thank you again for your continued support of CWCT. As always, if you have any comments on the work that CWCT are doing, [please get in touch](#).

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