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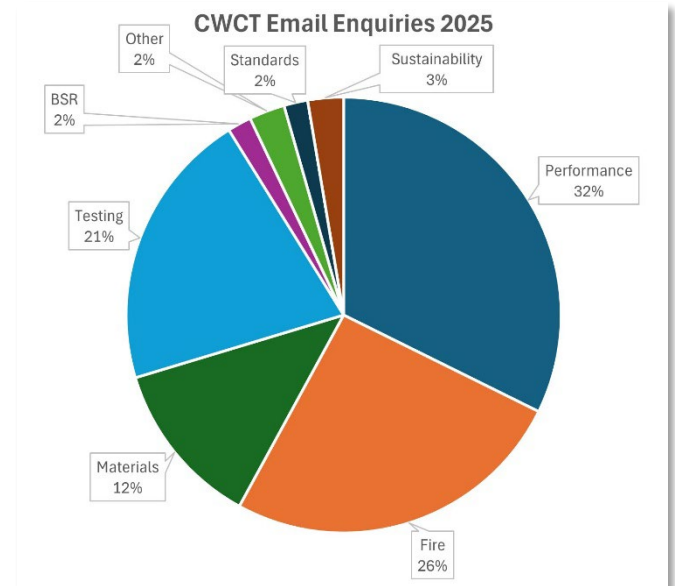
Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2026, providing an update on our activities and giving you further opportunity to engage with us.

Membership

Many thanks to all of you who have renewed your Membership with CWCT for 2026. We really appreciate your support of the work that we do. So that you receive all of our communications, **please ensure that we have up-to-date contact information.**

Those of you who are yet to renew, I would encourage you do this as soon as possible. Remember, Membership gives you free access to the majority of our technical publications, significant discounts on courses and other publications, as well as access to our team of specialists to answer your technical questions.

We received over 250 enquires from Members last year. As well as being a key Member benefit, this also provides useful information for us. It identifies key topics and themes which help us focus our guidance. As shown in the image below, unsurprisingly questions on façade performance, fire and testing featured very heavily. What was perhaps more surprising is the relatively few questions we received in relation to sustainability and the Building Safety Regulator as we know these are key industry challenges at the moment.



Enquires to CWCT by topic

A reminder that are Membership terms and conditions are available to download via the [Cladding Forum](#). A 'Member of CWCT' logo, and guidance on its use is also available.

Communication

Communication and the sharing information is really important. This includes information on CWCT activities and guidance, in addition to more general industry news and updates.

In order to try improve how we do this, we have recently launched a new [CWCT LinkedIn company page](#). Please ensure that you follow this page.

We are very excited about this, and it is a fantastic platform for us to highlight what we do and showcase key CWCT guidance. We really hope that this will boost engagement with our Members and the wider industry. Please help us with this aim by following our



page and by liking, sharing and commenting on the post that we make.



Our new LinkedIn page

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



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CWCT AGM and Members' Meeting

As previously reported, our 2025 AGM and Members' Meeting was a fantastic success. A full review of the day is available [here](#).

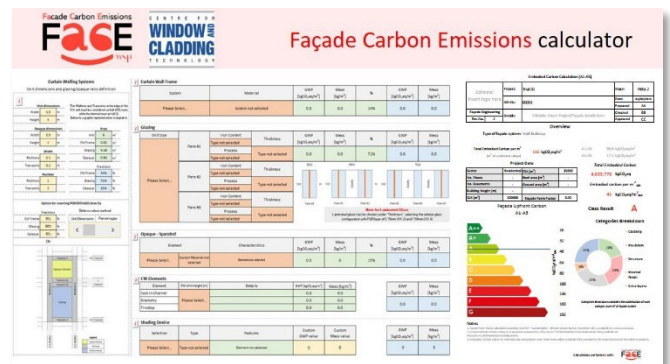
Our 2026 AGM will be held on Thursday 24th September – please save the date.

We are keen to build on our success and planning for this event is well underway. Based on feedback from last year, we intend to cover topics including sustainability, fire and technology, all of which are important topics that the façade industry is currently adapting to. We are also planning a follow up on the very powerful presentation we had on mental health as a reminder that people are key to everything we do.

Sustainability

Our façade embodied carbon calculation tool (FaCE) was launched last year, and we want this to become the standard tool used in the industry.

This is currently only available to CWCT Members via the [Cladding Forum](#).



Our embodied carbon calculation tool

To introduce this tool, we ran a webinar in January to explain the basic functionality and reporting of results. This was really well attended and a recording of this is available on the [CWCT website](#).

A second webinar is planned for 6 May which will go into further detail with a more complex worked example. Please see [here](#) for more details and to book. We will also use this session to answer any questions you have regarding the tool. To aid this, we have produced a [short survey](#) for you to share your experiences. We want this tool to be as useful as possible and therefore this feedback is essential.

We would also encourage you to share your results from using the tool with us. This will help us build benchmark embodied carbon ranges for different façade systems.

We continue to make good progress with the [Sustainability Workstreams](#), especially in relation to the work on Refurbishment, which is nearing completion and the Plan of Work, for which we are developing an online tool.



We continue to request your [Sustainability Stories](#). We have been disappointed with the response to this as we think this is a fantastic way to showcase the great work that we know so many people are doing in this area. So please submit your Story, highlight your amazing work and help to inspire others.

CWCT Technical News

We recently met with our Technical Committee to discuss our current and future work. A brief summary of this is available [here](#). This engagement is really important, ensuring our work reflects the challenges and priorities faced by the industry.

We have recently published TN117 *Breather membranes and vapour control layers*. This is an update of TN33 and contains additional information on testing of membranes, introduced in response to the amended regulations on fire performance and the subsequent confusion over how membranes were tested and the different levels of performance that were achievable.

Two Technical Notes on interfaces (performance and procurement) are nearing completion and will be published soon. Further Technical Notes on brick slip systems are in development.

Finally, progress is being made on TN115 - *Fire performance of facades – Application to curtain walls*. As part of the review process, we received over 450 comments that we are working through. This takes considerable time, but it is a vital part of the development of CWCT guidance and highlights our collaboration with the wider façade industry.

Webinars introducing our other fire Technical Notes and other guidance are available on the [website](#).

CWCT Courses

We are pleased to announce that our 2026 short course programme is now available.

Our programme this year consists of a number of one-day and half-day courses on various key topics in relation to the façade including:

- Fire performance,
- Glass,
- Materials,
- Testing,
- Building Physics,
- Built-up walls.

In response to feedback from last year, the courses will start earlier in the year and be available for longer. We hope this flexibility will make it easier for people to attend and engage with the course material.

For further information on the courses, the programme and to book, please [click here](#).

We are also in the process of developing further shorter courses, focusing on very specific topics, including:

- Embodied carbon calculation,
- Façade access,
- Glass risk assessment,
- Fire regulations.

We hope this will make material more accessible and offer a good introduction/refresher to key subjects.

If you have suggestions for courses that you would like to see, please [get in touch](#).

Consultations

A number of important government consultations have been published in the last year, and more are expected. These have included proposals relating to construction products and the single construction regulator. These clearly affect everyone in the construction industry and therefore it is vital that the industry has their say on the plans.

When such consultations are published, we request your feedback to help inform our response. We have



been underwhelmed with the feedback we have received and would encourage you to share your opinions with us. If we don't take the time to respond, we cannot complain if we don't like new regulations that are introduced. Advocacy and representing Members' voice to government was highlighted in the Membership Matters research we carried out last year. **To do this, we need your help.**

The most recent consultation is on changes to Approved Document B: Fire safety. Given all of the criticisms of ADB in recent years, this is very significant. Further information is available on the [CWCT website](#), including links to the consultation documents, a brief summary of the key façade-related changes and a survey to gather your feedback. Please study this carefully and provide as much detail as possible in your response.

CWCT Test Witnessing Service

The option to arrange for a CWCT representative to attend CWCT Standard for Systemised Building Envelopes testing at accredited UK test facilities is once again available.

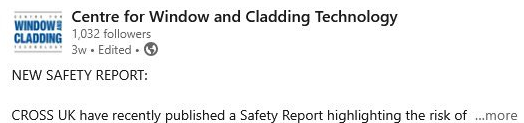
This is an opportunity for companies who would benefit from additional assistance beyond the Standard and associated documentation to engage with the CWCT for guidance on test rig arrangements, sequencing, etc. with an aim to optimise rig layouts and widen scope of test outcomes. Further to this, a member of the CWCT will attend the test as a witness and will produce a certificate to that effect.

This may be particularly valuable for companies newly entering the cladding industry, where extra guidance could be beneficial, similarly for those working on highly bespoke or specialised designs, who may gain from the additional support offered.

This remains an optional service for those who seek extra assistance from CWCT involvement.

Health and Safety

Dissemination of key health and safety issues is something that we encourage everyone to do. We all have a responsibility to do this and to keep up to date with the latest developments. We used our new LinkedIn page to share a recent CROSS report. Click on the image below for further details.



Disseminating H&S information

We have our own [H&S platform](#) that we use to highlight façade-related H&S issues. This remains something we are keen to develop, so please [get in touch](#) if you have suggestions for new topics to add.

MSc in Façade Engineering

We have now completed all the taught modules on this year's MSc in Façade Engineering at UWE Bristol.

My thanks to all of the fantastic guest lecturers who have joined us this year, sharing your knowledge and experience with our students. This is a really important aspect of the course and is a great example of the collaboration between UWE, CWCT and the wider façade industry in the provision of this truly



unique programme. If you are interested in giving a guest presentation in the future, please [get in touch](#).

The university is currently undergoing a restructure of all their programmes and therefore it is appropriate to undertake a redesign of the course to better meet the demands of the industry and those of the university as a combined process. Once the restructure is complete, we will be back in 2027 with a revised course and a sharper focus on the key issues facing the industry, notably those of competency and accountability

Please look out for further developments soon and be sure to support the course in the future.

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](#).

David Metcalfe

Director

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