# Welcome

The Resapol Newsletter

Edition 4

We would like to welcome you to the forth edition of the Resapol Newsletter - a way for us to keep you up to date on everything Resapol. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we've enjoyed producing it.

# **Our Sustainability Journey**

### Because there is no Planet B

As a business we are committed to addressing social, cultural and environmental dimensions through our key sustainability interventions.

### Waste Management

According to the Qflow UK Construction Industry Annual Waste Report 2023, the construction industry generates 62% of the UK's waste and 32% of all waste sent to landfill. Our Waste Management Strategy is a huge part of our ISO 14001 accreditation and our overall sustainability efforts, not just for how it impacts our business but given the impact it has on the overall industry.

In 2023 we changed our strategy to partner with GoGreen in a mission to reduce our waste further. In 2023 our waste statistics were as follows:

- Landfilled weight 1%
- Recycled 89%
- Recovered 10%

In 2022 our landfilled weight was 5.65%, showing our efforts have resulted in a reduction. With GoGreen we are now also able to count recovered waste, which is transformed into resources.





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### **Carbon Footprint Reduction**

Earlier this year we had solar panels fitted at our Bristol depot. In September we were pleased to also have them fitted at our Head Office / SuperCentre in Leigh.

An LED lighting project is also underway in Leigh to convert the head office lighting to motion sensor as well as low energy lights.

Reducing Scope 1 and 2 emissions is a focus of our sustainability strategy, as these emissions represent the direct and indirect greenhouse gases generated from our operations. We measure our efforts in this area by annual monitoring and reporting on our emissions data. In 2023 our emissions increased by nearly 2%, primarily due to company transport and waste. We have already taken steps in 2024 to reverse this and are confident the figures will reduce.

## **Our Sustainability Journey**

### **Sustainably Focused Products**

Environmentally friendly construction products are vital for reducing industry-wide carbon emissions. Our key suppliers now offer more of these options, which we actively promote, as you will have seen. We run regular training on not only specific products but categories and sub categories within our range. These are essential to educate and raise awareness of all of these products. To find out the latest training that is available <u>click here</u>, or to request some specific training contact our National Technical Manager, Paul Rigby on <u>prigby@resapol.com</u>

### **Social Values**

We understand that our responsibility extends beyond environmental concerns to the well-being of the communities we serve. These initiatives are aimed at enhancing social welfare, fostering community resilience, and ensuring that our growth contributes positively to society at large. By balancing environmental concerns with social responsibility, we ensure our efforts lay a foundation for a better, more sustainable future for all.

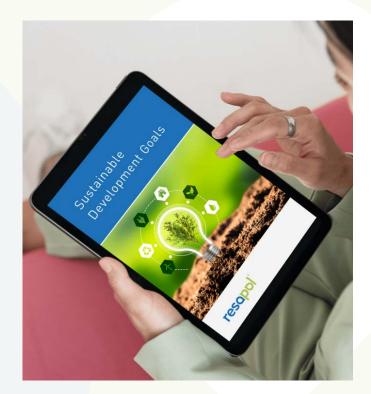
The charity arm of the business, the Resapol Foundation, was officially established in 2021. Since its creation we have donated in excess of £30,000. The Foundation's objective from the outset has been to support small and medium sized charities. Over the year this has included supporting causes such as local food banks (The Bridge at Leigh), violence against women and girls (Halo Project), homelessness and poverty (Community Volunteer, Verall Paul-Walcott), vulnerable youths (Mentoring Plus) and mental health (Solvent Mind).

The Foundation's main source of funds comes from the Resapol construction product brand 'rbs', where a percentage of the profits of all items sold go into the trust. This is highlighted on all of the rbs product packaging. Anyone purchasing rbs products can feel that they are giving something back with every purchase.

### **SDG Document**

All of our efforts are diligently documented in our Sustainable Development Goals document, which is now on Edition 3. This document provides all the latest updates, key facts and figures and our Scope 1 and 2 Emissions.

This document is available to all on request, just send an email to: <a href="mailto:sales@resapol.com">sales@resapol.com</a>



## **Product News**

### rbs Product Brochure

We were pleased to be able to launch the first official rbs Product Brochure, featuring the full range of products available.

This fantastic 20 page product brochure showcases the full range of rbs products which covers our main product categories including concrete repair & protection, waterproofing, grouts & anchors, cleaning, flooring, urban landscaping and ancillary products.

- Key information about the rbs range and the Resapol Foundation
- Essential product information, including coverage where applicable
- All product names hyperlinked to technical datasheets
- Links to the latest rbs 'HowTo' videos

Most importantly, in line with our Sustainability Goals, this brochure is only available digitally. You can download a copy by clicking on the link below

### rbs Digital Product Brochure



### **New Videos**

We have been working very hard to bring you some great new How To videos, two of which have been recently released.

### Arris Joint Repair

Most concrete floors have joints and each joint comprises of two slab edges, otherwise known as Joint Arrises. With heavy trafficking and weather cycles over time the edges can break down eventually leading spalling of the concrete. This video demonstrates a thin section repair utilising an epoxy mortar (rbs Epoxy Mortar) and a larger section repair utilising a rapid setting cement based product (rbs Rapid Concrete).



### Hand Placed Concrete Repair

Our Hand Placed Concrete Repair Video offers a clear, visual guide to using a range of products effectively to create this repair. It uses step by step instructions, alongside the demonstration by our National Technical Support Manager, making is easier to understand and showing the products in action.



# Blogs

**New Website Blogs** 

### How to Pick the Correct Cleaning Agents

Our first blog focuses on choosing the right cleaning agents for various applications. Effective cleaning is crucial in maintaining the quality and longevity of surfaces, equipment, and infrastructure. The guide covers:

- Types of Cleaning Agents: An overview of different types of cleaning agents and their specific uses.
- Selecting the Right Agent: Tips on choosing the most effective cleaning solution for your needs.
- Application Methods: Best practices for applying cleaning agents to achieve optimal results.

### **Cleaning Agents Blog**

### How to Pick the Correct Highway Maintenance Products

Our second blog dives into selecting the right products for highway maintenance and repairs. Ensuring the safety, functionality, and longevity of road infrastructure is critical, and using the correct products is key to achieving high standards.

This guide covers the following elements and will be available soon:

- Pothole Repairs
- Protecting New Joints
- Bedding or Installation of Covers and Frames
- Road Markings
- Pavement Maintenance

### Highway Maintenance Blog

# **Training Academy**

Our training academy has been particularly busy over recent months, especially during September, carrying out training for staff and customers alike.

### Sika Dry Shake

Throughout September we had intensive training at all depots focused on the Sika range of dry shakes, curing

agents & surface sealers. This nationwide initiative, ensured that our staff across all depots are equipped to recommend the ideal products for your specific requirements.



### Mapei Roofing Event

A roofing demonstration event took place in the morning at our Leigh depot, where participants had the opportunity to learn about and see in action the Mapei Purtop Easy roofing system, along with other innovative Mapei Polyglass products. The event showcased the application techniques, benefits, and versatility of these roofing solutions, providing valuable hands-on experience and technical insights for attendees.

### **Natural Cement**

During our September product training session, NATCEM<sup>®</sup> 35, Trackcrete and Waterstop were showcased. Practical demonstrations and discussions of the products qualities and properties ensued.

#### weber Concrete Repair & Protection and Flooring Products

A hands on session was held for both staff and contractors covering the range of weber concrete repair & protection and flooring products. This included new products webercem 4640 and webertec ZA60 / ZA100 Anodes.

#### Sika Sealants Showcase

We hosted a demonstration morning, offering an in-depth look at Sika's range of civil engineering solutions, flooring systems, facade technologies, and specialist sealants. The event provided attendees with a comprehensive overview of the applications and performance of these high-quality products. It featured live demonstrations and expert guidance on their use in various construction and industrial projects.

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## **Events**

### SCA Industry Day - Sustainability 11th September 2024 | Bloomsbury, London

On the 11th September we exhibited at the Sustainability Focused Industry Day organised by the Structural Concrete Alliance. It was a ground-breaking event, which not only gave us the opportunity to network and exhibit among other sustainability minded industry peers, but also to listen the insightful speakers.

The day included presentations from leading experts, including Government representatives concluding in a panel discussion.



### Resapol Annual Golf Day 12th September 2024 | Dunham Forest Golf Club

Last month we held the 6th Resapol Golf Day, at Dunham Forest Golf Club.



Dunham Forest Golf Club was initially a nine hole course, officially opened on 11th June 1961.

Initially, the Club purchased a derelict house called "Tirbracken" to refurbish it as a Clubhouse. However, the renovation costs were so high that the Club decided to demolish the building. The present Clubhouse, designed by John Day, was built on the same site and was opened in September 1963.



In 1965 an extra six holes were constructed. The Club Captain, Archie Preston, enticed Ryder Cup player Dave Thomas to Dunham as the Professional. The course became 18 holes after Bernard Terry negotiated with Lord Stamford for extra land. After the death of Lord Stamford, the National Trust assumed ownership of the land, and the Club now rents the land from them.

Our 8 teams, tee'd off from 11am and with the assistance of our refreshment committee, made it round the 18 holes. Great weather (on the whole), great company, and a few impressive shots made for a day to remember.

This was followed by an evening meal, along with prizes being awarded for Team, Individual and nearest the pin and longest drive. The coveted Best Resapol player was also awarded, which this year went to our Sales Director Daniel Gay.

We just wanted to say congratulations to all of the winners, and thank you to everyone for taking part and making our 6th event a memorable one.

### RIN Event 7th November | Yorkshire Event Centre

On the Thursday 7th November we exhibited at the Rail Infrastructure Networking Event, in Harrogate. This event brings together the rail infrastructure industry in one room for networking with no distractions of speeches or presentations - an ideal atmosphere to speak to new and potential customers.

Our team welcomed visitors onto our stand to discuss the range of products we have available for the infrastructure sector. This includes solutions for all major projects including transport, utilities, energy, defence and civils.

Our team were able to give technical advice on products, applications and systems.

# **Resapol Updates**

### **Another Award Win**

### HAT TRICK AT THE SME AWARDS

Resapol has won again at the SME Awards. This time earning the titles of Best Nationwide Specialist Construction Products Supplier and Client Service Excellence Award for 2024. This is the third time Resapol have won at the Southern Enterprise Awards, following on from wins in 2023 and 2022.

As the UK's trusted supplier of Specialist Construction Products it makes us incredibly proud to win these awards. Being recognised for our achievements, especially in the south of England, is an honour.

These recognitions are a testament to the dedication, hard work, and passion of our entire team. We are immensely proud of what we have achieved together. As we look ahead, we remain committed to pushing boundaries, exceeding expectations, and continuing to provide industry-leading solutions and service.



### **Nationwide Team**

### ANN OWENS

We would also like to recognise the retirement of Ann Owens, our Accounts Office Administrator. After working at Resapol for 10 Years she retired on the 1st November.

We would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication over the last 10 years.

### **Directors Employee of the Quarter**

Our Directors have consistently recognized and celebrated the dedication, hard work, and outstanding achievements of Resapol team members. Through close observation, they have identified individuals who not only meet but exceed expectations, contributing significantly to our company's growth, culture, and success during this period.

The highly regarded Glass Star Award, which has quickly become one of the most coveted honours among our team, symbolizes excellence, commitment, and the exceptional performance of its recipients. We are excited to officially announce the award winners for mid-2024, showcasing those whose dedication has set them apart as true leaders and inspirations within the Resapol family.



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 Tom Watson
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 Assistant Branch Manager
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### **Follow Us**

We spend a lot of time ensuring we have great content posted on our social channels; whether its company, product, supplier or industry news you can find all the latest there.

Make sure you are following us on LinkedIn, Facebook, X (formerly Twitter) and YouTube to stay up to date. Click on each of the logos (right) to visit our channels and follow Resapol.

And, feel free to tag Resapol in posts about projects where we have supplied materials - we love to see how our team have been able to help.



