

Construction watch

Construction watch is a range of initiatives aimed at reducing crime within the construction industry.

One of the main aims of the scheme is to encourage the use of forensic marking products. Using forensic marking products on your equipment and displaying warning signs on external fencing could deter criminals from entering building sites.

The use of forensic marking has shown crime reductions of up to 83%. Forensic marking products also allow the Police to deal with criminals quicker while improving detection rates and enables stolen property to be returned to its rightful owner.

An e-mailing list has also been set up which allows the Police to notify members when items are stolen from sites or when suspicious persons or vehicles are seen at construction sites.

For further information, contact Ross Polworth who spoke at the forum's March meeting – phone 01463 228441 or e-mail ross.polworth@scotland.pnn.police.uk

HSE Update

Liz Hunter, HSE inspector delivered an update to the forum meeting in March featuring GB Working Well, illustrating ownership by a range of stakeholders.

Also highlighted HSE interventions in Scotland, and those by the local team following intensive site inspections.

Further details of the HSE presentation available on website page www.hctg.net/highlands-islands-safety-forum/

Other items

Neil Wallace led a discussion on a new Strategy for Health & Safety, having attended the launch event in Glasgow. The HSE saw themselves as prime movers, with a team effort from others required to fulfil the key objectives.

Jenny MacIver gave a CITB update, highlighting a number of staff changes.

Duncan MacPherson spoke about his project developing a news platform for construction related industry in the north of Scotland, see www.infro.co.uk

PLEASE NOTE DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 13th June, 3pm
Sponsored by MacGregor Industrial Supplies – held at their new boardroom
Enter via 15-17 Henderson Road, Longman Ind. Estate, Inverness IV1 1SN

*Includes Sharing Good Practice items and latest updates from HSE.
Also a brief AGM – anyone interested in volunteering to help run the forum,
please contact one of the office bearers below to find out more.*

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