

# Rising above

The Glass and Glazing Federation (GGF) has released its Annual Report 2020 reporting on the activity and performance of the federation for the year ending 31st December 2019. The report reflects on a difficult but steady year that saw the GGF gain 42 new members during 12 months of uncertainty, anticipation and preparation for the UK's pending exit from the European Union.

The report also highlights a year of outstanding background work by the GGF technical team and the ongoing political activity the federation carried out on behalf of members.

From the report, the GGF external affairs and marketing team delivered a best ever year in terms of brand awareness with over 133 million opportunities to see the GGF brand in the trade, consumer and political media. In addition, the GGF's high quality content saw 300k unique users visit the GGF websites – GGF.org.uk and MyGlazing.com in 2019.

The accounts yet again showed the organisation's strong financial position and stability whilst also continuing high productivity.

In the report, Mark Austin, GGF president says: "Despite the many



**Mark Austin**

challenges, the GGF continued to operate and deliver the level of services and benefits that our members no doubt expect from the industry's leading trade organisation."

John Agnew, GGF managing director says: "The annual report and accounts clearly show the GGF is in a strong position to help members cope with the challenges ahead, during these extraordinary times." □

## Wolverhampton acquisition

The Sustainium Group has acquired West Midlands based Wolverhampton Glass, window, door, and conservatory installer.

Trading since 1975, Wolverhampton Glass has been installing windows, doors and conservatories across Wolverhampton and the West Midlands for over 40 years.

Sustainium was launched by Neal Harper with the aim of acquiring local home improvement companies, building on their established reputation, and investing in their future, with particular focus on low-carbon and sustainability.

Steve Newey, the previous owner of Wolverhampton Glass, says: "It was the right time to sell and dealing with Neal and the Sustainium Group made the



whole process straightforward as they were able to move quickly and decisively.

Harper, says: "The Sustainium Group is delighted to acquire Wolverhampton Glass. Thanks to four decades of experience, it has an excellent reputation locally, and we are already investing in new premises with a new showroom and expanding the management team. Our focus now is to build on that reputation to enable Wolverhampton Glass to thrive." □

## Director of the year

CMS Group support services director Martin McCrimmon has been named the 2020 Institute of Directors (IoD) Scotland Director of the Year – Social Value & Sustainability Impact, sponsored by Zero Waste Scotland, at this year's virtual awards ceremony, in recognition of his achievements in delivering the company's pioneering sustainability strategy over the past 14 years.



**Martin McCrimmon**

The IoD Scotland Director of the Year Awards judges said: "Martin clearly demonstrates a real passion for achieving environmental targets and social impact and has proven how financial and business success can go hand in hand with environmental sustainability. He shows strong evidence of leadership and strategic decision-making. Martin is driven by ethics and values, with investment in supporting young people and excluded groups into employment. He has clearly placed a specific focus on achieving sustainable growth, including through the employment of a full-time environmental advisor."

David Ritchie, CEO of the CMS Group says: "Huge congratulations to Martin winning this new IoD Scotland award, which is very well deserved. His innovative thinking has enabled CMS to make a difference, including putting in place the processes and facilities that are vital to ensure we can continuously reduce our resource use across both our manufacturing and installation operations." □