



GOSHA Newsletter **October - November 2022**

Prevent (and be ready for) things going wrong!

Assess - Prevent - Reduce – Protect – Be Ready (BCP)

Talk for Scaffolders – by NASC – 15 September 2022

We were delighted that around 50 representatives from the Guernsey scaffolding industry met at the KGV for a briefing from Dennis Braithwaite of the UK's NASC – a real expert in scaffolding safety.

Dennis gave a very good presentation, highlighting a number of areas where safety needs to be properly addressed, followed by a good Q&A session.

GOSHA was pleased to arrange this presentation for members and non-members, which had the support of the Guernsey HSE Team, who also attended. Scaffolding has so many health and safety challenges and keeping those who work in the industry and those who may be affected by it safe is a real priority.

Scaffolding is essential to so many in Guernsey. Without it, so much would not be achieved and making sure all those who work in the industry or are affected by it is a job requiring discipline and a proactive approach, good equipment, good training, good practices and being ready should something go wrong.

Dennis has said that our members and members of the scaffolding industry in Guernsey can contact him for guidance (email technical@nasc.org.uk). The slides from Dennis' talk are at www.gosha.org.g. If you need guidance, contact him or one of the helpful team at our HSE or one of the consultants listed in our website.

Health & Safety in the Workplace – A Guernsey Conference

As the consultant who intended to help us organize the event can no longer assist us, we have sought other assistance and have had to put the event back until April 2023.

Details will be given in due course. We have penciled the event for 25 April 2023, which will be during Guernsey Workplaces safety and Health Week 2023.

Our AGM – 17 November 2022

Our AGM will be prior to a presentation given by Guernsey Electricity, which will focus on Dial Before U Dig. It is an essential topic to cover as there seems more ignorance of the topic and checking procedures than there should be resulting in injuries, some severe, and we have been lucky there have been no deaths recently.

Our AGM is a good chance for us to review what we do and what we intend to do over the next year. It is also a great time to invite new members to be an important part of our friendly management committee. We meet every 6 to 8 weeks and we are a supportive team which works to get things done but understands if your other life commitments sometimes get in the way and mean you can't take part to the extent you wish. Papers will be issued soon for our AGM.

Health and Safety Made Simple: The basics for your business (hse.gov.uk)

The HSE has created an internet page within www.hse.gov.uk covering the basics of health and safety for any business.

The basics for your business

- **Appoint a competent person**
 - Choose who will help you manage health and safety in your business
- **Prepare a health and safety policy**
 - What a policy is and how it helps you manage health and safety
- **Risk assessment**
 - How to identify hazards and assess risks at work
- **Consult your workers**
 - Involve your workers and inform them about health and safety
- **Provide information and training**
 - Tell your workers what their health and safety duties are
- **Have the right workplace facilities**
 - Have toilets, washbasins and other welfare facilities workers need
- **First aid in work**
 - Advice on your first aid kit, training workers and appointing first aiders
- **Display the Law Poster – go to www.gov.gg/hse**
 - You must display the poster or give workers the equivalent leaflet
 - There is one for businesses in Guernsey and one for those in Alderney
- **Get insurance for your business**
 - Find out why you may need employers' liability insurance
- **The Law – go to www.gov.gg/hse**
 - Look at the website for guidance in the Health & Safety at Work Ordinance (1987) and for the General Guide applicable to the Bailiwick of Guernsey.
- **Report Accidents and Illnesses arising from Work**
 - You must report certain injuries, near-misses and work-related illnesses to HSE – see the guidance on the website and you may find it interesting to view Guernsey's statistics.

Get advice and guidance with HSE publications

HSE offers a wide variety of publications containing advice and guidance for employers, workers and the general public. Try www.gov.gg/hse first, then www.hse.gov.uk

Here is a selection of some of our most popular publications:

- [Working with substances hazardous to health: A brief guide to COSHH](#)
- [Manual handling at work: A brief guide](#)
- [Using contractors: A brief guide](#)