

FIT Covid casualty

Bringing back the glass

The FIT Show organisers have announced the September 2021 exhibition will be abandoned with the event moving to May 2022, in response to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding Covid-19.

Anyone registered to attend the September event as a visitor will be contacted by the organisers to move them to the new dates. There will be no need to re-register.

The fenestration industry's flagship UK event will return to the NEC from Tuesday 10 - Thursday 12 May 2022.

The announcement follows a lack of clarity regarding restrictions for large-scale events and ongoing disruption to international travel alongside the potential for another rise in UK cases.

Nickie West, FIT Show event director, says: "We have been monitoring the ever changing situation in relation to Covid-19 and after careful assessment, we believe that it is best for our exhibitors and visitors if we postpone FIT Show until May 2022.

"It was always our priority to run a safe and successful event for our audience. The recent sharp rise in positive cases, coupled with the ongoing ambiguity surrounding what restrictions



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would need to be in place by September, created too much uncertainty. We have worked closely with our stakeholders and the NEC to create a new timeline that we believe is both safer and provides greater certainty for the market." □

Morley Glass and Glazing has taken delivery of six new Luton vans which boost its nationwide delivery capacity and greatly increase the amount of post-consumer glass it can collect and recycle through its CRUSH initiative.

The familiar boxy Luton vans are the first to enter the Morley Glass fleet and are ideally suited to this dual deliver and



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collect role that its drivers now undertake. The layout of the vans means that Uni-Blinds sealed units can be better distributed around the space so there is more room for post-consumer glass to be brought back to the Morley Glass factory for recycling.

The addition of these latest vans increases its vehicle fleet to 36, which deliver around 4,000 integral blind units every week to customers throughout the UK. But as Morley Glass has expanded its glass recycling operations, its vans are increasingly returning to site with a highly recyclable and valuable material that benefits both the environment and good causes thanks to the CRUSH scheme. This is a joint initiative from Morley Glass and Saint-Gobain Glass where glass from doors and windows that have been replaced is collected by Morley Glass and then crushed into cullet at its Leeds site. This is then returned in bulk to Saint-Gobain Glass, who pay for the glass cullet, which they use to make new float glass. One tonne of cullet saves enough energy to power a home for six months, which is why glass recycling is so vital. □

Kenrick in joinery network

Kenrick has joined the Joinery Network as an affiliated partner. The West-Bromwich based firm is among a select few businesses to join the network, which was established to give independent joiners and joinery firms all the resources they need to manufacture genuine Document Q certified timber windows and doors.

Joiners manufacturing the Joinery Network's Lignum Flush Sash timber casement window will now be able to deliver the highest levels of security with the addition of Kenrick's flagship Excalibur multi-point window lock, which has been specially modified to help the window meet the requirements of PAS24: 2016.

Steve Williams, Kenrick sales and marketing director, says: "We are delighted to join the Joinery Network, which is all about manufacturing high quality, secure timber windows. There is



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a perception that timber windows are not as robust and secure as PVC-U and aluminium. When fitted with the Excalibur locking system, the Lignum window is proven to deliver high security, enabling joiners to offer customers the peace of mind that it is built to last and designed to deter intruders." □