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Brew Relay To Tackle Mental Health Crisis

Fix Radio has launched the Grand Builders' Tea-Lay, the UK's first ever national builder's brew relay to tackle the crippling mental health crisis in the trades.

The Grand Builders' Tea-Lay runs from Monday 16 March to Thursday 26 March, with selected listeners becoming official Mug Bearers who each hold the mug for 24 hours before passing it on to the next tradesperson. At every handover the two Mug Bearers take time to check in with each other, with parts of those conversations shared live on the Fix Radio Breakfast Show. Those moments sit at the heart of the campaign.

What a great initiative. I love Fix Radio – produced by the trades for the trades. And this is a really good way to show (or should that be hear) people doing the simple checking in and asking are you alright mate. We should all do it more.

Emplas Makes Top 100

Wellingborough based trade fabricator, Emplas, has been listed as one of Northamptonshire's leading privately owned companies for the fourth year in succession. Good on Emplas – one of the biggest and best fabricators in the market. Times are tough but the firm continues to grow.

The Challenge Of Rising Operational Costs

The glass industry faces big challenges as we settle into 2026, writes Mark High, a director at Ecoglass in our News section, as do the stories above and below. He points to the cost of silver rising as people worried about the consequences of war put their money into something safe. Silver is what gives thermally-efficient glass its properties. So you can't do without it in a net-zero targeted world. And those same wars are now making the energy problem even worse. Glass – a fundamental to the fenestration industry is going to get a whole lot more expensive...just at the wrong time, when installers are gearing up for a strong second and third quarter.

GDPR Rules Raise Compliance Stakes

Insight Data is warning businesses about changes to UK data protection rules that came into force on 5 February 2026. These updates to GDPR and the Privacy and

Electronic Communications Regulations (PECR) increase the risks for companies contacting installers, contractors and suppliers without the right processes in place.

Don't miss this story – the fines from the Ico for getting data and contact permissions wrong are the type of fines that put you out of business.

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