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FIT Show – What a fabulous show Nickie West and her team put on. I would like to add The Installer’s voice to universal congratulations. I’m glad it will be back again next year.

I would like to write more – but sadly, I think there are more pressing issues.

Mass fire door failures

The Fire Door Inspection Scheme has reported that three quarters of the fire doors inspected in the UK did not meet standards – that’s thousands of doors, hundreds of building and many thousands of residents and employees all at risk because of badly fitted or maintained fire doors. Have we not learned the lessons of the heartache a single avoidable death will cause? Can this industry not be a force for good in lobbying for better instalments and better, regular maintenance. I’m sure there are installers out there who can do a better job. And with the prevalence of smart systems for door monitoring on show at FIT, there is a solution at hand for those doors that would function if only they were not jammed open.

Cowboys & Compromises

Sternfenster’s Mike Parczuk writes on our News pages that the cowboys will be out in force selling windows without trickle vents whilst honest companies do the right thing (even if it is ugly). He says report it when you see it – and I agree.

Meanwhile, there is a rumour going around that homeowners can sign a disclaimer to avoid having trickle vents installed in their new frames. The government says this is illegal and will result in installations being refused a certificate of compliance under the Building Regulations.

Mental Health Stats – Startling, Disturbing And Emotional

Read the story on our News pages and download the report on the link below – are you willing to stand up and help? Kate Ashley-Norman in her Wellbeing Column says although people are finding it hard to fight the wellbeing fight, she is not giving up...make sure you read what she has to say on Page 12 – and very other month only in The Installer.

Finally – well done to the GGF

For getting a late but crucial amendment to Approved Document L of the new Building Regulations. The Federation couldn’t do anything about Doc F – but yet again proved its mettle with the government for the industry.

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