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Here's To Our Amazing Trades

3B Training has created an infographic showcasing the monumental achievements of tradesmen that include laying over 3.6 billion bricks, which if stacked one on top of the other, would reach further than the sun – and the installation of 9 million windows.

I am dead impressed, especially as some of those bricks will have been laid by window installers working on conservatories or other extensions.

But I do ask myself, how many window installers are hanging on to as much of an extension project as possible? Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Secretary Michael Gove wants to make it easier for homeowners to go out or up or into the garden, so this could be a big opportunity for installers if they can find the right skills to be the project manager rather than a subbie.

Take a look at our second Garden Doors Feature starting on Page 16 which discusses whether you can install windows and bi-folds on garden rooms – or build the whole garden room.

Free Glass Recycling Scheme Heads North

Following the launch of its pilot glass recycling scheme, the GGF and FENSA have extended the programme to the north of England and the Midlands.

This is superb news. I think everyone in the industry believes that recycling old window frames is the right thing to do – and recycling glass as well helps the industry's cradle to cradle credentials.

There are more and more recycling initiatives coming on stream. It should be the norm now that every window you take out, goes back to some organisation that will recycle it.

The sustainability award at the upcoming G-Awards (which feature on Page 18-19 with all the finalist nominations) will be a hard-fought contest. I will be looking out for all the winners but this one in particular at the Winners Ceremony in London on 24 November – you can keep an eye on TheInstaller.pro where we will report the outcomes first.

Finally, let me point you at the GGF Column

The recent consultations over the building regulations that affect window and door specifications have seen the industry largely failing to have its say because the industry does not throw enough weight into contributing. So the regulations are imposed – and although they have good intentions, especially where the environment is concerned, they often conflict with each other. The best people to stop this happening are the readers of The Installer Magazine. Take a look and note down when the next consultations are due...and make sure your opinion counts.

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