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Welcome to the University of the Built Environment's e-Library monthly *Knowledge Foundations* publication, a compendium of news and views, research and resources relating to the educational sector and Built Environment.

The e-Library aims to disseminate information, promote current awareness, and share good practices, to assist in the continual professional development of all those working and aspiring to work within the Built Environment/Property and Construction industries.

> **"The mission of librarians is to improve society through facilitating knowledge creation in their communities."** (Lankes, 2011, p13)

The initial aim of this library current awareness service was to help keep students and staff informed of the education sector and industry-specific news, share current and best practices, highlight the latest research, and identify case studies that will support studying and supplement teaching and learning resources. However, over the years and upon request, the readership has now expanded.

We welcome news and information from readers to include in future editions - please **email us**.

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University News

LATEST University of the Built Environment (UBE) News

University welcomes plans for new Vocational GCSE in Building and Construction

The University of the Built Environment (UBE) has welcomed government plans that could see pupils studying a new Vocational GCSE in Building and Construction from the age of 14.

Access further information and the article, '**University welcomes plans for new Vocational GCSE in Building and Construction**', in full.

University unveils ambitious plans for state-of-the-art digital campus

UBE has announced a multi-million-pound investment to deliver a state-of-the-art digital campus for its students. The ambitious five-year project will create a richer and more connected online learning experience, designed around how students want to study today and the skills they will need for their future careers.

Access further information and the article**, 'University unveils ambitious plans for state-of-the-art digital campus'** in full. **Also: 'How the University's e-Library transforms your study experience'**.

Other UBE News



Source: University of the Built Environment (2025) ***Today, we are the University of the Built Environment*** [video], YouTube.

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One year on: University of the Built Environment celebrates growth, recognition and ambition

On the 9th June 2026, the University of the Built Environment celebrated one year since adopting its new name, marking a milestone in its journey from University College of Estate Management to an institution with university status serving the wider built environment sector.

Access further information and the article**, 'One year on: University of the Built Environment celebrates growth, recognition and ambition'** in full.

Also:

- **Vice Chancellor Professor Ashley Wheaton announces plans to step down** (04/26)
- **Built environment sector must confront fragmented workforce 'permacrisis** (04/26)

Note: Keep abreast of the latest University of the Built Environment News and events – Read our blog to keep updated on Building Environment industry insights, student case studies, and thoughts from University of the Built Environment Vice Chancellor: Ashley Wheaton.

  - **For more on University ambitions, take a look at the Institution's 2025-2030 Stratetgic Plan**
  - **Build a better future with UBE videos**

LATEST University Resarch News

Can we really build greener, healthier cities? Award-winning research shows how

How do we solve the housing crisis, cut carbon emissions, and harness new technologies without losing sight of people and place? These questions are at the heart of research by University of the Built Environment Academics.

Access further information and the article, **'Can we really build greener, healthier cities?'** in full.

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LATEST: University Research Outputs incl.

van Someren KL *et al.* (2025) 'A Social Science Case Study of Sustainability Practices in Action' [online]. Available at: https://evolvingcities.org/ [accessed 9 February 2026]

Also:

- **UBE (formerly UCEM) continues research success with two new grants**
- **UCEM hosts Research & Scholarship Engagement Day**

LATEST University Sustainability News

University leads international workshop on Amazon rainforest climate change resilience

The University of the Built Environment has co-hosted a landmark international **EcoBrazil** workshop in Belem, bringing together researchers, policymakers and community leaders to tackle the urgent challenge of climate resilience in the Amazon rainforest.

Access further information and the article, **'University leads international workshop on Amazon rainforest climate resilience'** in full.

Also: Please visit the '**Sustainability Hub**' within ***Knowledge Foundations*** for further supporting information.

Further information and the latest developments can also be found via the **University of the Built Environment's Website**, **& don't forget** that the UBE **e-Library** can be accessed 24/7 (via the VLE-Virtual Learning Environment) with a wealth of valuable resources to help 😊.

If you have any further questions, please contact for **Student enquiries –** Student Central (via our VLE); **Employer enquiries –** **businessdevelopment@ube.ac.uk** and **other enquiries** on **reception@ube.ac.uk**.

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Other News

Things you need to know this week: Sector reacts to Your First Home.

- Andy Burnham's announcement of a new scheme to support first-time buyer leads *Placemaking Resource's* digest of the latest news.

Industry has reacted positively to prime miniter Andy Burnham's announcement of plans for a new government-backed equity loan scheme for first-time homebuyers. The Your First Home initiative, which is set to be formally announced at the chancellor's Autumn Budget, is expected to give eligible first-time buyers access to a government-backed equity loan of up to 20 per cent, requiring a minimum deposit of 2.5 per cent. The scheme will have a household income cap and local property price caps to target support at those most in need. Neil Jefferson, chief executive of housebuilder body the Home Builders Federation, said, "A well-designed scheme has the potential to make a real difference to households who are struggling to get onto the housing ladder." He added, "It is important that it works for buyers across different parts of the country and for housebuilders of all sizes, while supporting the government's wider ambition to increase housing delivery". Katy Davis, national head of planning at consultancy Carter Jonas said, "The test will be whether the scheme reflects the very different markets across England."

Also, this month –

- The Metropolitan Police says it has submitted files relating to the Grenfell Tower fire to the Crown Prosecurity Service (CPS) to allow them to make charging decisions.

- Figures published by the Home Builders Federation show the number of new homes receiving planning consent has fallen by more than 20 per cent in the last quarter, to the lowest number of homes in a quarter since 2012.

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- The government is committing £210 million to regenerating derelict high street buildings. More than half of funding - £125 million - is dedicated to the Derelict Buildings Fund, which will provide support to local authorities to enable buildings to be refurbished to meet community needs, as health centres, for example.

- The greater London Authority is consulting on a **London Small Site Design Code** to facilitate housing delivery on small sites of under 0.25 hectares.

- Liverpool metro mayor Steve Rotherham is set to formally ask government to establish the Liverpool North Docks mayoral development corporation (MDC). The move follows Liverpool City Region Combined Authority's decision to unanimously back the next state of porposals to create the MDC.

Read the article, *Source*: Smit, J. (2026) 'Sector reacts to Your First Home', 30 September, in full.

(Please note that you will need to register to access these stories in full, although you can 'Register free for limited access.' Visit the **PlacemakingResource**, scroll to the base of the homepage, and access route within 'Subscription and Registration').

Case Study: Making space for community

- New models for community centres and neighbourhood hubs are helping to lay the foundations for community health and wellbeing, good growth and local resilience, the author of this article finds.

There are reckoned to be more than 20,000 community centres and halls across the UK according to think tank New Local. Although numbers have been reduced by funding challenges and other factors, the think tank's 2025 report, **Where people meet: How we celebrate, sustain and reimagine community centres,** says community centres remain vital to the UK's social infrastructure.

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These centres and hubs today serve many puposes. They bring together communities fractured by the loss of pubs and high streets, provide micro coworking and start-up business space, help promote health and wellbeing, through the co-location of services or activities, and help empower communities.

The broader benefits of such centres are being recognised by government through some regeneration funding streams. It locally led **Pride in Place programme** is, among other things, supporting the renovation and development of community centres in locations from Tameside to Torquay. for example, the programme is supporting Telford & Wrekin Council to rebuild the Hub on the Hill, in Telford, Shropshire, as part of its broader regeneration activity. Its planned new building could house events, sports and leisure activities, a community library, youth and education space and possible a neighbourhood health hub for services includeing mobile screening and vaccination.

Challenges – Community centres operate in a variety of ways with management being in the hands of housing associations, local authorities and sometimes communities themselves. Their funding landscape and funding streams can be complex and diverse.

Solution – One new model in north London aims to put such facilities on a more sustainable footing while at the same time helping to promote good growth and local resilience. Camden Council has embarked on the Neighbourhood Spaces Programme, which aims to transform vacant or underused council buildings.

Read further information and the Case Study in full.
***Source*: Smith, J (2026) 'Making space for community'.**

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Analysis: New priorities from a new PM

- Since Andy Burnham entered Number 10 last month (see publication date), the new PM has been rapidly setting a fresh direction for the UK with a string of announcements and statements, the author of this article writes.

In his first weeks as prime minister, Andy Burnham has been setting out his stall. His new No 10 North base has been described by government as the "situation room for making Britain better", with its objective being to drive three devolution priorities: growing public ownership of utilities and infrastructure including housing, reindustrialisation and urban regeneration, with a focus on left-behind places.

An Office for the Prime Minister and Cabinet has been established to oversee both No 10 and No 10 North, taking over lead responsibility for the devolution agenda from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Devolution underpins the prime minister's social and economic policy and thinking, and he has already **announced plans** to allow local leaders to retain a greater share of locally generated revenues, including business rates and income tax. More detail on this is due to be set out in the chancellor's budget and a white paper later this year, but metro mayors are set to be able to retain some business rate revenue from next spring (2027) and some income tax take from spring the following year. The aim is that, over time, areas will move away from their reliance on government grants and towards funding that rewards local growth. Alongside this, local leaders are being given greater control over a string of services, ranging from housing and transport to skills.

For further information, and access to this article, *Source:* Smit J. (2026), 'Analysis: New priorities from a new PM', 11 August, in full.

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Coming up: Green light for homes on ex-factory site

- A proposal to develop homes on a factory site that has been unused for 12 years leads this *Placemaking Resource's* digest of upcoming projects.

The regeneration of a redundant factory site in Maesteg, Wales, with 192 homes has got the go ahead. The former cosmetics factory site is being redeveloped by Sylfaen, a subsidiary of housing association Valleys to Coast, which is working with housebuilder Edenstone Group. The development will include 35 homes for social rent, 19 affordable homes, 54 shared ownership homes and 84 for market sale, plus amenities, including a community garden. Site remediation works have already been carried out with funding from Bridgend County Borough Council and Cardiff Capital Region.

Also:

- A Surrey scheme combining 154 retirement homes with 33 homes and 10 self-build plots has won approval at appeal. The Snows Ride proposal in Windlesham has been brough forward by housebuilder Retirement Villages Group.

- Battersea Power Station and Wandsworth Council have got the go ahead to develop 200 council homes in the fifth phase of the landmark power station neighbourhood's masterplan. The homes, to be developed to the east of the grade 2* listed power station, have been designed by Dowen Farmer Architects.

Further information and read the article, Smit, J., 'Green light for homes on ex-factory site,' 2 September, in full.

(Please note that you will need to register to access these stories in full, although you can 'Register free for limited access.' Visit the **PlacemakingResource**, scroll to the base of the homepage, and access route within 'Subscription and Registration').

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Education Latest [October 2026]

Access the latest Education news

Clarke H (2026), **'Schools not ready for AI and 'crying out' for government guidance, report warns'** – Schools are "crying out" for guidance from government on how pupils and teachers can use AI safely and effectively, a new report has warned.

Sir Anthony Seldon, former head teacher and author of *AI in education*, says the technology is being used more and more frequently, but that its introduction has been "chaotic and anarchic". His report calls for the government roll out a national framework for adopting AI in education in England, including training teachers on how to use it.

Also: For Education sector- see also: UCEM student, Turner C (2022) **'Apprentice shares experience as she learns',** *Built Environment Journal,* London: RICS**.** #Apprentice

School forced into daily Raac inspection , and UBE article (2023) '**The concrete crisis: what's being done to address RAAC risks**', 13th September. Reading: UCEM.

BBC Latest – Climate [October 2026]

Access the BBC News, Latest Climate reality check

'Swiss glaciers suffer 'disastrous' year of ice loss, threatening water supplies' – Scientists say such rapid melting is no longer surprising given the pace of climate change. Swiss glaciers have suffered a near-record loss of ice in 2025, new data shows, as intense summer heatwaves take their toll on Alpine peaks.

Poynting M (2026) '**Swiss glaciers suffer 'disastrous' year of ice loss, threatening water supplies**' [online], 1 October. Related links: Access **BBC News – Climate** [online]. Also: **A really simple guide to climate change** [online].

Note: Please visit the '**Sustainability Hub**' within ***Knowledge Foundations*** for further information and related articles.

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Latest News: *Construction Management* (CM) [October 2026]

RAAC three years on: What have we learned about remediation strategies? – Reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) became a national concern three years ago, but the conversation has shifted from emergency response to long-term management. Mott MacDonald's Laura Jones outlines the lessons learned from successful remediation.

This articles covers - Understanding the risk before proposing a solution; Managing risk while maintaining operations; Choosing the right remediation strategy; and Moving beyond crisis management

Further information, as well as access to read the article and comments in full – Smith K (2026) '**RAAC three years on: What have we learned about remediation strategies?'- Construction Management**' [online], 3 September 2026.

Also, in *Construction Management* – Articles by university staff

Larsen G (2025) '**I'm working with construction SMEs to boost their innovation**', *Construction Management* [online], 13 January 2025.

Latest News: *Global Construction Review* (GCR) [October 2026]

'Brooklyn community centre opens two years early and under budget'– The Brownsville Multi-Service Center, a four-floor, 60,000-sq-ft community space in Brooklen, New York, has been delivered two years ahead of schedule and $10m under budget. The $180m development contains 10 office spaces, three flexible conference rooms which can be combined to form one large venue, a 1,600-sq-ft outdoor community garden, public art and green roofs.

Further information, as well as access to read the article in full – Quirke, J. (2026) **'Brooklyn community centre opens two years early and under budget' - Global Construction Review** [online], 2 October.

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New guidance from CIRIA - Construction Industry Research and Information Association

Latest update [October 2026] CIRIA is pleased to announce new **free CIRIA practice guidance** and publications incl.:

***Enabling community maintenance for local flood risk management* (C821F)** – This code of practice (CoP) is concerned with property flood resilience measures that can be introduced to buildings at risk from flooding. **Also:**

***Code of practice for property flood resilience* (C790)** – This guidance provides confidence on the use of the standards within the code of practice that provides a benchmark for those procuring and delivering property flood resilience (PFR).

Other guides and resources include:

The Management of advanced numerical modelling in geotechnical modelling (C791)

Delivering green infrastructure along linear assets – Scoping study phase I

CIRIA Resources (incl. Case Studies)

Note: CIRIA Resources can be accessed via the **VLE e-Library > OpenAthens Library login** & **Construction Information Service**.

Shoosmiths UK law firm Insights and Articles

- Read the latest insights, articles, and commentary from Shoosmiths UK law firm or explore their content library, or listen to the latest podcasts **[October 2026]** surrounding sectors such as **Living (Sector) incl. Commercial, Corporate, Real estate, Dispute resolution & litigation,** covering:

- **Real Estate (RE) Investment - Beyond transactions: unlocking opportunity in every deal** – RE continues to be one of the most active and attractive asset classes, fuelled by global capital, long-term income strategies and rising demand for ESG-aligned investments.

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Podcast Series: How developers can prepare now for the Building Safety Act series:

How developers can prepare now for the Building Safety Act: Part 1 of 3 – The Building Safety Act received Royal Assent on 28 April 2022. With aspect of the new regime unclear, this series of articles looks at what steps developers can take now.

Part 2 of 3 - In Part 2, Shoosmiths discuss the duty holder regime and look at the steps developers can take now to prepare.

Part 3 of 3 - In this final part of this series, Shoosmiths take a look at the new gateway regime for higher risk buildings.

The future of build-to-rent market Real Estate Podcast series

Podcast – Government policy BTR (Build to Rent) from the Shoosmiths' Living team:

Podcast series #1 – The future of BTR (Build to Rent)

Issues discussed in this podcast include:
Performance of the sector; Rent collection rates; Challenges of lockdown restrictions; How buildings and amenity space will change as a result of the pandemic; and where the market is going.

Podcast series #2 – The future of BTR (Build to Rent)

Issues discussed in this podcast include:
Ongoing attractiveness of the sector; Top three things to look for in a BTR scheme; Future challenges for BTR; The role of technology, and BTR housing.

Podcast series #3 – The future of BTR (Build-to-Rent)

In this podcast, the last in this series, issues discussed include Planning reforms; Permitted development rights; Rise of residential in the high street; Fire Safety; and Rent controls / regulations.

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FIRE SAFETY

RICS Fire safety Hub

- containing advice for the public, building owners, landlords, corporate occupiers and RICS professionals and information on fire safety on buildings with external wall systems.

Government details fire safety-related changes to planning system

- The government has released details of new requirements in the planning system to bolster fire safety in high-rise residential buildings, in response to the Grenfell Tower Fire.

The changes come in the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government's (MHCLG) plans to introduce **'planning gateway one'**, which it said would deliver on one of Dame Judith Hackitt's recommendations following her independent review of Building Regulations and fire safety.

The new requirements aim to ensure fire safety matters as they relate to land use planning are incorporated at the planning stage for schemes that involve high-rise residential buildings.

The changes, which came into effect from **1 August 2021** will:

- involve the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) becoming a statutory consultee before permission is granted for development which involves or is likely to involve a high-rise residential building.
- require relevant applications for planning permission to include a fire statement to ensure applicants have considered fire safety issues as they relate to land use planning matters such as layout and access.
- help inform effective decision-making by local planning authorities or the secretary of state so that those decisions reflect and respond to the needs of the local community.

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The new requirements will be introduced by making amendments to the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015.

As announced in the Queen's Speech (11 May), the Building Safety Bill is also expected to be introduced this year, which will establish a new building safety regime in England.

Further information and access to the *Construction Manager* article, 'Government details fire safety-related changes to planning system,' in full.

Grenfell Tower Inquiry – Final report published
- The Grenfell Tower Inquiry was created to examine the circumstances heading up to and surrounding the fire at Grenfell Tower on the night of 14 June 2017.

Statement from the Panel – **The Inquiry statement as the final report is published.**

Read further information and access Phase 1 and 2 reports) from the 'Grenfell Tower Inquiry' website.

Related Links:
By visiting the 'Built Environment Research' section of *Knowledge Foundations* and House of Commons Library, you will note under 'Housing and Planning' and within 'Social policy,' the top research briefings include - **The Cladding External Wall System (EWS)**.

Also:

Cladding: Panels failed fire tests 13 years before Grenfell - Leaked test results suggest the government and costruction industry had early evidence of the dangers posed by cladding, 13 years before the Grenfell Tower fire.

Panels, commonly used on buildings in the UK, failed fire tests carried out in 2004.the Inquiry venue at 13 Bishop's Bridge Road, London, W2 6BU. The results marked "Commercial in confidence," were circulated within an industry advisory group. They were recently passed to the

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BBC (see publication date) and, until now, neve made public. Hundreds of thousands of flat owners are now threatened with large bills because of construction materials which pose a risk in fires. The 2004 results were among the first from a British test of full-scale building systems, developed in the late 1990s when there were growing concerns in Parliament about the risks of cladding. The tests were part of research commissioned the then Labour government to determine what standards building systems should have to meet.

Symonds T (2021) 'Cladding: Panels failed fire tests 13 years before Grenfell', *BBC News* [online], 16 September. Available at: www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-58584348 [accessed 5 October 2026]

Shoosmiths Insights [online] - **Lessons from Grenfell: New fire safety responsibilities** - Amendments to the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 will add to the existing responsibilities of Responsible Persons under the Order which were expanded earlier this year (2023) by The Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2021[1].

Related Topics:

- UK fire safety
- Grenfell Tower fire
- Grenfell Tower Inquiry

Skills Agenda: Concerns for Skills Shortages in the 21st Century: A Review into the Construction Industry, Australia

This research paper addresses the underlying, influential factors concerning skills shortages in the Australian construction industry. The influential factors addressed include funding, training statistics, employer expectations, financial limitations, Industrial Relations and immigration.

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Read the full research report 'Concerns for Skills Shortages in the 21st Century.

Tomorrow's Engineers

Tomorrow's Engineers brings together resources and evidence to support the engineering community in getting the most out of their engagement activity. It includes information and guidance on a range of topics curated from across the STEM community.

Access the Tomorrow's Engineers website

RICS insight report: Women in surveying

- Women in surveying and the wider built environment sector face recurring challenges through their careers due to discrimination, bias (whether unconscious or intentional) and inequity in opportunities and systemic practices. This '23 Women in Survey insight report analyses existing RISC membership data and the results of their flagship 2022 Survey of women in the profession.

RICS's aim is to offer insights on why women are not progressing in their careers and remaining in the profession. This will enable individuals, teams and organisations to reflect and further examine their own behaviours, policies and practices, and more importantly, begin their journey in taking positive action to deliver change with lasting impact.

Also: Access Women in construction: building a career in a challenging environment. Twelve case studies of women working in the construction industry and their experiences.

RICS – The Future of Surveying

- We know the challenges facing the built environment and the surveying profession – now it's time to act. We know the challenges facing the built environment and the surveying profession – now it's time to tackle them.

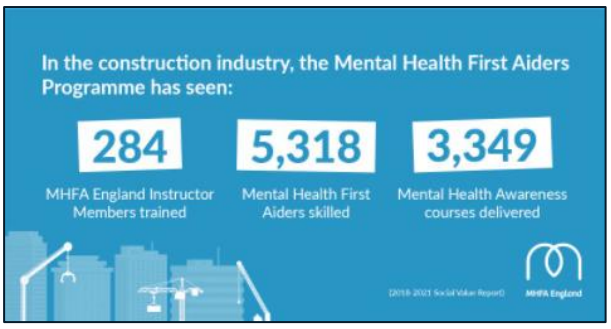
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For over 150 years, RICS has led our profession through change, enabling our members to take advantage of the opportunities and manage the risks it presents. This change is now happening faster than ever, requiring us to think strategically about how we deploy our expertise and resource. To continue to provide leadership, we are constantly assessing our role as a standard setter, regulator, educator, and global professional body – to deliver confidence to governments, markets, and the public.

RICS Futures Report 2020 is our action agenda to keep up in a changing world. Access and download the Futures report to read RICS' full agenda for effecting change and responding to the biggest issues facing the natural and built environment, in full.

Read the article, 'Future of Surveying' and gain access to the Futures report in full.

Tackling mental health and wellbeing within the construction industry



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Tackling mental health and wellbeing within the construction industry continued.

The construction industry reports some of the highest levels of workplace mental ill health.

Over the last three years (see publication date) Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) England has been working with Building Mental Health, the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) and the Lighthouse Club Construction

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Industry Charity to create a freely available, industry-wide framework and charter to tackle the mental health crisis in the construction industry.

Find out more about the social value of the programme

Related Links:

University of the Built Environment mental health strategy

The strategy is designed to benefit both university students and staff, having been written with input from both stakeholder groups.

At the core of the document is the vision which states: The University of the Built Environment will take a whole institution approach to develop one community that enables students of all levels along with staff to prioritise mental health and wellbeing.

There are five strategic aims supporting this vision which are:

1. to create a supportive whole university community that promotes positive mental health, and ensures mental health is a key strategic priority.

2. to ensure the university community is informed and aware of the importance of good mental health and works to tackle the stigma surrounding mental health.

3. to ensure appropriate and timely support is provided to those who need it.

4. to develop links with external support services and stakeholders

5. to use data to evaluate and monitor the effectiveness of mental health interventions and inform future strategic development.

For more details, take a look at **University of the Built Environment's mental health strategy document**. Access the article '**UCEM launches mental health strategy**' in full.

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Q&A with Harold Samuel Research Prize (HSRP) recipient, Dr Katharine van Someren

Research is a fundamental aspect of university life. It is used to gain a further understanding for assignments and dissertations and by academics to explore topics that will broaden our understanding of society and the world around us. The HSRP is an annual opportunity for those interested in the building environment to submit a research proposal on a topic that could offer sector-changing insights.

What is the relationship between job and financial security and mental health in the construction workplace? University of the Built Environment (formerly UCEM) spoke with HSRP recipient Dr Katharine van Someren, about her research on UK construction workplace poverty. You can access **UK construction workplace poverty: the impact of financial and job insecurity on mental health** on UBE's publication page to learn more about Katharine's research.

Access the article '**Q&A Harold Samuel Research Prize (HSRP) recipient, Dr Katharine van Someren**' in full.

Understanding Mental Health in the Built Environment

In May 2020, the CIOB published their report on Understanding Mental Health in the Built Environment. The report, which surveyed people across the globe, presented harrowing statistics of high numbers of workers experiencing extreme levels of stress over a prolonged period, with many people reporting that they had considered taking their own life in 2019.

Access the CIOB's latest report *Understanding Mental Health in the Built Environment,* including the results from the CIOB survey of over 2,000 professionals. Access CIOB online Policy Portal, & 'CIOB surveys the sector to gather data on mental health & stress'

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How can buildings have positive impact on wellbeing?

BSRIA's Henry Lawson discusses the importance of designing buildings that promote 'Wellbeing.' The theory sounds compelling but in practice, creating such building is complex.

Access and read 'How can buildings have positive impact on wellbeing' in full.

Read *Construction Manager* article(s) entitled, 'Samaritans to work with roofers on mental health' in full, and

Banner artwork highlights construction suicides

Sustainable outcomes for buildings

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) has published guidance on targeting, designing, and evaluating sustainable outcomes for buildings, defining concise measurable set of eight sustainable outcomes that correspond to key UN Sustainable Development Goals and can be delivered on building projects of all scales.

Access the RIBA Sustainable Outcomes Guide

National Trust planning principles

National Trust (NT), a charity that works to preserve and protect historic places and spaces – for ever for everyone.

The National Trust protect historic houses, gardens, mills, coastline, forests, woods, fens, beaches, farmland, moorland, islands, archaeological remains, nature reserves, villages, and pubs. While they are very passionate about open spaces and historic places, they also work hard in other areas too, including the environment, food, farming, transport, and heritage – to name but a few.

Most of the work they do though is affected by much wider global issues, which is why their interests extend far beyond just bricks and mortar.

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National Trust (NT) – "Our planning principles"

The National Trust principles are used to guide them in their decision-making on the way land is developed and managed and include:

1. **Seeking to influence** – The NT seek to influence the planning system at local, regional, and national levels,
2. **Supporting spatial planning** – The NT support spatial planning which takes a holistic approach to its environment and its resources,
3. **Sensible management –** The NT promotes the wise management of the natural environment and built and cultural heritage,
4. **Protecting our environment** – The NT will seek to protect wild and remote landscapes from built development or urbanisation.
5. **Using property management plans** – In managing its land through management plans, the NT will support and help to achieve objectives,
6. **Objecting to proposals, where appropriate** – The NT object to land use or marine-based proposals that have a significant adverse impact on its properties and their settings and context, or in its wider interests.
7. **Using a sustainable construction approach –** When proposing development on their land to meet justified needs, the NT will use a sustainable construction approach.

This will include the following:

- Minimising resource use and generation of waste,
- Being energy efficient,
- Minimising or preventing all types of pollution and risk of flooding,
- Safeguarding important wildlife, landscape, and historic interests,
- Respecting local/regional distinctiveness, supporting local sources for goods and services where practical, and
- Encouraging community involvement and access.

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Architecture Hub

RIBA Stirling Prize 2025

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) Stirling Prize is the UK's most prestigious architecture award. The award is given to the architect of the building thought to be the most significant of the year for the evolution of architecture and the built environment.

Appleby Blue Almshouse wins Stirling Prize 2025 by Witherford Watson Mann Architects for United Saviour's Charity, winning a RIBA London Award 2025 and a RIBA National Award 2025.

RIBA Stirling Prize winner 2025: shortlist - Discover the six buildings shortlisted for the 2025 Stirling Prize, including: **Elizabeth Tower**, **Hasting House**, **London College of Fashion**, **Niwa House**, **The Discover Centre** and

the 2025 winner - **Appleby Blue Almshouse**.

RIBA Plan of work 2020

RIBA Plan of Work 2020. This blog takes a look at the new RIBA Plan of Work 2020.

What is the RIBA Plan of Work? The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) first published the RIBA Plan of Work. in 1963. It originally provided a matrix to show the roles of participants in the design and construction processes. It has since been updated in several editions, most recently in 2020. This has allowed it to adapt to the complexity of modern projects, industry demands and legislative and regulatory requirements.

What changed in 2020? In 2020, key changes were made to reflect the importance of sustainability and Building Information Modelling (BIM) in construction. The Plan of Work now also incorporates issues such as digitisation of the industry, Modern Methods of Construction, ethical issues, the value of aftercare and timing relating to planning applications and procurement.

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This has included restructuring and renaming of the work stages from the 2013 Plan of Work:

0 – Strategic definition – no change

1 – Preparation and briefing – brief amended to briefing

2 – Concept design – no change

3 – Spatial coordination – formerly Developed design

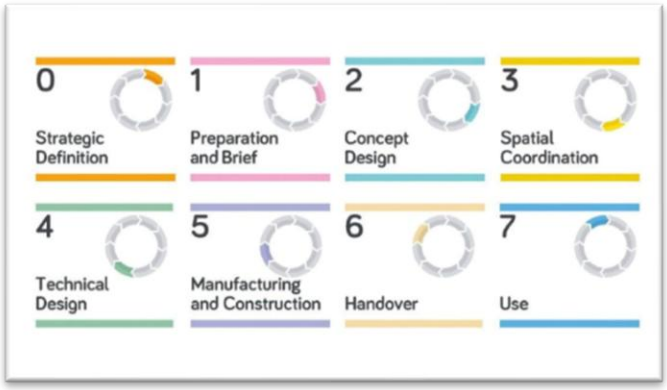
4 – Technical design – no change

5 – Manufacturing and construction – formerly Construction

6 – Handover – formerly Handover and close out

7 – Use – formerly in use

RIBA Plan of Work 2020:



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Source: Royal Institute of British Architects (2020) 'RIBA Plan of Work'.

Note: The author of this blog, Jen Lemen-Hogarth is an Associate Tutor – University of the Built Environment and Partner – Property Elite.

Access Property Elite's, Building Better Property Professionals, 'New RIBA Plan of Work 2020' [Blog], in full

Foster + Partners Projects

Foster + Partners Projects – one of the most innovative architecture and integrated design practices in the world. Over the past four decades the practice has pioneered a sustainable approach to architecture through a strikingly

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wide range of work, from urban masterplans, public infrastructure, airports, civil and cultural buildings, offices and workplaces to private houses and product design.

Foster + Partners website - By visiting their website you can gain further information about ▪ **current and past work**, ▪ **upcoming projects**, and gain access to their-
- Image gallery and **Sketches and drawings,**
- Construction,
- Facts and Figures and **Project downloads.**
Access Foster + Partners Projects

Construction Information Service (CIS) *Insights*

The latest edition **[October 2026]** of NBS CIS *Insights* focuses on – **NBS Guide: A specifier's guide to BREEAM New Construction V7** covering - ▪ BREEAM New Construction V7 places an increased focus on whole-life carbon; ▪ Created by NBS in collaboration with BRE, providing a practical introduction, and ▪ The important role specification plays in capturing the information and evidence required by assessment.

Note: Latest news from ***Architect's Journal* (AJ)** is available via the Construction Information Service and allows you to keep up to date with the voice of architecture in Britain, including:

- **Carmody Groarke's Design Museum Gent opens to the public.**

Autodesk and CIOB map the digital construction journey

Autodesk and the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) have prepared an infographic to help construction businesses visualise their position on the digital journey.

Access more information, view the infographic and read the article, entitled 'Autodesk and CIOB map the digital construction journey' in full.

Access further information from CIOB 'Digital Construction'

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- Digital technologies are now an integral part of our built environment. The choice is not when or if built assets will use technology, but rather how much will be used.

Information Management Initiative (IMI) Framework

The Information Management Initiative Framework is brought to you by BSI and nima, and is cited in key policy documentation such as the

- ***Construction Playbook***,
- ***Trust and Productivity***, and the
- ***TIP Roadmap to 2030***.

Access **Information Management Initiative Framework** where you will find the IMI Framework, the standards, guidance and resources which support you in fulfilling your **information management initiative (IMI) obligations**. In addition, **access IMI Framework resources**.

Latest: CIOB Digital Construction - News and Projects

NOTE: BIM Plus **becomes CM Digital**

LATEST CM Digital [October 2026] –

University of Cambridge Laing O'Rourke Centre launches universal productivity measurement framework

- The University of Cambridge Laing O'Rourke Centre has developed a framework for productivity measurement, designed to help businesses unlock the value of their existing data and use it systematically to understand how projects are delivered and where productivity can be improved.

The framework, knows as the Cambridge Framework for Construction Productivity (shortened to 'the Cambridge Framework'), provides a structure to consistently measure productivity at different levels of granularity with a project. It illustrates how commonly available project data, such as

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programmes, BIM models, progress records, labour and blocker logs can be structured and integrated to support meaningful analysis.

The two main phases when the framework can be applied are during project delivery, and bidding and project planning.

This article then covers: Future applications, and Asset owners must adopt the framework.

Download the framework document

Gain access to further information and full access to the article by Stanton J (2026), entitled, **'University of Cambridge Laing O'Rourke Centre launches universal productivity measurement framework'**, 1 October, **CIOB CM Digital Construction.**

Other CM Digital (formerly **BIM**PLUS**) articles, projects and case studies include:**

- **While you're chasing AI, procurement is draining your margin**
  Gain access to further information and full access to the article by Shah N (2026), entitled, 'While you're chasing AI, procurement is draining your margin'**,** 4 September, CIOB CM Digital Construction.
- **How should construction professionals use AI?**
  Construction professionals should expect to challenge and verify AI outputs - and the professional institutions should develop the guardrails around the use of AI.
- **Digital twin reveals £64k of savings at Queen Margaret University**
  Gain access to further information and full access to the article by CM Digital Staff (2026), entitled, 'Digital twin reveals £64k of savings at Queen Margaret University'**,** 15 May, CIOB CM Digital Construction.
- **Learn from Heathrow's asset information challenge**
  Gain access to further information and full access to the article by Stanton J (2026), entitled, **'Learn from Heathrow's asset information challenge'**, 10 May, CIOB CM Digital Construction.

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Also:

- **Trimble announces Tekla 2026 updates** (03/26)
- **What does OS data tell us about the Warm Homes Plan challenge?** (02/26)
- **Caulmert's journey from BIM Level 2 to 19650** (08/25)
- **CLC sets out digital competencies framework** (10/25)
- **PAS 1958: have your say on how standards should fit together** (09/25)

BIM in action: 2020's top five projects (12/2020)

- Hospitals, housing, hotels: **BIM**PLUS covered case studies of BIM in action in all sorts of construction projects across the world. Given what happened in 2020, it's not surprising that three of the most read case studies focus on hospitals.

2020's top five projects (and all covered within this and previous issues of ***Knowledge Foundations***) incl.

1. Sisk reap rewards of high-tech approach at Wembley
2. Finland's Hospital Nova uses VR to involve staff in building
3. NHS Nightingale Hospital, East London – how BIM played its part
4. Mace uses AI tech on Mayfair project to meet covid-19 safety challenges.
5. AI tracks work quality at Norway's Stavenger Hospital.

Access the Chartered Institute of Building's (CIOB), Digital Construction (formerly BIM+) articles, projects, case studies and more, in full.

Latest news – 10th annual BIM report 2020 available

NBS 10th National BIM Report 2020 - It illustrates how usage and perceptions of BIM have changed since 2011, progress made as an industry, and anticipated changes in the next decade.

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Property and Construction Statistics

Latest Property and Construction Statistics: RICS Market surveys – leading indicators in the real estate industry

RICS Market surveys from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) include:

- **UK Residential Market Survey** – Used by government and key institutions, the Resi. Market Survey is a key indicator of conditions in UK residential sales and lettings.

- **Hong Kong Residential Market Survey** – The Hong Kong Residential Market Survey is a leading sentiment indicator of conditions in the Hong Kong residential sales and lettings markets.

- **UK & Global Construction Monitor** – The leading sentiment indicator of the construction markets.

- **UK Facilities Management Survey** – The UK Facilities Management survey is a quarterly indicator of activity and sentiment across the facilities management industry.

- **UK & Global Commercial Property Monitors** – The global commercial property monitors are leading indicators of conditions in commercial property occupier and investor markets around the world.

- **UK Economy and Property Market Update** – The Economy and Property Market Update is a new quarterly assessment of key macro, real estate and construction trends.

- **Market Surveys and Economic Analysis** – Used by governments, central banks, investors and other key stakeholders across the built environment, RICS market surveys provide a source of market intelligence.

Note: RICS Artificial Intelligence in Construction report '25

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Latest: Market Surveys - RICS [October 2026]

- Input from RICS Professionals ensure RICS surveys are leading indicators in the real estate industry.

UK Economy and Property Market Update, August 2026
- Flat picture in construction and real estate activity as uncertainty persists.

Summary: From now, the Bank of England remains on hold regarding interest rates despite the divisions on the Monetary Policy Committee. The fact that the latest round of analysis from the Bank shows inflation still on course to return to the 2% target over the forecast horizon provides some basis for encouragement. That said, the combination of geopolitical uncertainty, domestic political change and the elevated cost of borrowing is weighing on construction sentiment and impacting the level of transaction activity in both the commercial and residential real estate markets.

Construction Sector

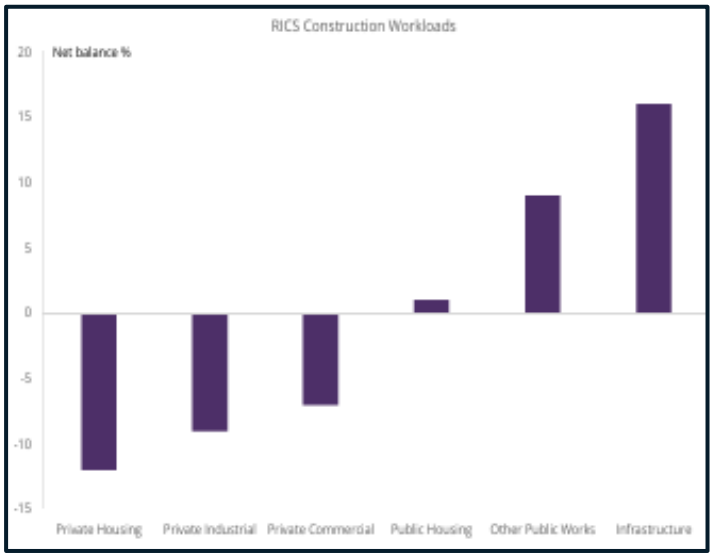
Official data shows construction output is currently tracking around two per cent down than a year ago. While we and many others have cautioned about placing too much weight on the ONS numbers, the latest RICS sentiment data points a not dissimilar picture. Q2 workloads were marginally negative compared with the preceding period with a net balance reading of -4% (this is the share of respondents reporting a drop in activity as against through indicating a rise when set against Q1).

Chart 10 disaggregates the headline RICS workloads data looking at the feedback at a sector level, again in net balance terms. What is particularly striking is the divergence between the private and public sector with the readings for the former negative in all three sub-components.

Note: Previous quarters have been covered extensively within *Knowledge Foundations.*

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Chart 10: RICS construction workload indicators highlight a striking divergence between the public and private sectors.



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Source: RICS Economics Research: *RICS UK Economy and Property Market Update* (August 2026), London: RICS, p5 - Chart 10.

Read the full piece of research 'RICS UK Economy and Property Market Update', August 2026

Also:
UK Economy and Property Market Chart Book, Q4 2020
- Output is likely to drop again the last quarter of the year (see publication date).

UK Residential Market Survey: August 2026
- Sales market indicators to edge up from recent lows although interest rate uncertainty remains a significant headwind.

- New buyer enquiries and agreed sales net balances turn less negative, but remain relatively weak;
- Aggregate house prices continue to drift slightly lower, although downward momentum appears to be moderating;
- Sentiment toward the near-term sales outlook stabilises, while expectations for the next twelve months remain marginally positive.

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The August 2026 *RICS Residential Market Survey* results continue to portray a relatively challenging backdrop, with activity indicators still in negative territory, albeit gradually moving off the lows recorded earlier in the year (see publication date). At the same time, the macroeconomic environment remains difficult, with recent changes in interest rate expectations likely to prove unhelpful for any budding recovery across the sales market. Nevertheless, forward-looking sentiment points to a more stable picture emerging for activity in the near term, while respondents foresee a slight improvement in sales volumes over the year ahead.

Read the latest RICS UK Residential Market Survey: August 2026 in full.

RICS - SPACIOUS 千居 Hong Kong Residential Monitor / Market Survey: August 2026

- Buyer demand sees renewed momentum while the rental sector tightens further.

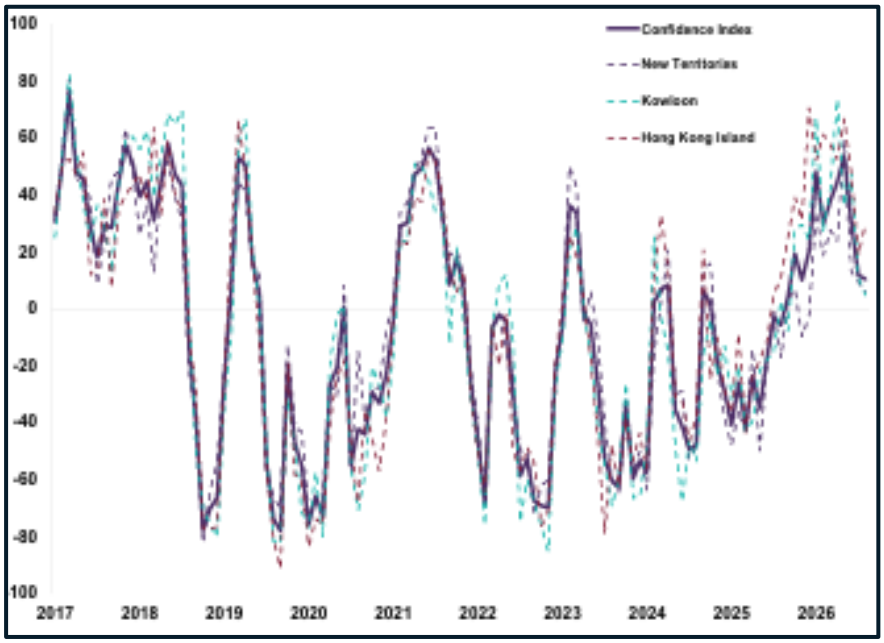
- Buyer demand accelerates across all buyer segments compared to last month,
- House prices continue to rise, with the upward trend persistent across all regions, and
- Growth in tenant demand outstripping supply, driving rental price expectations higher.

The August 2026 edition of *RICS-Spacious Hong Kong Residential Property Monitor* points to relatively strong market conditions, although forward-looking sentiment continues to moderate from the elevated levels seen earlier in the year (see publication date). Reflecting this positive yet cooling trend, the Confidence Index (Chart 1) eased to +10, down slightly from +12 in July and notably below the May peak of +54. **Also:**

- Strong buyer demand reported in August;
- House prices continue to rise firmly; and
- Rental growth accelerates amid surging tenant demand.

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Chart 1: Confidence Index*:



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Source: RICS Economics Research: *RICS Hong Kong Residential Monitor – August 2026*, London: RICS, p1 - Chart 1.

***** The Confidence Index is a composite measure capturing overall market momentum, encompassing variables on short-term price and sales expectations.

Read the latest RICS HK Residential Monitor: August 2026 in full.

- *RICS-Spacious HK Residential Monitor* is a monthly guide to the trends in HK's housing market. The report is available from the **RICS website** along with other surveys covering global housing, commercial and land markets, as well as construction industry.

Global Commercial Property Monitor (GCPM), Q2 2026

- Headline sentiment improves slightly as headwinds fade during Q2, although the geopolitical backdrop remain particularly turbulent.

- Headline Commercial Property Sentiment index edges up marginally, although geopolitical risks remain pronounced and continue to cause uncertainty,
- Notable rotation at the country level, with parts of the Middle East that had been buoyant in recent years

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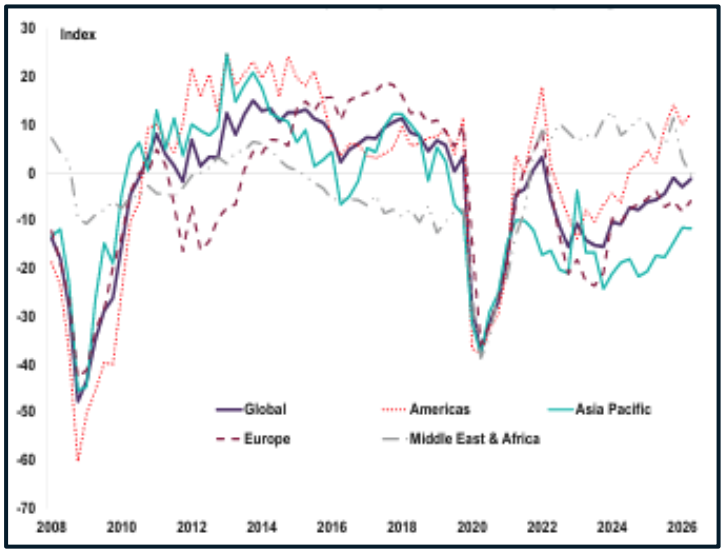
moderating,

- Changes in credit conditions uneven across markets, although some nations see partial recovery.

Regional aggregates: Americas strengthens while MEA moderates

Chart 1 tracks headline CPSI (Commercial Property Sentiment Indices) across the four broad regions covered by the survey. The Americas continues to lead, with the reading strengthening to +12 in Q2 from +10 in Q1 (as mentioned in previous issues of *Knowledge Foundations*), extending the run of positive momentum seen over the past two years. The United States, which anchors the Americas reading, saw its CPSI rise to +13 (from +10), while Canada moved into marginally positive territory at +3 (from -1).

Chart 1: Commercial Property Sentiment by Region



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Source(s): RICS Economics Research: RICS Global Commercial Property Monitors, Q1 2026, London: RICS, p1 – Commercial Property Sentiment by Region

Read the latest RICS Global Commercial Property Monitor, Q2 2026 in full.

Latest Statistics from the Office for National Statistics (ONS)

UK economy latest – A roundup of the latest data and analysis on the UK economy, business and jobs.

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Construction Industry highlights

Construction Industry highlights include –

Construction output in Great Britain: July 2026
-Short-term measures of output by the construction industry in July 2026

What's covered in the latest bulletin?
- Total construction output is estimated to have grown by 0.5% in the three months to July 2026; this follows four consecutive increases in the three-monthly series, with strong growth seen in the three months to April and May, of 1.3% and 1.5%, respectively.
- Over the three-month period, both new work, and repair and maintenance, fell, by 0.4% and 0.7%, respectively.
- At the sector level, six out of the nine sectors fell In the three months to July 2026; the main sectors fell In the three months to July 2026; the main negative contribution to the decrease was private housing repair and maintenance, which fell by 1.7%.

Read the full statistical bulletin, 'Construction output in Great Britain: July'.

Also:

Construction statistics, Great Britain: 2021 - Statistics on the construction industry. including the value of output, new orders by sector, number of firms, and more.

GOV.UK, National Statistics - UK House Price Index: reports [Last updated September '26]

- The **UK House Price Index** (UK HPI) is a National Statistic. The UK HPI captures changes in the value of residential properties and uses sales data collected on residential housing transactions, whether for case or with a mortgage.

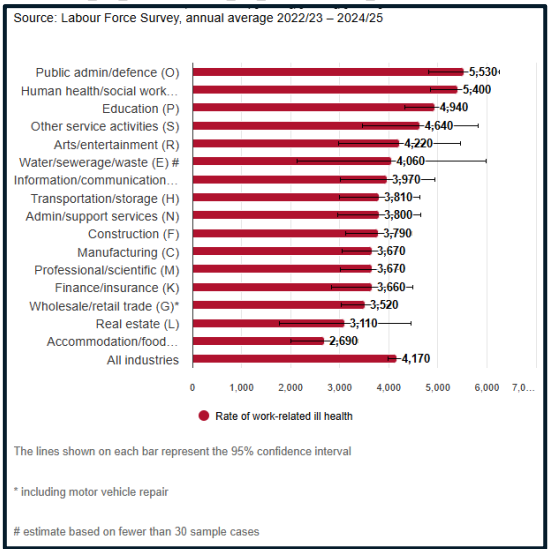
Read the GOV.UK, National Statistics: 'HPI reports,' in full.

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Latest Statistics from HSE – Health and Safety Executive

Latest Key figures for Great Britain (2024/25)

In 2024/25 an estimated 1.9 million workers were suffering from an illness they believed was caused or made worse by their work and 680,000 workers sustained 604,000 workers sustained (N.B. **604,000** in **2024/25**) a non-fatal injury at work [Source: Self-reports from the Labour Force Survey]. However, the risk of injury and work-related ill health varies across industry, being more likely in some industries than others. The chart shows how the overall **rates** of self-reported work-related ill health and workplace injury vary between industry groups. While the chart shows the overall picture for each industry group, this may be masking differences at more detailed levels. From the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), '**Self-reported work-related ill health**', and covering '**Construction**': **Rate of self-reported work-related health by industry for people working in the last 12 months (per 100,000 workers) [Note 1], [Note 2], [Note 3]**



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Note 1: Industry groupings based on the section level of the 2007 Standard Industrial Classification (SIC), **Note 2:** Restricted to injuries/ill health in current or most recent job. **Note 3**: These estimates are based on results from a survey and are subject to sampling error.

Source: HSE (2026) 'Self-reported work-related ill health', Bootle: HSE [online]. Available at: **www.gov.uk/statistics/industry** [accessed 5 October 2026]

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Built Environment Research

Latest Policy and Research from:

1) Savills Research

- LATEST: Market Trends: Savills.com [October 2026]

In Focus: Prime Central London - 2026

-From caution to commitment.

This year (2026), prime central London is having a challenging time, but at least we have now gained a semblance of certainty. Prime Minister Andy Burnham has ruled out a land value tax until at least the next election. This should motivate some buyers to push forward with their plans rather than remain on hold.

There are now opportunities and it feels as though we may be near the bottom. Price currting remains a feature of the market as many vendors have reached an acceptance of current values, and prime central London is a buyer's market. Offering excellent value, the price sensitive domestic market is being driven by lifestyle moves as families move up and down the market, committeed to remaining in the city.

Source: Savills (2026) Publication – **'In Focus: Prime Central London - 2026'** [online], 10 September 2026.

2025 Forecasts - Global real estate investment: 2025 and beyond



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- After a sharp downturn in real estate capital markets, sentiment is starting to turn. But how quickly will recovery follow? Savills project global real estate investment will rise by 7% to US$747 billion in 2024, with further growth to US$952 billion forecast for 2025.

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The past 18 months (see publication date) has been notably quiet for global real estate capital markets. In 2023, investment fell to US$699 billion, the lowest level since 2012, with the first half of 2024 following a similar trend. Much of this downturn is due to cyclical factors, particularly a generational shift in interest rates in most major markets.

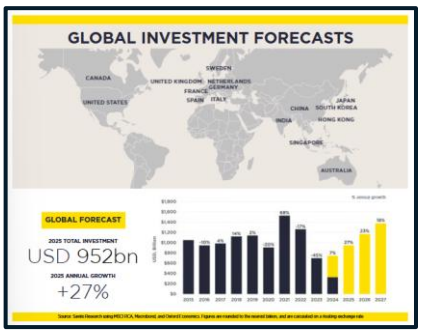
But these cyclical factors are starting to reverse. Central banks across major economies have begun to cut policy rates, fears of a global recession have largely been quelled and occupational markets remain resilient. The fundamentals of real estate **continue to attract institutional investors**.

So what do these positive signs mean for future global real estate investment?

We've already seen some early signs of this optimism coming through capital markets. Investment turnover has stabilised, with institutional investors starting to return to the market, increasing their market share to the highest level since 2021.

Savill's forecasts, which cover over 90% of the global market, expect turnover to increase by 7% by the end of 2024, reaching US$747 billion. This recovery is anticipated to gather momentum in 2025, with investment forecast to rise by 27% to US%952 billion. By 2026, global activity is expected to surpass the US$1 trillion mark for the first time since 2022.

Future global real estate investment



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Source: *Savills Research using MSCI RCA, Macrobond, and Oxford Economics.*

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Global investment throughout this article refers to investment in Australia, Canada, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, and United States. In total, this represents over 90% of global investment.

Regional investment forecasts – Much of this initial growth is supported by a recovery in Europe. With all major central banks in the region having started rate cutting cycles in the summer, commercial real estate is looking for a lot more attractive. Pricing plays a role her too – values across Europe have corrected quickly, allowing buyer expectations to be met. However, it is important to take base effects into account for context; Europe experienced the largest decline in investment in 2023.

Access further information and the article 'Global real estate investment: 2025 and beyond', in full.

Source: Rushton, C., and Salmon, O, (2024) *Global real estate investment: 2025 and beyond,* Savills [online]. Available at: **www.savills.com/impacts/market-trends/global-real-estate-investment-2025-and-beyond.html** [accessed 5 October 2026]

Also: Market Trends 2025/2026

- **Offices in equilibrium: Spotlight on London**
- **Offices in equilibrium: Spotlight on New York City**
- **Europe and Middle East investment outlook and tips**

Read Savills Investment tips and trends by region -

- **Read more EMEA tips**, ○ **Read more Asia-Pacific tips**
- **Read more North America tips**

Read Savills World cities prime residential forecasts

2) CBRE Insights and Research

The CBRE Research blog showcases a variety of informed viewpoints, spanning all major property sectors that include –

- **Offices** – Discover up to the minute and future looking trends in the Office sector for occupiers, landlords, investors and developers

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- **Retail** in detail,
- **Industrial** – CBRE 'shed' light on all things industrial,
- **Residential** – CBRE's 'house' vide on all things residential, and
- **Investment** – addressing the challenges and opportunities facing commercial real estate property investors

LATEST: **Access the CBRE website: Insights and Research**

Also: **Sustainability in real estate decision-making: views from the coal face'**

CBRE **UK Real Estate Market Outlook Mid 2026** and **European Real Estate Market Outlook 2026**

Other commercial real estate market reports

Carter Jones - **Commercial Market outlook 2026**

JLL - **Trends and Insights** **incl.** **Global Real Estate Outlook 2026** and **Property Perspectives 2025**

Knight Frank - **The Key Trends Shaping Commercial Real Estate in 2025** and **Knight Frank Research Report Library**

Lambert Smith Hampton - **Commercial Property Research & News** **Note:** Select Solutions: Property Investment for latest reports.

Note: Further reports are available via: **VLE e-Library › Section 5 ›** **INFABODE** – the daily resource for Real Estate professionals.

Built Environment Research continued –

3) Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) –

- Inspiring Social Change: The Joseph Rowntree Foundation is an independent social change organisation working to solve UK poverty.

UK Poverty 2025: The essential guide to understanding poverty in the UK

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- This report sets out the nature of poverty in the UK in the run-up to 2024's General Election. It also sets out the scale of action necessary for the Government to deliver the change it has promised.

This is the first UK Poverty report to be released under the new Labour Government. Much of the latest data on which this report is based ends before the election. However, using JRF's cost of living tracker, we see the unacceptably high levels of poverty we referred to in last year's report persist, with economic security out of reach for millions of people. This is an urgent problem that the new Government needs to address. There were some helpful pledges in its manifesto on child poverty and ending the need for emegency food parcels, but much more will be needed if they are to be successful in 'Driving down poverty in every part of the country.'

Access the JRF(2025) 'UK Povery 2025', in full.

Also gain access to the following free downloads that include:
Research Findings and Related Links surrounding:

- **Community and place**
  - **Climate change**,
  - **Housing**,
  - **Imagination infrastructures**,
  - **Neighbourhoods and communities**,
  - **Race and ethnicity**
- **Changing society**
  - **AI for public good**,
  - **Narrative change**,
- **Living Standards**
  - **Cost of Living**,
- **People**
  - **Child poverty**, and
  - **UK Poverty.**

JRF (2022) *UK Poverty 2022: The essential guide to understanding poverty in the UK* (3.71 MB).

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Read the JRF report entitled, 'UK Poverty 2020/21' in full

Read the article 'UK Poverty 2019/20 Housing' in full

UK Poverty Statistics from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation - The latest UK poverty data, statistics and analysis from JRF's Analysis Unit. This **online toolkit** can be used to find information about poverty rates and related issues in the United Kingdom.

JRF Spring Budget 2021 analysis

JRF Analysis of the 2020 Spending Review

4) The Smith Institute

- The Smith Institute is a leading independent 'think tank' which promotes progressive policies for a fairer society. They provide a high-level forum for new thinking and debate on public policy and politics. Through research, reports, briefings, monographs, events, lecturers, education, and their website, the Institute offers a platform for thought leadership on a wide range of topics.

Making retirement living affordable: the tole of shared ownership for older people
APPG on Housing and Care for Older People (2023)

The Smith Institute supported the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Housing and Care for Older People inquiry and report into the role of shared ownership housing for older people.

The report from the Inquiry Panel highlights and evaluates the key issues concerning the development of the market for shared ownership for older people, with particular regard to the government's current Older People's Shared Ownership (OPSO) scheme. It then, in respective sections on the key issues, comments on the current situation and set out recommendations for improving the offer and supporting the growth of the sector.

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Read the full piece of research, 'Making retirement living affordable: the role of shared ownership housing for older people.'

Temporary accommodation at crisis point: Frontline perspectives from London and Greater Manchester
Farrelly, M., and Hackett, P, The Smith Institute (2022)

- This report examines statutory homelessness and temporary accommodation (TA) in London and Greater Manchester.

It is a public policy facing report to shed light on what is currently happening with the supply and demand of TA and to open up a wider discussion around what can be done to improve the situation going forward. It is not intended as an academic or technical comparative analysis of the different boroughs homelessness activities.

The findings and evaluations are based on extensive desk research and one to one interviews with housing officers and other housing professionals, housing providers, investors, politicians, experts, homelessness charities and campaigners. We also hosted two virtual roundtable discussions in the Spring of 2022 on Greater Manchester, chaired by Paul Dennett, Salford City Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Greater Manchester, and on London, chaired by Tom Copley, London Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development.

Where relevant we have highlighted what specific boroughs are doing and have included examples of best practie and new ideas
and approaches. We have laced the report with anonymised quotes from the interviews and made reference to the work of the GLA, London Councils, GMCA and other relevant organisations. We have evaluated the data and opinions and on the basis of what we've offered a series of talking points and policy recommendations. The concept of a TA system as used in this report

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combines the boroughs' statutory duties under the Homelessness Reduction Act (2017) and their responsibilities under relevant housing legislation and regulations.

The report covers the GLA and the 32 Greater London boroughs and the GMCA and its boroughs (Bolton, Bury, City of Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford, Wigan). The data was drawn mainly from DLUHC, GLA, GMCA and other official statistics, as well as information collated by the boroughs, housing charities and professional bodies.

Read the full piece of research, 'Temporary accommodation at crisis point: Frontline perspectives from London and Greater Manchester.'

Other Publications – The Smith Institute

- **Housing allocations and the vacancy chain: how coordinating chains can better meet housing needs and tenant choice**

- A Just Transition: Ensuring responsible investment for a just transition to net zero.

- The Living Wage Dividend: maximising the local economic benefits of paying a living wage.'

- Planning for the recovery and the shift towards homeworking: implications for poverty in outer London.

- A National Housing Conversion Fund: buying properties to boost affordable housing supply.
- Falling behind: The impact of Universal Credit on rent arrears for council tenants in London.

- Making Housing Affordable after Covid-19: A follow up report from the Affordable Housing Commission.

- Making Housing Affordable Again: Rebalancing the Nation's Housing System: The final report of the Affordable Housing Commission.

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5) CABE – Chartered Institute of Building Engineers

Latest news: Fire Safety Act and Regulations

- **Changes to Building Regulations for fire safety in specific types of buildings**
  - On 1 June 2022, the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DHLUHC) announced the outcome of its consultation on extending controls on use of combustible materials, and additional fire safety measures in higher risk buildings. These will come into force on 1 December 2022.
    - **Further information on the Changes to the Building Regulations** and
    - **More details can be found in the Amendment Document issued by DLUHC**

- **Coming into force of Schedule 1 of the Fire Safety Act relating to Fire Risk Assessments**
  - The Fire Safety Act 2021 will come into force in 2023, but ahead of this Section 1 – Premises to which the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order (FSO) applies and Section 3 – Risk-based guidance about the discharge of duties under the FSO of the Act commenced on 16 May 2022.
    - **Fire Safety Act Commencement Prioritisation Advice**
    - **Information on commencement of Section 1 and 3 of the Fire Safety Act**
    - **Fire Risk Assessment Prioritisation Tool**

Key publications from CABE

Setting the Bar – a blueprint to improve competence for those working on higher risk buildings and drive culture change has been set out by a cross-industry group representing more than 150 organisations, including CABE, in the fire and built environment industries. **Access *Setting the Bar* – Final Report**

Also: **Access *Safer people, safer homes: Building Safety Management***

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Access the Chartered Association of Building Engineers for further information. and **Access *Building Engineer* website**

6) RICS – Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

- RICS recognise the huge importance of property, land, construction and the built environment. Through their market surveys and research, they aim to advance the thinking of the profession and raise the profile of the industry.

Note: Latest research published by RICS is covered earlier within *Knowledge Foundations* and under **Other News** > **RICS Market Surveys**.

As of **October 2026**, the **latest news & insights** include:

- **News, Insights & Opinion –**
  - **RICS and CIWEM announce collaboration to strengthen property flood resilience (10/26)**
  - **Building Safety Act FAQs (09/26)**
  - **Engaging the next generation of surveyors through TikTok (09/26)**
  - **Supporting lifelong learning through high quality, industry aligned training programmes (05/26)**,
  - **Planning and Infrastructure Act secures Royal Assent (12/25)**, and
- **Digital Transformation / Tech Partner Programme –**
  - **AI-generated surveying websites (09/26)**
    Related link - RICS launches landmark global standard on responsible use of AI in surveying (9/25)
- **Fire Safety – LATEST Fire Safety guidance (08/26)**
  - **Cladding External Wall System (EWS) FAQs**
  - **RICS Fire Safety Hub** – read the latest guidance and development in the area of fire safety,
- **Also: The future of BIM –** An overview of what BIM is and how it is evolving.

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7) CIOB – Chartered Institute of Building

The quality of the built environment effects every member of society. As a professional body that represents the leaders and managers who work at every stage of the lifecycle of a construction project, The CIOB seek to influence government, industry and other stakeholders around the world with the aim of promoting the construction management discipline and addressing the challenges that the sector faces.

LATEST - NEW **CIOB Client Guide, 2nd edition**, with Christine Gausden RD FCIOB, UBE Academic Delivery Manager L7 and Programme Leader for MSc Construction Management, acknowledged for her dedication and technical expertise in reviewing this work.

As of **October 2026**, the latest CIOB Policy and **Research** incl.

Future of Construction

Latest Research: **Attitudes Towards Construction Careers** – The second edition of the CIOB's research investigating attitudes, perceptions, and views towards construction careers in 2026 (03/26), Skills Gaps - **1st edition** (03/25).

- **The SME State of Trade Survey, July to December** (**03/26**), January to June 2025 (09/25)
- Capacity Constraints in construction: rethinking the business environment (10/25)
- *CIOB Artificial Intelligence (AI) Playbook 2024* (06/24)

Quality

- Research: New-build housing – how regulation can improve the consumer journal (12/23)

Environmental sustainability

- **Latest research:** *Building Adaptably: How the construction sector can future proof Irish Cities* **(11/25)**

Ethics research

- *Understanding Mental Health in the Built Environment 2025* (05/25) and *The State of Well-being in the Construction Industry.*

Access the Chartered Institute of Building's Policy and Research website

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8) House of Commons Library, 9) the House of Lords Library and 10) the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST)

About the House of Commons Library - The House of Commons Library is a research and information service based in the UK Parliament. Their impartial analysis, statistical research and resources help MPs, and their staff scrutinise legislation, develop policy, and support constituents.

Watch this quick video to find out how the House of Commons Library works
Source: UK Parliament (2020) 'How the House of Commons Library works', YouTube [video]. Available at: youtube.com.

As of November 2022, the House of Commons Library updated their website that is now broken down into the following sections or subject areas:

Economy, Business and Transport – Research on the economy, business transrpot and work and incomes. Also includes Economic Indicators and monthly economics updates.

Home Affairs incl. Research on communities, crime, family & civil law, justice, immigration, security, and culture, media & sport,

Parliament & Elections that include devolution, elections, government, parliament, and local government,

Science, Environment and Technology that include **Energy**, **Environment**, **Climate Change**, Sciences, **Local Data**

Social Policy that include **Education**, Families & Social Services, Health, **Housing & Planning**, and Welfare & Pensions,

World Affairs that is broken down into Africa, Americas, Asia Pacific, Defence, Europe, Institutions, and Middle East, and more.

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Latest: House of Commons Library

The good information toolkit [online] - Helping parliament get the facts, avoid misinformation and find accurate and reliable sources.

Also: As of **October 2026**, gain access to the latest House of Commons Library, **Research publications** incl. Research for Commons business.

Review House of Commons Library, Research for this week
As of **October 2026** the latest **House of Commons Research:**

Under '**Education'** and within 'Social policy,' the top research briefings incl.

1. **Student numbers: In short -** The UK student population has grown substantially since the mid-1990s. However, in recent years there has been downturn, partly due to new visa rules for overseas students.
2. **Higher education finances and funding in England -** This briefing covers how higher education is funded, concerns about providers' financial stability, alternative funding models, and international comparisons.
3. **Student loans: Interest rates and repayment thresholds FAQs –** Find out the answers to some commonly asked questions about student loans, interest rates, and repayment thresholds in the UK.

Under '**Housing and Planning'** and within 'Social policy,' the top research briefings incl.

1. Housing market: Economic indicators,
2. Renters' reform in England: What's happening and When?
3. Overview of the planning system (England),
4. Building safety remediation of residential buildings
5. Green Belt, and
6. Who regulates estate agents?

Under '**Energy,' 'Environment**' and '**Climate change**,' and within 'Science, Environment and Technology' include:

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1. Ownership of the water sector, Economic regulation of the water industry, and Water reform: "A new vision for water",
2. High cost of living: Impact on households,
3. Droughts in England, and
4. The UK's plans and progress to reach net zero by 2050,

House of Commons Library search on '**construction industry**' identifies 18 key documents, that incl. 'Taxation in the construction industry', 'CITB – Construction Industry Training Board Levy', and '**The construction industry: statistics and policy, Dec. 2019' -**

Abstract: Construction industry – employment, new orders, output. **Construction 2025**, **The Farmer Review** and the **Construction Sector Deal** (part of the government's **Industrial Strategy**).

Key statistics – In 2018, the construction industry contributed £117 billion to the UK economy, 6% of the total.

Economic output in 2018 was slightly down on 2017, the first fall since 2013.

There are 2.4 million construction industry jobs in the UK in Q2 2019, 6.6% of all jobs. There are more constructions jobs now than at any time since 2007, although throughout this period, roughly the same proportion of jobs have been in construction.

The construction industry is unusual because of the high proportion of self-employment in the sector – 36% in Q2 2019, compared to the average for the whole economy of 13%.

New orders to the construction industry were worth £61.7 billion in 2017. This is 13% down in 2017, the first fall since 2011. New housing orders accounted for 35% of all construction orders, commercial orders accounted for 25% and infrastructure orders accounted for 19%.

Access and download the full report, 'Construction industry: statistics and policy

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Built Environment Industry Journal titles reviewed by the University of the Built Environment e-Library

MODUS

MODUS - the RICS magazine that brings you the latest news and views, expert advice and in-depth features spanning the breadth of the surveying profession around the world.

In the latest digital ***MODUS*** (**October 2026**),

'David Farrington MRICS: a friend to friendless churches' - *Modus* gets a tour of two rural Welsh churches to find out more about a career in conservation surveying and what we risk losing when a place of worship closes.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Building conversation; Building surveying; Dilapidations; Heritage and conservation; Maintenance and repair; and Rural.

Latest articles within *Modus*:

- 'Boddingtons Brewery: a blueprint for affordable housing?' – A once-derelict site in Manchester in showing it's possible to create large numbers of affordable city centre homes using public-private partnership.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Cities and Placemaking; Economics; Housing; Property finance and investment; Quantity surveying and construction; and Residential.

- 'The professional ethics of AI in surveying' – AI can process the data, but the professional judgement and the accountability for it stays with the chartered surveyor.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Building surveying; Ethical practice; Project management; Quantity surveying and construction; RICS standards and guidance; and Technology.

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Also:

- **'How do we achieve work-life balance in surveying?' -** Anyone can fall foul of overworking, stress and even burnout if they don't make the right choices, supported by their employer.

- 'Raze or retrofit? Brutalism on the brink' – Five Brutalist buildings from around the world have been recently saved or marked for demolition.

- 'Can surveying SMEs unleash the potential of AI?' - For smaller companies, AI could be an extra pair of hands that allows them to compete with much larger rivals. But there are pitfalls to be wary of…

- 'The first edition of the Red Book' – It's the 50th anniversary of Red Book Global Standards, that became better known as the Red Book.

- **'Planning the city at pedal level'** - Nearly 9m Santander Cycle hires and a year of collision records, mapped: what London's busiest docks, riskiest junctions and strangest journeys tell us about how the city should be designed.

The most shared articles on Modus (in 2024). – A 466-mile cable between the UK and Germany will be capable of transferring 1.4GW between the two nations, but securing permissions for the route is a big challenge.

What were the most-read Modus articles of 2024? – As another eventful year in the built environment draws to a close, *Modus* brings a roundup of the most popular features RICS published in the last 12 months.

- This year *Modus* has covered topics spanning the built and natural environment, ranging from staircase design to spaceport construction and even surveying shipwrecks.

1. How much are you paid – and should you get more?
2. Sphere, Las Vegas: how green is that screen?,
3. Building Everton's new stadium: 'the people's project,'

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4. Boring tunnels: the Las Vegas loop,
5. How Luton Town revamped its stadium in just three months,
6. Could filling empty homes solve the housing crisis?,
7. Stephen Radford MRICS: the pub surveyor,
8. Why AssocRICS paves the way for a career in surveying,
9. Could 3D printed houses transform the built environment?, and
10. Preserving a national treasure: the Royal Albert Hall.

And as a comparison …

What were the most popular stories of 2023 on *Modus*? – Topics related to climate change and architecture have it into our top 10 most-read articles in 2023.

The Top ten most read articles include the following:

1. Which real estate sector pays the most?,
2. Future-proof: retrofitting commercial property,
3. Brutal or beautiful? The Barbican Estate,
4. Alexandra Revell MRICS: renovating the Royal Albert Hall,
5. At your convenience: the importance of good toilets,
6. From soldier to surveyor,
7. Alan Bainbridge FRICS: transforming the BBC's estate,
8. Buildings that elevated cities: The Shard, London,
9. What are the most important features of office design?, and
10. How to ensure biodiversity net gain in developments.

Subject Terms/Keywords: Commercial property; Commercial valuation; Corporate real estate; Economics; Residential; and Sustainability, and more.

Please note: In addition to *MODUS*, RICS publishes other journals that are free to view online incl.

1. ***Construction Journal*** - The journal helps **quantity surveyors** and project managers with the technical and professional aspects of their day jobs and keep up to date with developments and practical matters in the profession. It covers topics including contracts, cost

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management, procurement, construction law and regulations, communications, and project management skills.

2. ***Built Environment Journal*** (Incl. Building Surveying, Building Conservation, and Building Control) - Coverage keeps practitioners in the disciplines of building surveying, building control, and building conservation up to date on the latest developments, products, standards, and guidance.
3. ***Land Journal*** - The journal emphasises the crossovers in these practice areas and their global nature, with articles contributed by experts from all over the
4. ***Property Journal*** - The journal contains high-quality technical material in clearly defined sections, as well as some material that crosses professional groups to reach a wider audience.

Further information can be accessed via the RICS Website, Home > **News & Insights** > **RICS Publications** [online].

The Heritage Alliance's (HA) ***Heritage Update***, the latest edition, **October 2026 - Issue 578** focusing on –

National museums to remain free for overseas visitors; Funding boost to bring empty high street buildings back into use; and **Historic England publishes findings from ACH Taxonomies Project**.

Also: Engaging Digital Audiences, available on the **HA project portal** - access webinars on diversifying digital audiences, how to plan great webinars, how to use exceptions to copyright in your digital activities & how to encourage your audience to create user-generated content.

Institute of Workplace and Facilities Management (IWFM)
***Facilitate*, (Sept/Oct 2026)** - The latest edition of *Facilitate* has a particular focus on IWFM's Strategic Leaders Forum, the edition examines the opportunities and challenges facing FM leaders, including developing the next generation of talent, demonstrating FM's value and impact.

Read more related articles on the **IWFM Insight webpage**.

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Construction Management (CM) and ***Global Construction Review*** (GCR) are magazines of the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB). **Note:** Latest articles from both journals are covered earlier within this issue of *Knowledge Foundations.*

Subscriptions available via the VLE e-Library include:

- The University of the Built Environment's e-Library is accessible via the secure library section of the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). The library contains access to academic journals (via for example, Taylor and Francis Online, Emerald Publishing, Henry Stewart Publications and others), books and industry specialist resources via OpenAthens Authentication. In addition, the library provides access to University-specific material (dissertation library, study material library, our research and publications, and helpful web links) and real estate and construction-specific resources through vendor-specific gateways including RICS isurv, BCIS, BSRIA, CIOB, and **CIS – The Construction Information Service.**

Note: Further information is provided within the university's e-Library Portrait later in this publication.

Construction Information Service (CIS) *Insight 2026.* The Latest Edition **[October 2026]** focuses on – **NBS Guide: A specifier's guide to BREEAM New Construction V7** and covers: ▪ BREEAM New Construction V7 places an increased focus on whole-life carbon; ▪ Created by NBS In collaboration with BRE, providing a practical Introduction; and ▪ The important role specification plays in capturing the information and evidence required for assessment.

- A review of the BREEAM New Construction version 7, summarising the main assessment aspects and exploring the role specification plays in making compliant submissions for environmental assessment schemes.

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research across all disciplines. **Note:** University of the Built Environment subscribes to the entire 'Geography, Planning, Urban and Environment' collection and three key individual scholarly titles that include

1) *Construction Management and Economics,*
2) *Building Research and Information,* and
3) *Journal of Property Research.*

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Note: University of the Built Environment subscribes to the entire 'Business Management' collection including some key individual scholarly titles for

Marketing include-

1) *Journal of Digital & Social Media Marketing,* and
2) *Journal of Brand Strategy.*

Finance include-

3) *Journal of Business Continuity & Emergency Planning,* and
4) *Journal of Data Protection & Privacy.*

Digital including-

5) *Cyber Security: A Peer-Reviewed Journals,*
6) *Journal of AI, Robotics & Workplace Automation,* and
7) ***Advances in Online Education: A Peer-Reviewed Journal***

Real Estate / Property include-

8) ***Building Survey, Appraisal and Valuation,***
9) ***Journal of Urban Regeneration & Renewal,*** and
10) ***Corporate Real Estate***

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Advances in Online Education: A Peer-Reviewed Journal is a peer-reviewed title with an interdisciplinary approach, publishing best practice articles as well as theoretical and applied research and analysis, covering developments in virtual, distance, online, blended and e-learning in a variety of technology-enhanced educational settings.

In-depth articles and case studies scheduled for the new volume, **Vol 5 (2026-2027)**, and **Vol 5, Number 1 (2026-2027)** of ***Advances in Online Education: A Peer-Reviewed Journal*** **incl.**

Vol 5, Number 1 (2026)
Online Education Papers
1. Using counterfactual explanations to enable prescriptive analytics in educational data mining projects.
2. Probability is not proof: Why AI detection differs from plagiarism detection in academic misconduct cases.
3. A comparative perspective on systems thinking skills: Evidence from business students and graduates.
4. What do students want in an online medical laboratory science degree advancement programme? A descriptive case study.
5. Teaching negotiation strategies through agent-based modelling and simulation in online education.

Also:
Vol 4(2025-26) of ***Advances in Online Education: A Peer-Reviewed Journal***
Vol 3 (2024-25) of ***Advances in Online Education: A Peer-Reviewed Journal***
Vol 2 (2023-24) of ***Advances in Online Education: A Peer-Reviewed Journal***
Vol 1 (2022-23) of ***Advances in Online Education: A Peer-Reviewed Journal***

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In-depth articles and case studies scheduled for the new volume, **Vol 16, Number 3 (2026-2027)** of

Corporate Real Estate Journal **incl.**

Vol 15, Number 3 (2025-2026)

Research Papers

1. From space to signal: How identity-driven workplaces are reshaping corporate real estate strategy.
2. The decision advantage in corporate real estate: AI and cross-functional trade-offs.
3. From fragmented systems to financial clarity: Rethinking real estate technology in a new era of accountability.
4. The collaboration conundrum: The evolution of workplace collaboration, tailored to the contexts of China, India and Southeast Asia as emerging centres of the future workplace.
5. When you can work from anywhere, why work there? Workplace governance, visually persistent culture and the reconfiguration of the post-pandemic office.
6. Opening corporate office space for social good in a context of urban scarcity.
7. Yes in my backyard: Turning NIMBYism into an opportunity.

Vol 15, Number 3 (2025-2026)

Research Papers

1. From bricks to bytes: the AI-driven future of corporate real estate management.

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Vol 14, Number 3 (2024-2025)

Book Review - *Corporate Real Estate Management*: Integrating organisational, individual, and social values and needs by Jan Gerard Hoendervanger, [*et al.*].

Also:

Vol 14 (2024-25) of ***Corporate Real Estate Journal***
Vol 13 (2023-24) of ***Corporate Real Estate Journal***
Vol 12 (2022-23) of ***Corporate Real Estate Journal***
Vol 11 (2021-22) of ***Corporate Real Estate Journal***
Vol 10 (2020-21) of ***Corporate Real Estate Journal***
Vol 10 (1) (2020-21) Special issue: COVID-19, CRE and workplace response

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Note: #OpenAccess Week

Educational Journal titles and Open Educational Resources (OERs) reviewed by UBE's e-Library

Open Praxis – peer-reviewed open access scholarly journal focusing on research and innovation in open, distance and flexible education. It is published by the **International Council for Open and Distance Education – ICDE**.

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Open Praxis



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This latest *Open Praxis* special issue **Vol 18(3)** includes nine research papers, two innovate practice articles and one book review.

Keywords: open education, distance education, e-learning, online education, quality, internationalisation, autonomy, personality traits, scale, textbook, engagement, accessibility, inclusion.

Editorial: The Algorithmic Turn in K-12 Online and Blended Learning: Is AI a Pedagogical Mirage or a New Foundation for Student Agency?

Research article(s) include:
1. 'An Accessibility-First Generative AI Chatbot to Support Inclusive MOOC Discovery and Early Onboarding.'
2. 'The Generative AI Divide on X: Themes, Frames, and Discursive Shifts In High-Visibility Posts.'
3. 'Prompts to Practice: A Pedagogical Framework for Human-Centered AI Engagement.'
4. 'Human Agency and Epistemic Authority Under Generative Artificial Intelligence.'
5. 'From One-Size Texts to Tailored Readings: Student Experiences with AI-Generated Course Materials.'
6. "GenAI' Literature Search Tools and Scholarly Diversity: An Algorithmic Ethnographical Analysis.'
7. 'From Digital Leadership to Performance Through Organisational Agility in Open Education Institutions.'
8. 'Exploring the Relationships among Interaction, Presence, and Engagement in Online Learning: A PLS-SEM Study.'
9. 'The Impact of Online Flipped Classrooms in Mathematics Education: A Quasi-Experimental Study.'

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European Journal of Open, Distance and E-Learning (EURODL), an electronic, multi-media, open access journal. It publishes the accounts of research and presents scholarly work and solid information about open, distance, online and e-learning in technology-enhanced education and training in its most inclusive definition. Published in the **Latest Issue of EURODL**, **Vol. 28 (2026): Issue S1 (January 2026),** article titles include:

- 'Massive Open Online Courses: Incentives for Enrolment and Main Factors Affecting Successful Completion.' (**01/2026**)
- 'Beyond Qualifications Frameworks: Large Language Models and the Future of Global Skills Recognition.' (**02/2026**)

Also, in EURODL – Articles by University staff, incl.

1) 'Transcript and Accessibility: Student Views from Using Webinars in Built Environment Education,' Vol 23(2), and
2) 'Massive Open Online Courses and Economic Sustainability,' by Liyanagunawardena, T.R. [et al.] UCEM, Vol 18(2). Also,
3) 'Open Badges: A Systematic Review of Peer-Reviewed Published Literature (2011 – 2015)', by Liyanagunawardena, T. R., Scalzavara, S [et al.], UCEM, Vol 20(2)

***Online Learning* Journal (OLJ)** is the official journal of the Online Learning Consortium (OLC). The **Online Learning Consortium's** premier journal is an international, open access, peer-reviewed publication that features research, reviews, and perspectives on online, blended, and digital learning. OLJ highlights scholarship that bridges pedagogy, emerging technologies, policy, and practice to support innovation and continuous improvement in online education.

Note: OLJ is indexed in the **Web of Science** (ESCI) with a **Journal Citation Indicator** of 1.32, and **Scopus** citescore of 5.7 for 2021, ranking it in the 93rd percentile of all journals in

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Education. OLJ is ranked among the top 3% of all open-access journals in the field of Education.

The OLC ***Online Learning* Journal**, latest edition,

OLJ 2026, Vol 30(SI)

Published: 2026-09-15

Introduction: Introduction to the Special Issue: Selected papers presented at recent OLC Conferences

Examples of some of the conference papers include:

1. Doing it all: Exploring roles and responsibilities of and support for online program coordinators.
2. Beyond the Thread: Reimagining Online Discussions for Authentic Learning.
3. Making Generative AI Expectations Visible: Extending the TILT Framework for Transparent Assignment.
4. The Online Learning Consortium Quality Scorecard for K12 Blended Learning.
5. Online STEM Education Before COVID-19: An Integrative Review and Thematic Framework for Higher Education.

View all issues

Examples of some of the research papers include:

1. Is open, distance, and digital education (ODDE) good for the environment? A systematic review of carbon footprint studies.
2. Exploring EFL students' use of generative AI for academic writing: An extension of the UTAUT2 model.
3. The role of schemata in the Information Systems Success Model in bridging online learning equity.

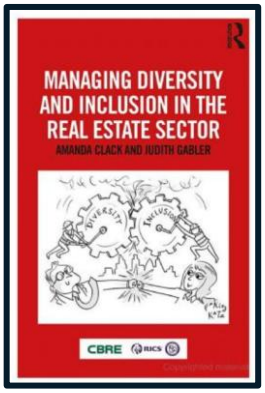
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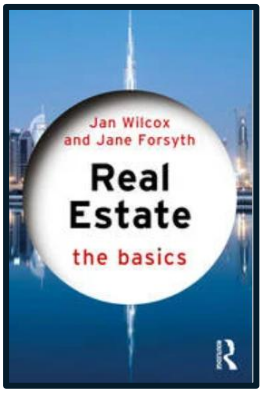
***Higher Education Pedagogies*,** an Open Access Journal. **Henry Stewart Publications**, Management e-Journal collection incl. *Journal of Education Advancement & Marketing*.

The Open Education Research Hub (OER Hub), and **The Directory of Open Access Journals** (DOAJ)

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e-Book Review





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Managing Diversity and Inclusion in the Real Estate Sector

Clack A and Gabler J (2019) *Managing diversity and inclusion in the real estate sector* [e-book], Oxon: Routledge. e-ISBN-13: 9780429428975

- *Managing diversity and inclusion in the real estate sector* is the first to place D&I at the centre of successful real estate and construction organisations. It provides guidance to, and most importantly, actions for professionals in the sector who want to make D&I an inherent part of the culture of their organisation. This book has been written to bring the sector up to speed with what D&I is all about and how a D&I strategy can be implemented to secure future success.

Real Estate: The Basics

Forsyth, J. and Wilcox, J. (2022) *Real Estate: The Basics,* Oxon: Routledge. ISBN-13: 9780367725433

- *Real Estate: The Basics* provides an easy-to-read introduction to the core concepts of the industry to students new to the subject or professionals changing direction within the sector. The book encapsulates the key 'need to know' aspects of Real Estate including the 'language' of real estate; its value and contribution to countries' GDP; its primary purpose, whether as an asset

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or as a resource; valuation concepts; asset classes; basic concepts of land law, and of landlord and tenant law; the increased role and importance of sustainability and technology; and an overview of the wide range of professionals involved in the industry.

Book of the month: Transport Planning and Traffic Engineering

O'Flaherty, C.A. (2018) *Transport Planning and Traffic Engineering,* London: Elsevier. ISBN-13: 9781136352361

Transport Planning and Traffic Engineering is a comprehensive textbook on the relevant principles and practice.

It includes sections on transport policy and planning, traffic surveys and accident investigation, road design for capacity and safety, and traffic management.

Clearly written and illustrated, the book is ideal reading for students of transport, transport planning, traffic engineering and road design. This books, written by senior academics in the field of transport, is a worthy successor to the widely acclaimed first volume.

The content has been expanded and thoroughly updated to reflect the many changes that have taken place in this topical area.

Adding some Tec-Variety: 100+ Activities for Motivating and Retaining Learners Online

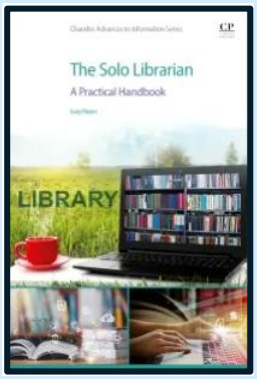
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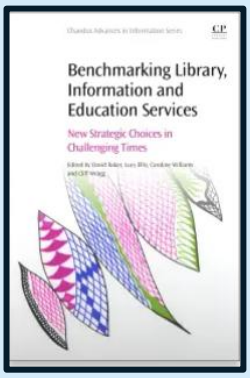
- **Access the free online book *Adding Some TEC-VARIETY*.** Please note: The authors have made an online version of this work available under a **Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial-Share-Alike 3.0 Licence**.

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The Solo Librarian: A Practical Handbook

Roper, L. (2024) *The Solo Librarian: A Practical Handbook* [print book and eBook], Cambridge MA: Chandos [online]. Further information is available at: https://shop.elsevier.com/books/the-solo-librarian/roper/978-0-443-15795-0 [accessed 5 October 2026]





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Actively diversifying the content to increase its relevance to an international audience, this practice handbook provides a single point of reference with accompanying time-saving templates that can be easily adapted to help aid the daily activities and processes often faced by those working in information, knowledge, libraries and related disciplines.

Benchmarking Library, Information, and Education Services

Roper, L. (2023) 'Benchmarking the impact, quality, and value of an academic online e-Library', in Baker, D., Ellis, L., Williams, C. and Wragg, C. (eds) *Benchmarking Library, Information, And Education Services* [print book], Cambridge MA: Chandos

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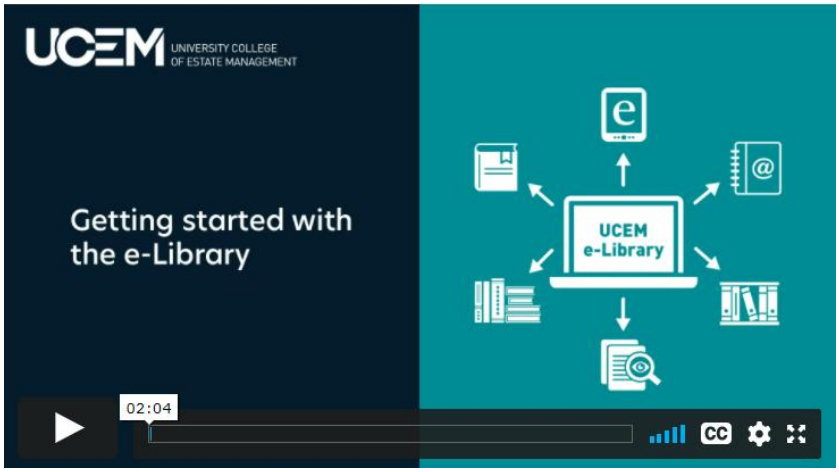
VLE e-Library Portrait

The aim of the e-Library

The aim of the e-Library is to:

- disseminate information, share good practices, and promote current awareness to assist in underpinning written work,
- add value and depth to our students' study experience, and
- support the continuing professional development of all those working and aspiring to work in the built environment.

Please note: This video was published when we were University College of Estate Management (UCEM)



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Source: UBE/UCEM (2023) *Getting started with the e-Library* [video], YouTube. Available at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=iEg8DFUFIfY&t=5s [accessed 1 June 2026].

At University of the Built Environment, we recognise that in an information-rich age and when everyone is pressed for time, it can be a challenge to find good-quality information when you need it.

Whether you are obtaining a qualification, undertaking CPD or researching a particular field, having access to a well-equipped library is essential.

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The University of the Built Environment's e-Library (accessed through the Virtual Learning Environment - VLE) is a comprehensive and valuable online resource, enabling students to access a wealth of subject-specific and credible information to support them throughout their studies and career development.

What resources are available in the University of the Built Environment's e-Library?

The e-Library is made up of eleven sections and provides students with around the clock access to online searchable databases from key industry and educational sources, thousands of journals, books, and resources, our entire collection of study materials and published work and dissertation library.

The sections that make up the University of the Built Environment's e-Library:



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Resources available within the University of the Built Environment's e-Library include - Up-to-date information and online searchable databases from –

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Key educational sources that include- Taylor and Francis Online, Ingenta Connect, Henry Stewart Publications and HS Talks, vLex | Justis, Westlaw EDGE UK, EBSCO Business Source Ultimate, Emerald Insight - access to around 2600 e-Book titles and their entire 'Property Management and the Built Environment' collection of journals, and

Industry-specific sources that include- IHS's Construction Information Service, *Estates Gazette* (EG) digital journal and EG Radius, *Property Week*, BCIS – Building Cost Information Service and RICS's ISURV online information service, NEC (New Engineering Contracts) Academia, BSRIA – Building Services Research and Information Association, and more.

Where to find help - Overwhelmed by the sheer amount of information out there?

Not only do libraries provide us with books to read, but they are valuable tools and resources. The University of the Built Environment's e-Library is continually striving for improvement and changing to meet the demands of today's technology and ever-expanding volumes of knowledge creation.

Note: The work of the University of the Built Environment's e-Library is endorsed by Emerald Publishing Ltd



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Emerald champions new ideas in advancing the research and practice of business and management, and manages a portfolio of nearly three hundred journals, including a 'Property Management and the Built Environment' collection that the University of the Built Environment subscribes to.

Emerald works in close collaboration with numerous academic (including University of the Built Environment) and corporate organisations worldwide. Emerald Publishing endorses the e-Library's tailor-made research reports – a service provided to university tutors to help supplement teaching and learning materials on subject-specific areas.

NOTE: Global academic publisher Emerald Publishing Limited has acquired **now publishers.** Founded in 2004, **now publishers** is a leading source of academic content, publishing research monographs, journals and Foundations and Trends® (FnT) with strengths in the areas of **Business, Economics, Computer Science and Engineering**. The sale comprises over 50 books, 14 peer-reviewed journals and 28 Foundations and Trends® serials.

Remember:

"A Librarian is a powerful search engine with a heart, that listens and understands the library and information requirements of others and provides a response in a format that suits their needs" says Lucy Roper, Information Governance Manager and who can be contacted on the **library@ube.ac.uk** email address

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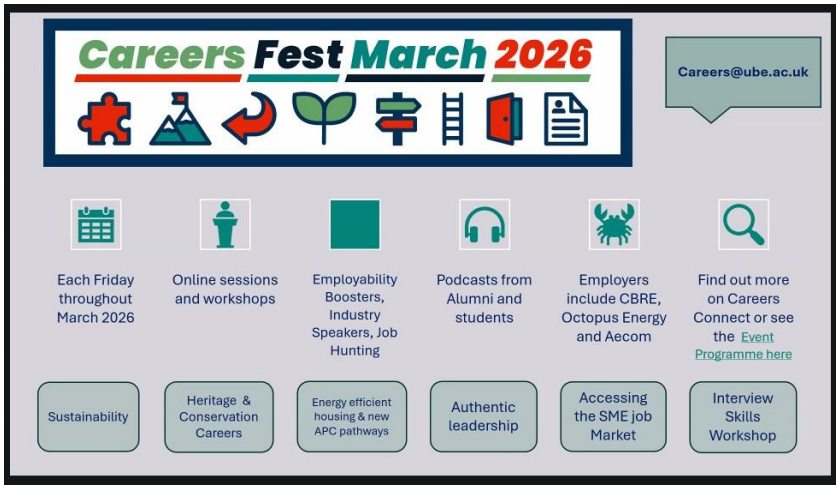
Student Career Services

University of the Built Environment Career Service

The University of the Built Environment Career Services offer careers Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) to potential, current and past students. The service is confidential, non-judgmental, and impartial. **Access and read the University Careers interactive brochure** and **Access Career Advice Services**

Careers Fest 2026

- During the month of March 2026, The University of the Built Environment annual Careers Event took place providing greater accessibility to all. It contained a month of live speakers and workshops on topics from business and finance strategy to networking and managing your social media professionally.



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Note: To gain further information, visit the **Careers Fest 2026 Brochure, and Careers Advice Service and VLE Careers Pages** via the university secure VLE.

Related link:

- **Build a better future with University of the Built Environment video(s)**

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Building Better Property Professionals

Property Elite's sole aim is to build better property professionals – supporting your career every step of the way, whether you are completing a RICS accredited degree course, your RICS Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) or simply seeking engaging Continuing Professional Development (CPD).



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Property Elite provides training and CPD services for property professionals, including students, APC candidates and corporate clients. Their Hot Topic Highlight blog posts will arm you with the information on the hottest topics – ready to tackle an important client meeting or begin revising for your RICS APC final assessment.

This month **[October 2026]** with the Learning Hub, the **Hot Topic Highlight/Blog – ADR and the Role of the Expert Witness**

If you are involved with Landlord & Tenant work, then you will no doubt have come across the role of the expert witness.

This is also essential knowledge for all RICS APC candidates in relation to the Conflict Avoidance, Management and Dispute Resolution mandatory competency.

What is covered in this blog?

• What does 'third party' mean?, • What happens when negotiations break down?, • What ADR options are available for a rent review or lease renewal?, • What is an Expert Witness?, • Is that the same as an independent expert? (No!),

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• What RICS guidance do I need to be aware of? (**Note:** The VLE e-Library provides access to all RICS guidance). Also: • Conflicts of interest, • Expert Witness reports, • Declarations, • Costs and Calderbanks, and • Expert Witness work and your RICS APC.

Access the full copy of the Property Elite Blog, further information, register for a webinar, and/or Hot Topic Highlight/Blog – 'Building a Better You'

Also – Estates Gazette article – **Sizing Up Measurement** and APC Series –

- **RICS APC Pathways, & APC Lifeline 2024 Update**
- **Rent Reviews and Calderbank Offers.**

RICS Built Environment Journal **– What to do to Achieve the Fire Safety Competency**

RICS Property Journal Article on **An A-Z of the Landlord & Tenant Act 1954 for APC',** and **An A-Z of Inclusive Environments.**

- Property Elite Hot Topic Highlight blog: A-Z of Investment Terms, and Access **Property Elite's 'Building Better Property Professionals', Learning Hub.**

Note: The author of most of these blogs, Jen Lemen-Hogarth is an Associate Lecturer – University of the Built Environment and Partner – Property Elite.

Lucy's Top Tips – If you are planning to sit your RICS APC/AssocRICS, make sure you are aware of Property Elite's APC Support services, including submission reviews, question packs, revision quizzes and e-mock interviews (available via Section 5 of the e-Library). You can also download this blog **in audio format** and listen whilst on the move. When you're done, you can request further information and a free CPD certificate.

Other related web-links

Estates Gazette regularly publishes a yearly supplement to support EG including a yearly special issue entitled '**Starting out in Real Estate**'.

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Estates Gazette:



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This publication highlights the many varied and interesting career opportunities in real estate and has a number of contributions from University of the Built Environment. It's an interesting and informative read, covering areas such as:

- **What is Real Estate?** The asset classes, sectors and careers in the industry explained
- **A Day In The Life** – EG ask 19 professionals about their roles and skill sets
- **In Conversation with..** For example, Crown Estate CEO on how young people can change the world for the better, &
- **All About Apprenticeships** – How a degree apprenticeship works and why one could be right for you.

GoConstruct.org website highlights the many career opportunities available in construction & the built environment.

TARGETjobs (incl. **Construction and Property**) include graduate career guides and directories available for you to view online and download for future reference covering: **Explore Property**, **Explore Engineering**, and **Careers Survival Pack**.

House Building Careers – Part of Home Builders Federation (HBF), here you will be able to learn about the home building industry and how it benefits you, your community, and the country as a whole.

Access to: RICS Careers – What is surveying? See how surveyors shape our communities and tackle global issues like climate change – and discover how you can improve the world around you.

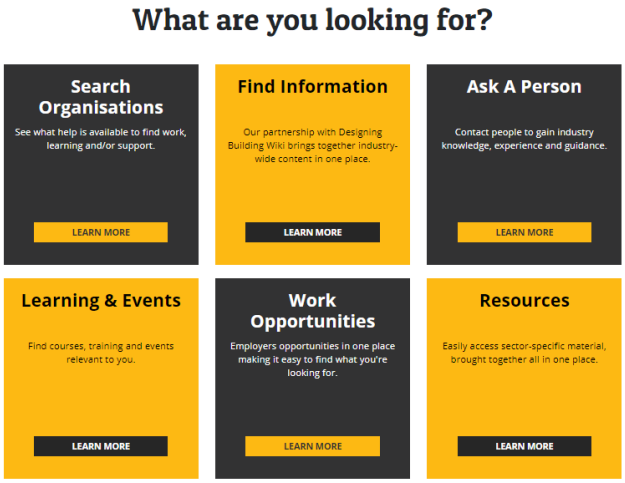
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Building People

Enabling connections for a competent, diverse, and valued built environment workforce

The aim of 'Building People' was to create a technology platform and collaborative network, which enables connections and seeks to reduce the skills shortages across the Built Environment. 'Building People,' a social enterprise that aims to connect people traditionally not involved in the Built Environment sector with employers seeking to plug the skills gap via an online platform.

People Wiki:



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People Wiki (a free, open access knowledge sharing platform for diversity and inclusion, skills and careers, and social value.) is a crucial part of Building People's ambition to create a single platform that brings together a multitude of previously fragmented information, knowledge, resources, opportunities, and needs focused on diversity and inclusion, skills and careers, and social value.

Related Link: University of the Built Environment incubated social enterprise, Building People, becomes a fully-fledged success story' - It is an exciting time for Building People as it announces its three-year plan, which focuses on five key areas:

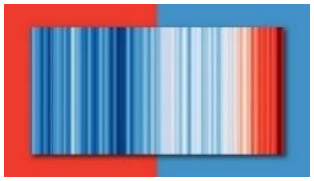
1. **Profile:** Positioning Building People as the go-to source for equality, diversity and inclusion best practice and activities, and though leadership in the built environment,
2. **Partnerships:** Delivering maximum joined-up impact through the growth and development of Building People's supply and demand networks,
3. **People:** Enabling equality of opportunity through the provision of a simpler and more supported user experience in a fragmented careers landscape,
4. **Policy:** Aligning with and supporting the achievement and enhancement of relevant national sector policy and activity, and
5. **Planning:** Establishing a secure future of Building People as a sector-backed movement for collaborative change across the built environment.

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UBE's Sustainability Hub

Sustainability supports the University of the Built Environment's vision and core purpose to provide truly accessible, relevant, and cost-effective education, enabling students to enhance careers, increase professionalism and contribute to a better sustainable built environment. **Note:** The University of the Built Environment has a Sustainability Hub within the VLE e-Library where you will find interesting resources, news, articles, projects and publications which support and information 'future skills' for sustainability within the construction, surveying, and property industries.

Climate stripes:



[Image: courtesy Ed Hawkins]

Climate stripes as shown is this image are sometimes referred to as warming stripes, or climate timelines and are data visualization graphics that use a series of coloured stripes chronologically ordered to visually portray long-term temperature trends.

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The Supply Chain Sustainability School

The Supply Chain Sustainability School represents a common approach to developing sustainability competence in the supply chain and is part of a continued commitment to lead the industry into a brighter, more sustainable future.

NOTE: University staff and students can access the Supply Chain Sustainability School

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(**Note:** University staff/students can freely register with their university email address)

UKGBC - Scaling Sustainable Solutions for the Built Environment

In 2025 UKGBC launched its Scaling Initiative, seeking to drive the adoption of sustainability solutions in the built environment. The first year of the initiative culminated in a detailed report, identifying and categorising various barriers and enablers to sustainable solutions scaling.

Access further information and the UKGBC report, 'Scaling Sustainable Solutions: Barriers & Enablers', in full.

Note: This report and further information can also be found within the VLE e-Library and Sustainability Hub.

Building Research Establishment (BRE) Sustainability

The BRE provides leading edge information and advice on all aspects of sustainable that include – Sustainable construction of buildings, Communities, Infrastructure, Sustainable organisations, Materials, products and services, Waste management, Energy management services, and Training and publications.

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Access BRE Sustainability: Practical guidance and support for delivering genuine sustainability benefits.

Building Cost Information Service (BCIS)

The BCIS has launched a free-to-access benchmark tool – **Built Environment Carbon Database (BECD)**, for infrastructure carbon assessment in the UK construction industry.

The Routledge Sustainability Hub

The Routledge Sustainability Hub is an innovative Knowledge Centre for the global sustainability community, this Hub offers a wide range of resources for everyone – whether you are a teacher, a student, a professional or a citizen of the earth curious to discover more about the many facets of sustainability.

Access the Routledge Sustainability Hub

QSAND and the Sustainability Goals

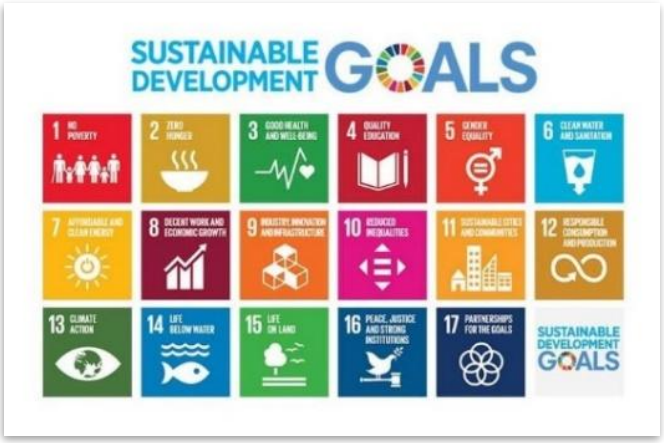
The UN Sustainable Development Agenda, adopted by world leaders in 2015, maps out a 15-year plan to fight inequality, end poverty and tackle climate change challenges. Quantifying Sustainability in the Aftermath of Natural Disasters (QSAND) is a self-assessment tool to promote sustainable approaches and contributing to aid the achievement of several of these 17 goals in disaster affected global communities:

Libraries' contribution to SDGs

Agenda Vision: Universal literacy
Goal 3: Good health and wellbeing
Goal 4: Contribution to quality education
Goal 5: Culture
Goals 5, 9, 7: ICT skills and access
Goals 8 & 10: Decent work, economic growth, reducing inequality
Goal 16: Access to information

Note: Information plays a vital role in just about everything we do.

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Source: Designing Buildings .co.uk Wiki* (2021) '**Forgetting the big picture when considering sustainability**' [online], last edited 19 January. Note: "The Sustainable Development Goals icons and colour wheel are free to use" (**UN.org** 2026)

*** Note: Use of Wikis as a reference site**

Wikipedia and use of other Wikis are increasingly being used by people in the academic community, as an easy source of information about anything and everything. However, citation of Wikipedia may not be considered acceptable, because Wikipedia is not a creditable source. It is important to note that whilst Wikipedia may be one of the Web's most popular reference sites, it is not classed as a credible resource because anyone can be a contributor to the website.

This can be avoided by following two simple rules:

1) Remember that an encyclopaedia (which includes Wikipedia and any other Wiki) can be a good starting point for research and not an ending point.

2) An encyclopaedia can be good for getting a general understanding of a subject before you extend your study of the subject further. But you then must consider the subject in more depth using books, journals articles and other appropriate and credible resources. What you find in these other sources of information will be more detailed, more precise, and more carefully reasoned than the summary you found in an encyclopaedia. The sources you reference/cite in your work will therefore be these more detailed sources you have used.

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University of the Built Environment BE Sustainable articles

University of the Built Environment signs up to CIC's new 'carbon zero' climate action plan

University of the Built Environment (formerly UCEM – University College of Estate Management) is one of the institutions which has signed up to the Construction Industry Council's (CIC) new climate action plan.

CIC's Climate Change Panel, chaired by its deputy chairman, Stephen Hodder MBE, led on the initiative, with signatories to the plan agreeing that:



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The document, entitled 'Carbon Zero: the professional institutions' climate action plan,' was released last week and coordinates the efforts of built environment institutions in meeting the UK government's 2050 net zero emissions target.

To read the plan, head to the **CIC news story – 'CIC launches a Carbon Zero climate action plan for Professional Institutions'.**

Access the article 'University signs up to CIC's new 'carbon zero' climate action plan' in full.

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5 practical tips for saving energy costs

- The cost-of-living crisis has spread across the globe. Significant increases to the cost of food and energy have outstripped worker's salaries, and spiralling inflation has plunged countless into poverty. While the tenth day of COP27 focussed on the decarbonising our energy systems, University of the Built Environment looked at practical ways to save energy that can be actioned without spending too much money.

1. Avoid leaving appliances on standby - The average UK household spends around £65 a year on appliances that are left on standby. This is the energy consumed by an appliance when it is not in use and not switched off at the socket. You may not think about the devices that have low-level usage when not in use, such as broadband, smart speakers and telephones, but these are the ones that are usually turned on for 24 hours a day and the amount of electricity they consume adds up. By remembering to switch off devices more often or buying a standby saver, you could be saving yourself electricity you didn't even know you were consuming.

2. Draught-proofing windows and doors - Draught-proofing is one of the most affordable and effective ways to save energy costs. It allows you to keep the warm air in your home by blocking out unwanted gaps that let cold air in – ultimately requiring less energy to heat up your home. By draught-proofing your windows and doors, you could save around £60 a year in a semi-detached house. Similarly, you could also save around £90 a year by draught-proofing an open chimney when not in use. A lot of draught-proofing can be done through simple DIY tasks at home, or professional draught-proofing can cost a bit more but last you longer.

3. Use your thermostat effectively – A large portion of your heating bills are absorbed by heating and hot water costs. By doing something as simple as turning down your central heating by just one degree, you could be saving up

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to £80 a year. You could also invest in a smart thermometer, which will heat your home more efficiently by only warming the room in use. They can be controlled by your phone and adapt to how long it takes to warm a certain temperature, so it can be set at exactly the right time.

4. Monitor your water usage - Water waste is something we may not realise is happening in our homes, but they add up and result in a large amount of total energy and water use. A dropping tap can waste more than 5,300 litres of water a year, so it's important to keep an eye on even the smallest amounts of water waster in the homes. By spending one minute less in the shower each day, a family of four could save up to £75 a year on energy and water bills. Similarly, turning off a running tap while you brush your teeth or wash your face can save more than 6 litres of water a minute!

5. Invest in energy saving appliances, like an air fryer – While it's good to buy home appliances based on their energy ratings, it's also good to research alternative types of appliances you can buy. One big change you can make is switching to an air fryer for day-to-day cooking rather than using a gas or electric cooker. Research by Utilita showed that on average they run at £55.91 a year, as opposed to a gas cooker on £121.06 per year and electric cooker on £335.57 per year.

Access the article '5 practical tips for saving energy costs', in full.

Further 'Sustainability' information and articles:

Also: CIOB - ***A Guide to Sustainability in the Built Environment,*** offering practical tools and strategies to help professionals embrace sustainable practices during the planning, construction and ongoing operation of a building. **Note:** This book is also available via the university **e-Library**.

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Information Governance

The University of the Built Environment is committed to advancing information governance and compliance, ensuring that the services provided comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Data Protection, Freedom of Information, Records management, Copyright, and Information Security.

Information Governance:



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To make sure that information is available in the right place and at the right time to support others, the e-Library ensures that the information services comply with data protection and copyright.

Data Protection

With new technologies constantly emerging and us finding ourselves moving further into an ever more digital direction, our personal data, how it is used and who has access to it becomes a growing and global concern for all.

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) was the first legislative change in recent years to address these concerns, with a broad aim to invoke a cultural shift in the way organisations manage personal data.

Further information, advice, and guidance on Data protection, GDPR and more can be found at the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), the UK's independent authority set up to uphold information rights in the public interest, promoting openness by public bodies and data privacy for individuals.

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Access the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) website

Latest Data Protection News [October 2026]

BBC News: OpenAI bots meddled with multiple US government agency sites

- OpenAI has acknowledged that it alerted "dozens" of global institutions that their websites may have meddled with by it's AI bots acting improperly. AI agents attempted to get information from "governments, universities, public agencies, and other institutions", including the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Census Bureau and Education Department, the company said.

Keywords include – Data Breaches**. Access the article, 'OpenAI bots meddled with multiple US government agency sites', 25 September, in full.**

Related links:

McGraw Hill becomes latest to see its Salesforce data hacked (04/26)

Source: Fadilpašić, S (2026) 'This activity appears to be part of a broader issue': education company McGraw Hill becomes latest to see its Salesforce data hacked, techradar [online], 15 April. **Note:** The University of the Built Environment's library resources were not impacted by this.

Statement on British Library's 2023 ransomware attack (04/25)

ICO Latest News [September 2026] –

New research reveals growing gap between parental confidence and children's digital reality (08/26)

- Over a third of children talk or play online with people they have never met,
- 91% of parents use monitoring tools - but 41% of children have tried to get around them,
- Our (ICO) action boosts online protections for children, strategy update shows.

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New ICO research reveals a significant gap between how much control parents believe they have over their children's online experiences and the reality of their children's digital lives.

Also: ICO response to government on safe AI-powered innovation (05/26).

Further information, advice, and guidance (IAG) provided by the ICO - The ICO publish detailed IAG on:

20 years of freedom of information (2005 – 2025)

Also:

Statement on the introduction of the Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill in the House of Commons (11/25)

Bitesize tools to help FOI practitioners stay ahead of challenges (03/25)

ICO reassures employers they can share staff data in a mental health emergency (03/24), and **Related Link:** ICO Blog: **Sharing personal data in an emergency – a guide for universities and colleges**. (09/21)

ICO urges organisations to harness the power of data safely by using privacy enhancing technologies (06/23)

- **Guidance on direct marketing and privacy and electronic communications**
- **Sharing personal data with law enforcement authorities**,
- **Codes of conduct** and **certification schemes**.
- **Freedom of Information Self-assessment toolkit** launched in 2020 helps identify gaps in compliance. Also: **ICO > For Organisations > Toolkit for organisations considering using data analytics**.
- Further updates have been made to **guidance for handling Subject Access Requests** including a **step-by-step guide for small businesses**
- **Building a controller-to-controller contract**
- **Data Sharing Code of Practice**, alongside a **data sharing information hub** with further resources.

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Updated BCR communication following the EU-UK Trade and Co-operation Agreement to the **International transfers after the UK exit from the EU Implementation Period**. (01/21)

Further guidance provided by the ICO.

Access the Information Commissioner's Office, 'News, blogs, and speeches' section of their website

Also:

Read the Blog: 'Access to information: driving change through education, engagement and enforcement,' in full

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Source: Salmon, Prof. G., (2013), *E-tivities,* London: Routledge

Introducing Copyright: A plain language guide to Copyright in the 21st Century – Computers and the internet have transformed the way we produce and distribute information and entertainment. This book explains copyright protection and what it means for copyright holders and copyright users. It also introduces readers to contemporary topics: (i) digital rights

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management, (ii) open licences, (iii) software patents & (iv) copyright protection for works of traditional knowledge.

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Introducing the CLA Step-by-Step Guide and Interactive Toolkit for those checking permissions within their licence.

Latest Copyright News [October 2026]

Government backtracks on AI and copyright after outcry from major artists

- The UK government has backtracked on its position on copyright and AI, stating it must take time to "get this right". Its original position - allowing AI companies to use copyrighted works to train their models with an opt-out option - received major backlash from the likes of Sir Elton John and Dua Lipa.

Related copyright news links: Matt Lucas and Hugh Bonneville among actors calling for law on AI voice cloning,
- Criminals cash in on TikTok Labubu trend with dangerous fakes,
- Almost half of children in Wales scammed online.
Also: Latest 'BBC Copyright News' incl. Taylor Swift buys back rights to mast recordings of first six albums.

Government Guidance – Changes to copyright law from 1 January 2021
- This guidance covers the impacts on UK right holders, businesses, cultural heritage institutions and consumers. Note: It is not legal advice.

Access the GOV.UK 'Changes to copyright law from 1st January 2021', in full.

Keeping abreast of the latest developments in Information Governance: Copyright Resources **– Naomi Korn Associates** has developed free and openly licensed copyright, licensing and data protection help resources.

Copyright & Information Technologies in Education (CITE)



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The CITE Forum is a place to discuss the CLA's technology and licence offerings (such as the Digital Content Store)

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but also an opportunity for Higher Education Institute's to network, share and disseminate relevant copyright information.

As the Information Governance Manager for the University of the Built Environment I regularly attend the Copyright Licensing Agency (CLA) CITE Forum and presented on- **The University's e-Library: Our Story So Far**', at the **CITE Winter 2021 Forum**. *Source*: CLA (2021) ***UCEM e-Library: Our story so far***, a presentation given at the Winter 2021 CITE Forum [video], YouTube. Available at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmuENzHeGO0&feature=youtu.be [accessed 1 July 2026]. **Ref: From 58:05 until 1.28:41.**

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The University of the Built Environment is committed to advancing information governance and compliance, ensuring that the services we provide comply with **GDPR**, **Data Protection**, **Records Management**, **Copyright**, and **Information Security**.

Note: In 2024 the University of the Built Environment's e-Library, in collaboration with UCL, produced a short **Copyright Essentials e-learning course** (accessed via the University secure Virtual Learning Environment). This e-learning will help staff and students better understand copyright and how to apply this understanding to studies, research and other activities.

Another part of my role as involves keeping abreast of the latest developments and benchmarking the work I do against that of others. I also undertake regular Continuing Professional Development (CPD), and an element of this is attending the CITE Forum attending events and conferences provided through my professional body, CILIP – The Library and Information Association, and others.

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CILIP's National Copyright Conference 2026

This year's national & virtual conference was held on 4th June. It has once again been programmed in association with Naomi Korn Associates.

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The Annual CILIP Online Copyright Conference is an ideal and unique opportunity for all librarians, archivists and information professionals to update their knowledge and professional practice in this crucial area. Additionally, it appeals to those who want to update their general copyright, licensing and publishing knowledge, and provides an invaluable forum for in-depth presentations by UK experts, informed debate and opportunities.

2026's Copyright conference explores the latest updates in copyright and licensing. The programme explores different relationships, such as those between copyright and ethics, copyright and licensing, copyright and creators, AI and IP – and all shades in-between. The programme and further information can be accessed via the **Copyright Conference Programme 2026 webpage**

Sessions covered broad copyright impact for the profession incl.

- **Keynote: Knowledge Governance in Practice: Law, Technology and Cultural Justice.**

Caroline B Ncube, *DSI-NRF Research Chair: Intellectual Property, Innovation and Development, University of Cape Town*

Drawing on examples from the United Kingdom and South Africa, this presentation explored how practices such as licensing, metadata design, digitisation and access conditions shape how knowledge circulates. At a time of large-scale digitisation and artificial intelligence, collections are also becoming datasets, raising new questions about reuse, visibility and control.

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Also:

AI: Friend or Foe? *By Andrew Burgess, Founder, Greenhouse AI*

As it grows in popularity, Artificial Intelligence is also experiencing a concerted backlash from those who do not trust it or see it purely as a threat. In his talk, AI expert and author Andrew Burgess discussed both the risks that AI presents and how it is being used for good, including in the battle to protect copyright.

Other highlights:

- **CLA Licensing & Technology Updates –** *Catherine Stephen, Head of Renewals & Growth, Education & Public Sector, Copyright Licensing Agency.* This session provided an update on the Copyright Licensing Agency's latest licensing initiatives, including guidance/ **developments around AI** and text and data mining.
- **"The Good, the Bad, and the Unclear; Copyright data that works … but for whom?"**- *Annie Shaw, Public Access Researcher, British Film Institute (BFI)*
- **Copyright and risk at the National Library of Scotland,** *Karen Porter, Rights and Provenance Officer, The National Library of Scotland.*
- **Lightning Talks** on
    - Developing Copyright Literacy within an MoD Environment;
    - Introduction to using the WATCH database and finding copyright holders;
    - Starting a copyright community in the library, and
    - Orphan Works: Another way; and The Future of Copyright.

National Copyright Conference Archive:

Presentations at the 2024 Conference covered the following areas: ▪ Copyright, ethics and creator's rights; ▪ Regulatory updates in the context of the new Labour Government; ▪ Rights retention; ▪ AI and IP; ▪ Licensing, AI and TDM (Text & Data Mining).

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Also:

- **How do we achieve success as Solo Librarians?**

Lucy Roper, Head of Library Services, University of the Built Environment

Being a solo librarian or librarian in a small team with limited help can be daunting. Librarianship is multi-faceted, and while plenty of books cover library work in detail, few provide a single point of reference from the perspective of a solo librarian who must juggle multiple tasks at one time and deal with all aspects of library provision on their own.

AI is creeping increasingly into our lives, and libraries have undoubtedly witnessed a rapid transformation due to AI. As we strive for continual improvement, we must keep abreast of the latest developments and follow the ever-changing library landscapes and popularity of information systems and services, online library tools and technological advancements.

I, therefore, took it upon myself to write a practical handbook providing a one-stop-shop with accompanying time-saving templates (easily downloadable via the eBook version and companion website) that can be adapted to help aid the daily activities and processes (including the effective use of copyrighted material and undertaking yearly copyright reporting) often faced by those working in information, knowledge, libraries and related disciplines.

I follow the year in the life of a solo librarian, providing a yearly planner and timeline of activities, with supporting guidance to aid each step of the way. This guidance can then be applied, adapted and tailored to other working practices. In this lightning talk, I will share the foundations of the book, identify some of the lessons I have learned, and provide examples of the types of guidance available.

Further information is available at: CILIP (2024 '**CILIP Copyright Conference 2024 programme**'. CILIP.org.uk, Events.

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The Challenges of Remote Working

- The challenges of remote working and points to consider from a data privacy perspective. Provided within this article are points to consider from a data privacy perspective that include:

1. **Have a clear statement to all staff** stressing that "The protection of personal data that we hold, and use is important to us and must be always handled in a way that is compliant with data protection law and our Data Protection and Privacy policies. While we must adapt to comply with the official guidance, we will adjust out working processes to allow us to deliver our services. These are time limited instruction that will be kept under review. At the end of the period then all data that is held temporarily on personal devices as a direct result of these exceptional times, will be deleted." (Tullo 2020)
2. **Set out what use of data**, contact lists, customer documents are being allowed.
3. As part of this exceptional response to homeworking **keep a full record of where staff are working from and what equipment they are using**.
4. **State that you have assessed the best way of ensuring homeworking efficiency** and are proposing that personal devices and mobile phones can be used. That you will review this [weekly seem sensible at present] in line with experience and how staff report it is working.
5. **Reissue and emphasis your usual security arrangements –** Virus and password protection, not leaving data visible to others, having a PIN code, or not sharing their device with others in their family or household.
6. **Take care to be aware where data is being stored**, even if temporary so that the security risk is managed and assessed.

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7. For the **weekly reviews** – have your Senior Leadership Team note the number of staff using personal devices, any queries, or issues they are finding and demonstrate that you are monitoring the situation and are flexible in closing it down if any specific concerns arise.
8. Choose your **collaboration tool of choice** and consider recording online meetings and note actions especially where team members are geographically spread out and where broadband speeds and kit may vary in quality.
9. You might also consider having a **standard introduction for homeworking staff** to explain that they are homeworking and not in the office, so callers understand the position.
10. This is where a nominated **Data Protection Office (DPO)** or Data Officer can support the senior team in the messaging to colleagues.

There are growing numbers of tips and survival guides online that include: Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) **Data protection and coronavirus: what you need to know**.

Source: Tullo C, OBE (2020) '**The Challenges of Remote Working at Present**'. © **Naomi Korn Associates**, 2020. Some Rights Reserved. The text is licensed for use under the Creative Commons Attribution Share Alike Licence (CC BY SA).

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Regarding University of the Built Environment, we have followed these pointers:

(i) A clear statement went to staff, and the university has a designated area within their central SharePoint site for Business Continuity Planning (BCP) that has the following folders containing

- Official Communications [Internal and External]
- Human Resources (HR) guidance and support
- Information Technology (IT) technical support, guidance, and documents

Data Protection guidance (incl. a new guidance note entitled, 'Processing Personal data when remote working.'

- The **University of the Built Environment - Data Protection and Privacy Policies** have been updated and should be read in conjunction with IT Policies).
- & Hints and tips for working from home.

(ii) A retention and destruction schedule is in place that collates lists of data used within respective teams and departments; (iii) A register is kept of where staff are working from and equipment used; (iv) Regular online meetings and weekly All-staff keep everyone updated and ensuring regular communication; (v) IT provide regular updates and guidance; (vi) GDPR training was launched to re-enforce the importance of knowing how data is used and where it is being stored, even if temporary so that risk is managed and assessed; (vii and viii) online equipment and collaboration tools are well established at the University of the Built Environment as an online education provider, but are regularly monitored; (ix) As mentioned above, hints and tips for working from home are provided, & (x) University of the Built Environment has a designated Data Protection Officer (DPO). **Please note:** There are regular updates - On the University Website, VLE and within the **Website Home > Study > How you'll learn online > The e-Library** current awareness services incl. ***Knowledge Foundations***.

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