

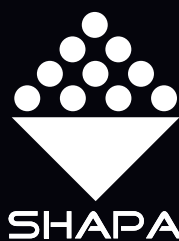
SOLIDS HANDLING
INDUSTRY AWARDS
2025

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TUESDAY 6TH MAY

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ORDER OF EVENTS

- 18:30 Arrival & Drinks Reception
- Sponsored by 
- 19:15 Move to Tables
- 19:30 Dinner
- 21:00 Awards Ceremony
- 21:45 Guest Speaker
- 23:30 Last Orders
- 00:00 Close

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STARTER

Chicken Liver and Cognac Pâté with Onion Jam and Sourdough Crisps (GFA)

Vegetarian Starter: Chef's Salad of Watercress, Vegan Halloumi, Teardrop Peppers, Cucumber and Radish with a Chilli and Lime Dressing (GF, DF, V, VE)

MAIN

Slow Red Wine Braised Blade of Beef with Baby Onions, Mushrooms, Grain Mustard Mash, Roasted Carrots and Parsnips (GF, DFA)

Vegetarian Main: Eggplant, Spinach, Heritage Tomato and Vegan Halloumi Parcel with a Selection of Vegetables and Roasted Tomato & Basil Sauce (V, VE, GF, DF)

DESSERT

Profiteroles with White Chocolate and Milk Chocolate Sauce

Vegetarian / Gluten Free Dessert: Chocolate and Coconut Tart (V, VE, GF)

V – Vegetarian

VE – Vegan

GF/A - Gluten Free/Available

DF – Dairy Free

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF THE SHAPA AWARDS

Hello and welcome to our annual Solids Handling Industry Awards! This is one of the highlights of the year for me.

With awards for Innovation, Sustainability, Export and the prestigious Company of the Year award, our finalists are showcasing significant advances and innovations that set them apart from the pack - more important than ever in today's globalised, competitive environment.

Companies are only as good as the people inside them, so we also have awards to celebrate the industry's Newcomers and Apprentices.

This year we're privileged to host the reveal of the 2025 Bulk Solids Handling Award of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. The IMechE is the world's premier institution in mechanical engineering. Its Bulk Solids Handling Award is the most prestigious acclaim that anyone in our field can attain - awarded to individuals who have demonstrated a lifetime of outstanding achievement in our field.

Many thanks go to our sponsors and to all the many entrants. Even if you go home empty handed, the fact that you had something worth shouting about is in itself a sign that you've made a worthwhile achievement.

Have a great time, everyone.

PROF. MIKE BRADLEY
SHAPA CHAIRMAN

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INTRODUCING TONIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKER

No stranger to being creative in the face of adversity, Cally has held senior management positions at some of the biggest media companies in the world - including MTV, ITV and Paramount.

Cally will share with us what she has learnt from her many years at the top of the entertainment industry and look at how it can help us equip ourselves to thrive in a fast-changing world.

A walking, talking advocate for coping with change and reinvention, and doing 'one thing every day that scares you', she will help you find the courage, honesty and motivation to be able to get the most out of your professional and personal lives.

This is a motivational talk with a difference, as she debunks the 'having it all' myth and looks at what it takes to get comfortable with being uncomfortable and reveals the conversation that unexpectedly changed her entire life.

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INNOVATION IN TECHNOLOGY AWARD

FINALISTS

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Targeting the needs of manufacturers looking to reduce their operational carbon footprint, the 'Envirojet W Series' dust collector from DCE offers up to 50% less energy consumption and demonstrates how energy efficiency, sustainability, and environmental benefits can be seamlessly integrated without compromising compliance or performance.

Its cascading fan scheme paired with 'E-Performance' intelligent-monitoring tailor the dust extractor's running capacity to the site's real-time operational needs, and by controlling the running time and speed of fans, the system also extends the lifecycle of components, reducing maintenance and replacement activities.

The Envirojet W-Series has an insulated 'Penthouse' clean-air fan housing which not only reduces operational noise levels but also maintains ambient air temperature. This allows the recirculation of clean air back into facilities without lowering temperatures, leading to considerable savings on heating expenses.



The patented LGC Scrubber from FEG removes both oil mist and odour from industrial cooking and frying applications.

FEG self-funded the product development after trying to solve a problem for a client frying coated fish products - particularly tricky as it involves the removal of oil mists, sticky particulate and burnt crumb and requires scrubber compounds in vapour phase. There is not a single technology other than a thermal oxidiser that can deliver this, and many projects/solutions fail to deliver the desired results.

The product also acts as a fire barrier, accepted by insurance companies, and reduces cleaning and maintenance costs, with its built-in CIP program able to link with the clients' fryer CIP system. In addition, it separates collected oil from the liquor which clients sell for recycling, providing a revenue stream and improved sustainability by avoiding discharging to drain/waste treatment.



Perry of Oakley's 'Grain Sentry' is an automatic moisture-measurement and operational control system for continuous flow grain driers.

Grain Sentry automates grain drying, optimising the fuel costs and minimising the potential of contamination via mould/fungus.

The system takes a grain sample from the inbound grain before it enters the drier, sending it to the moisture meter, removing it from the moisture meter and returning it to the flow - and then repeats a similar sequence for samples taken from the grain exiting the drier. It takes numerous data points and then automatically adjusts the drier's operating temperature and discharge speed.

On average it can save over £20,000 per season on a 30tph drier, drying 6000T of wheat in average UK conditions. These savings increase as the size of the drier and the tonnage going through increase and it can be retrofitted on to any make of continuous flow shutter discharge drier.

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INNOVATION IN TECHNOLOGY AWARD



SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

FINALISTS

Awarded to a business or collaborating organisations who have contributed most to push the boundaries on sustainability – either that they have taken steps to advance their own or their customer’s sustainability, or alternatively through carbon and energy management initiatives, reducing a companies’ emissions to meet carbon reduction targets.



Polimak’s ‘Containerised Transportation System’ revolutionises sustainable bulk solids logistics by reducing carbon emissions, waste, and energy consumption. Using ISO-standard containers, it eliminates traditional packaging and enables seamless intermodal transport across ships, trains, and trucks.

This system ensures dust-free, efficient, and low-energy operations, enhancing safety and cost savings. Successfully implemented in the US market, it has delivered 15% cost reduction, 20% faster operations, and a lower CO₂ footprint.

Polimak’s system uses a ‘Bulk- Flow Floating Floor Discharge System’ or its ‘Triple Screw Conveyor Container Filling System’ ensuring fast, dust-free, and highly efficient bulk loading. Its design eliminates the need for container tilting, ensuring safe and controlled material unloading.

The benefits include: using reusable and recyclable liners - reducing plastic consumption by 60%, reduced need for trucks and forklifts - lowering fuel consumption and lowering CO₂ emissions and eliminating spillage and dust - preventing product loss and airborne pollutants.



Promtek is committed to understanding and reducing its carbon footprint. The company uses a Greenhouse Gas Calculator, a vital tool that converts operational data into emission values, providing a comprehensive report on its total carbon footprint.

The data is externally audited by Interface NRM, and what initially began as a pilot scheme has now led to the business becoming UKAS-accredited with certification under ISO 14064.

Over the past three years, Promtek has compiled and retained carbon data per financial year, with its most recent verification audit covering the 2023-24 financial year. Currently, Promtek’s total annual carbon footprint is 287 tonnes of CO₂, with intensity ratios of 176.6 tonnes per million-pounds.

Measuring and managing a carbon footprint can be complex, especially in the initial stages. By embedding sustainability into its operations and continuously refining its approach, Promtek is not only meeting compliance requirements but also driving meaningful change toward a lower-carbon future.



In 2023 RHF Fans made a significant investment in renewable energy by installing a 257.72kW solar photovoltaic (PV) system, consisting of 600 solar panels. Since its installation, the solar system has produced a total of 180,600kWh of energy. This achievement represents a substantial step towards reducing its environmental impact and promoting a cleaner, greener future.

RHF is now on track to help its customers lower operational costs by investing in an ambitious program to develop the industry’s most energy-efficient centrifugal fans.

RHF’s Smoothflow™ technology involves contouring their fans inlet cone and impeller shroud to create a smoother air path. This design reduces turbulence, lowers noise, and decreases the power required for a given airflow and has been implemented across the entire product range.

The Smoothflow™ technology has proved to lower the absorbed power of the fan, reducing energy consumption and saving money. This is helping customers and end users to reduce energy consumption and helping the supply chain with their sustainability goals.

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NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR AWARD

FINALISTS

To be awarded to an individual who is new to the industry, their role or who has contributed to the Member Company / Organisation or developed in the field of bulk solids handling. They may have contributed in areas such as sales, design, innovation, apprenticeship or further studies that has greatly benefited themselves, their company or organisation.



Katie Burrell

Having recently joined APS UK, Katie Burrell's background is in technical support. She comes to APS as an experienced Technical and Project Engineer, with her previous work involving designing and implementing dust and fume extraction systems that prioritise both safety and environmental sustainability.

In her new role at APS, Katie is involved in managing the planning and execution of the Local Exhaust Ventilation (LEV) solutions APS provide. Her self-motivation and enthusiasm are boundless, as well as infectious, and have already been noted by the APS team; as has her ability to navigate often convoluted regulatory demands while maintaining efficiency and precision resulting in a safer working environment for all operatives and highly satisfied clients.

She has developed customised solutions for clients, addressing their specific needs and challenges, enhancing operational efficiency and safety whilst prioritising environmental sustainability in all projects - contributing to the reduction of industrial emissions and promoting cleaner production processes.



Sam Somers

Having previously worked as a junior draughtsperson / proposal engineer at Perry of Oakley Sam Somers was appointed as Perry's Sales & Project Office Manager a year ago – a role that was new to the business when Sam was appointed.

Prior to taking on the role Sam had always been a great team player, well-liked by staff, suppliers and customers. Stepping into a Managerial role has been a learning curve, especially juggling priorities, balancing workloads, dealing with demands of customers and field-based sales team - plus the HR challenges that come with eight staff. Yet throughout he has maintained an admirable relationship with his team and fostered a collaborative collegiate atmosphere - a challenge in a newly formed team based at various UK locations.

Under Sam's leadership the combined team has delivered a 29% increase in the volume of drawings and quotations to customers and has significantly assisted with the delivery of several million-pound projects.



Ben Kimpton

Joining Sigma-HSE six months ago, in the newly created Sales & Marketing Director role, Ben Kimpton passionately champions the critical importance of process safety management within the bulk solids handling industry. By focusing on spreading awareness of the need for accurate data in flammable and explosive testing alongside relevant risk assessments, he has significantly contributed to improving safety and compliance across various operations.

Ben's previous experience was as a design engineer and then Sales Lead for manufactured Dust and Fume products, so moving over to the materials testing side of the industry has required some fast learning. Ben has managed to foster collaborative partnerships with several SHAPA members since joining Sigma-HSE and has actively supported companies by offering tailored hazardous testing services, expert process safety consultancy, and bespoke training programs.

His contributions include hosting informative sessions on the role of relevant and accurate test data, delivering actionable insights to improve operational safety, and working closely with clients to address their unique challenges.

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EXPORT AWARD FINALISTS

Awarded to the organisation that has achieved a step change in its export activities, such as entering new export markets, an increase in sales, or for new, imaginative or bold actions or specific activities that have resulted in export achievements.



Akona Process Solutions has combined the knowledge and experience of Cablevey, Kason, Marion, Spiroflow, and Spiroflow Automation to become a leading provider of turnkey solutions for powder and bulk bag handling industries.

Its equipment requires precise manufacturing and assembly by a team of specialist engineers based in the UK, who export to territories in Europe, Africa, and Asia.

The recent opening of its flagship facility in Darwen, Lancashire, UK means its equipment will now reach those overseas customers with even shorter lead times and will increase capacity to take on complex orders and new clients.



Russell Finex has over 90 years' experience empowering manufacturers worldwide with innovative, high-performance separation technology to enhance product quality, efficiency, and sustainability.

Headquartered in the UK, it has subsidiary companies in the USA, Belgium, India, China, and Brazil, and supplies to over 140 countries.

It takes a strategic approach to growth in overseas markets, undertaking comprehensive market research, identifying risks, benefits, threats, and growth opportunities over a 5-year period. This has proved successful in Brazil where it recently opened a new office space in Jundiai resulting in increased sales.

From cutting-edge solutions designed for customers' evolving needs, to expert onsite support, Russell Finex can be depended upon for the next 90 years to come in every corner of the globe.



Woodcock & Wilson's recent export growth has seen international sales soaring sevenfold. It puts its success down to its mission to understand and address the specific challenges of each market. By identifying pain points, the business is able to provide solutions that prioritise safety, quality, reliability, and technical support.

The most remarkable growth has come from the Middle Eastern market where it's seen an 5900% increase - achieved by working closely with end users and design partners to tailor fan solutions to endure the region's extreme environmental conditions while ensuring extended operational life.

The company has also seen impressive growth in the North American and Australian markets as well as growth in Malaysia, China and India.

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INNOVATION IN TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT AWARD FINALISTS

Awarded to a business or collaborating organisations responsible for improving the training and development of their employees, local schools or colleges or general community in an innovative way or a substantial modification to an existing system or step change in training outcomes.



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Baker Perkins is committed to developing engineering talent through its pioneering apprenticeship programme - nurturing future industry leaders.

Baker Perkins' apprenticeship programme involves a hands-on mentorship programme, led by its Apprenticeship Coordinator, Nigel Wilkinson and a team of experienced mentors. Nigel's work was recently recognised when he won Mentor of the Year at the Peterborough Apprenticeship Awards.

Nigel has also spearheaded the development of a dedicated training area within the machine shop, resulting in apprentices who are not only highly skilled but also industry-ready, significantly reducing the transition time from training to full-time roles.

Baker Perkins' apprentices also benefit from industry partnerships that enhance their learning and career development. The business has been involved in a 13-week engineering bootcamp at the College of West Anglia, designed to encourage more people into engineering careers.

During National Apprenticeship Week, the company also hosted seven local schools for hands-on STEM experiences.



As a small company of 23 employees ISF's team is integral to the company. In 2024 alone a total of 58 places were booked on 14 training courses, equalling a total of 373 hours of training provided by an approved and certified external training provider. An investment of just under £14,000.

Additionally, staff have access to the Citation Atlas – a training hub of online training courses, with all staff encouraged to complete a variety of courses aimed at boosting soft skills.

After working with The Apprenticeship Hub in 2023 to create a successful apprenticeship programme, ISF have shown their dedication to supporting apprentices to gain skills and knowledge, empowering them to grow their careers in engineering.

ISF employees also benefit from access to their purpose-built, in-house feed milling engineering course. The bespoke training programme is tailored specifically to advancing niche skills, specialist knowledge and ensuring best practice in the feed milling industry.



In 2024 Promtek hired two apprentices into its Projects team and one into the Service team, as well as offering two students from a local school the opportunity to gain real-world experience through a 3-month work placement, ensuring that young professionals are well-equipped for the future.

Last year, Promtek was among the first companies to achieve the 'Make UK Engineering Apprenticeships: Employer Kitemark' through the 'Next Gen Makers Engineering Apprenticeships: Best Practice Programme'. This recognition places Promtek alongside industry giants such as Festo, Marshall Aerospace, and Thyssenkrupp Materials, acknowledging the business as one of the best employers for engineering apprenticeships in the UK.

Promtek achieved 'Gold Accreditation' with the 'Next Gen Makers Excellent Employer Scheme', with an assessment score of 99/100, further affirming its commitment to excellence.

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INNOVATION IN SAFETY AWARD FINALISTS

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Fike UK's 'Pop Box' enhances safety awareness through live demonstrations of the potentially devastating effects of dust explosions on facilities.

The 'Pop-box' is a transportable unit, allowing for safe and quick demonstrations of dust explosions on-site and since its launch in 2023 has been used extensively at end-user sites, OEM factories and most recently at the SHAPA ATEX & DSEAR seminars.

The live demonstrations, featuring the ignition of just 5 grams of powder, provide a visceral and unforgettable experience - far more effective than theoretical explanations or videos.

By engaging audiences, the 'Pop-box' not only educates but also emphasises that preventing dust explosions is everyone's responsibility; with the demonstrations often attracting wide attention, sometimes with entire sites pausing work to witness them.



Hargreaves consistently demonstrates commitment to advancing workplace safety through innovative practices and allowing staff to communicate troubleshooting ideas to prevent accidents.

It's 'Step Back, Speak Up' initiative is in place for staff to report any issue that could pose a risk or hazard no matter how big or small – and this open and proactive approach to communication enables the team to feel empowered to contribute to a safer working environment.

Hargreaves also holds a biannual safety conference for its team, encouraging staff to reflect on challenges and successes in safety. Here, the Hargreaves Safety Awards are also held and include awards for 'Best Safety Initiative', 'Best Construction Project' and 'Most Improved Site'.

In 2024 Hargreaves passed its ISOQAR 3 year renewal audit and holds eleven safety accreditations including Safe Contractor and ROSPA's QSA Award.



For this business, safety is the cornerstone of its identity and Woodcock and Wilson enhances its approach to safety by:

- Championing Safety Beyond Compliance
- Proactively Adopting Advanced Standards
- Independent Certification and Auditing
- Creating a Cultural Shift Toward Safety Excellence

While current legislation allows for self-regulation for mechanical Ex equipment, it recognises that this can leave gaps, potentially exposing operators and environments to unnecessary risks. This is why it ensures 'Third-Party Certification of its Ex Equipment', ensuring that its approach is independently verified by an external certification body.

The business also undertakes 'Continuous Training & Awareness' with the team trained to understand the nuances of Ex compliance and safety standards, and the company's directors being on technical committees at IECEx, ATEX, and CEN.

They are also 'Regularly Audited & Inspected' by a third party to confirm that safety standards are maintained.

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APPRENTICE PROJECT PRIZE AWARD

FINALISTS

To be awarded to apprentices within the SHAPA member community by their development through a project or challenge they've overcome – either directly in bulk solids handling or relative to their chosen career path.

This award comes with monetary prizes paid direct to the qualifying apprentices with a first prize of £500 and runner up prizes of £250!



Matty Carroll

Matty Carroll joined Akona as a Chartered Management Degree Apprentice after he'd completed his A-levels last summer; this decision was driven by an ambition to apply his knowledge whilst avoiding the debt that comes with University.

Matty has recently completed a project to streamline and improve efficiencies for After-Market customers ordering spares and consumables from Kason by Akona.

Matty has now fully automated the ordering processes with a ticket-system he introduced through HubSpot, meaning customers received quotes faster and were able to order sooner - improving lead times and improving customer satisfaction.

Working on the project has helped Matty to improve his communication and collaboration skills as he consulted with other departments across Akona's business to ensure that the system was fit for purpose for every team.



Ellis Granger & Henry Graves

Ellis Granger and Henry Graves joined Baker Perkins 6-months ago as Fabrication Apprentices. Their roles involved reviewing existing drawings and practicing skills before they were given their first project to work on collaboratively.

The pair were set the task of replacing a platform for a new machine after it was deemed unsafe – with unpractical sharp edges.

They used the existing platform drawings to create a new cutting list of parts which they cut, assembled and welded from scratch – but to an improved standard.

The project enabled them to try out their newly learned MIG welding skills and was completed with steps they manufactured themselves as well as a new kick stand.

They alternated their grinding tasks to ensure they didn't exceed their vibration limits – working in tandem to complete the job efficiently and safely.

They both found the project rewarding as their newly manufactured stand is now in full operation in the workshop.



Cameron Fraser

On Cameron's first day at Ebro he arrived in a 1970's MG sports car - which he had bought and maintained himself! After completing his A-Levels, Cameron joined Ebro Valves in July 2022 as an Engineering Apprentice, studying with Loughborough Technical college.

During the second year of his Apprenticeship Ebro had secured a £151,000 / 172 valve project order for Endress and Hauser and Cameron played a key role in the project delivery team.

When Endress and Hauser visited they brought along their own test equipment. During the final testing a mechanical fitting problem was identified and a solution was found by Cameron who worked with the guidance of Endress and Hauser to resolve the situation. Glyn Croft – Project Engineer Manager from Endress and Hauser commented: *"He's a real find – you need to keep him!"*

As part of Cameron's continuing apprenticeship, he will soon move to a new position within the Pre-Sales Department as a 'Trainee Technical Valve Engineer'. Cameron will follow his current path with a HNC Engineering course to take him to the next level. Cameron's success has spurred Ebro on to recruit another apprentice and Cameron will be their mentor.

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COMPANY OF THE YEAR AWARD FINALISTS

To be awarded to a company based on considerable achievements, either through sales success, investment, team or training development, innovation, community programmes, safety, sustainability or best practice improvements in any aspect of the business.



Over the last three years, ISF has grown its turnover by 15% and in 2024 it celebrated 35 years of engineering success. Throughout its expansion, ISF has remained committed to its core values of technical excellence, team development, customer appreciation, integrity, and sustainable practices.

It's one of the leading providers of engineering solutions to the animal feed manufacturing industry in the UK and has worked to create a strong niche around its work.

With an uncapped training budget, ISF's training and development philosophy helps its team progress throughout the company and continually strives to offer even higher levels of service.

In 2024, ISF marked 35 years in business. Iain Scott and the team celebrated this incredible milestone by hosting two charity events aimed at raising over £3,500 for their chosen charities. The events included a cycle challenge in support of Macmillan Cancer Support, and the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge for a local charity, St Leonard's Hospice.



Promtek has achieved significant business growth in the last year, with a 20% revenue increase and global expansion through strategic partnerships, including recognition as a 'Global System Integrator Giant'.

It has also strengthened its commitment to best practices, securing ISO 9001 and 45001 certifications, and the 14064 Carbon Reduction accreditation, reinforcing a focus on quality, safety, and environmental responsibility.

Investment in cutting-edge technology has led to groundbreaking product developments, such as the launch of Condor Microman, that enhances batch traceability, reduces manual errors, and supports digital transformation. It also introduced a cloud-based subscription model, allowing customers to access solutions through flexible, scalable, and cost-effective payment options.

The business was awarded 'Next Gen Makers Gold Accreditation for Engineering Apprentice Excellence', highlighting its efforts to nurturing the next generation of engineers. Promtek was also Runner-up for SME of the Year 2024 at the MAKE UK Awards and a finalist at the 2025 Food Manufacture Excellence Awards for its work in collaboration and partnership.



With an increase in turnover of 75% last year, Vent-Tech is the only LEV Installation company accredited to deliver BOHS training courses, an area of the business experiencing rapid growth, with plans to double the number of courses it offers.

Three out of the 20 individuals worldwide holding the 'Certificate of Competence in Control of the Working Environment' work at Vent-Tech. Seven more of the team are now preparing to achieve this certification.

Having worked closely alongside BESA and BOHS, and following the disbanding of ILEVE, Managing Director Adrian Sims has spearheaded efforts to establish the new 'LEV Association'. He was also awarded the Thomas Bedford Medal at the 2024 BOHS awards for outstanding contributions to the improvement of worker health protection.

In the last two years the company has invested in 2 FARO Focus Core 3D Laser Scanners for its LEV system design. These survey complex sites to an accuracy of 1mm and create accurate 3D models of a process area. LEV designs can then be laid over 3D models of a client's site to give them a clear visual of the proposal.

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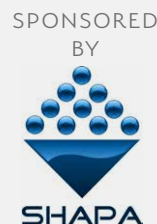
John has worked in the solids handling industry for around fifty years. He started out as a mechanical design engineer, working up through to be Director and General

Manager of Portasilo, before moving on to be a consultant in the area of Storage and Handling for the Biomass and Paint industries.

In addition to his extensive silo knowledge, John invented the 'Rotaflo' discharger which has become the industry standard in the UK water industry for the handling of Lime and Hydrated Lime products, as well as being sold internationally for use in the paint industry.

John became a Chartered Engineer with the IMechE and was a member of the IMechE Bulk Handling Committee for many years including a period when he was chair of the committee. In recent years John was the project Technical Director for the whole of the Drax conversion from Coal to Biomass. The overall project was in excess of £250m and covered everything from train discharge systems, through to storage, handling and the boiler injection systems.

John is an established industry expert and continues to work in the field of Biomass handling and its DSEAR and ATEX implications along with other projects in the paint industry.



SOLIDS HANDLING INDUSTRY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Ian Birkinshaw



Ian joined Shepherd Engineering Services (SES) as an electrical apprentice in 1971, before transferring to its sister company Portasilo as an electrical design engineer in its drawing office.

After many years there designing control systems for bulk material handling projects, Ian moved into project management as a Contract Manager. Being very 'hands on' then saw his transfer to the operations side of the business, where he worked as the Works Manager and finally as Operations Director before he 'retired' after 43 years.

In 2014 Ian took over as the General Secretary of SHAPA. Ian's approach to the association was much like his approach to Portasilo – very hands on. He became a go to source of information for all of the SHAPA members and its committees - and a huge support to the Chair's and the Council.

After ten years Ian handed over to the new SHAPA General Secretary Louise Smallwood in 2024 - and though he's supposed to have retired he's still very much providing support and advice.

Outside of work Ian has always been an outdoors person, whether this is hiking, out and about in his self-converted camper van, 'mud plugging' in his Land Rover or working with the Scouts. After seven years in the role, Ian recently stepped down as chairman of the Humberside Scouts Group.

Michael Bradley, Chair of SHAPA, the members of the Council and Louise would like pass on their heartfelt gratitude for all he has done for the association in the last eleven years - and all he continues to do behind the scenes.

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