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National Scaffolding Week - by The Scaffolding Association

Raising awareness and promoting the most important trade in Construction

National Scaffolding Week (or NSW) is a week-long annual event created and operated by The Scaffolding Association, an organisation operating within the UK. It embodies the ethos of scaffolding pride and excellence, blending celebration with education, spotlighting careers that offer job security, and progression from labourer to inspector - and into "office-based" management roles.



One of their excellent initiatives is "**ScaffStars**" a voting-based recognition scheme for those who are been highlighted at going that extra mile within the industry.

Something that should be (and generally is) a much respected and coveted accolade. Beginning in 2022, it has been great and showcasing the commitment to the industry, from Trainee Scaffolders, to Operation Directors and all in between.

The wider-British construction sector - a £200 billion behemoth, relies on scaffolding as its foundational enabler, with (as per the estimation of **ULTRA ACCESS**) some 70% of all works cannot be completed without some kind of scaffolding structure being built.

This could be from smaller residential retro-fits under the Decent Homes Standards to commercial megaprojects like HS2, scaffolds enable all working to be carried out at height safety, effectively and efficiently, allowing the likes of Stone-Masons, Sparkies (Electricians), Roofers and Bricklayers to operate within any sustainable capacity. In urban hubs like, for example; London, where-as 40% of builds exceed 10 stories, robust scaffolds prevent the chaos, and potential dangers of improvised access.

Scaffolding's influence transcends far beyond construction sites, weaving into the fabric of national infrastructure, from roads, motorways, rails, and renewables - they all depend on scaffolds for maintenance and expansion.

The British Scaffolding Industry's (approximately) £4 Billion industry valuation reinforces its importance to the UK economy, as not just a physical one, but a financial one, with each scaffolder directly and indirectly supporting 5-7 other job positions in hire, manufacturing, training, and logistics, as well as the various other trades that simply cannot function without some kind of scaffold.

In short: Scaffolding is the most important trade in the UK Construction sector, by far and one of the most important within the British employment / work arena.

And EVERY scaffolder should be proud of their daily hard work and commitment to keeping others safe whilst at work.

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