

# **ANNUAL REVIEW 2022-2023**



The built environment in the UK is under greater scrutiny than ever before and this reporting year saw major developments across the industry and at the Association for Project Safety [APS].

It was a year in which APS rose to the challenge as members highlighted key issues around recruitment and retention as well as problems encountered with supply chains across the sector.

## **Challenging environment**

The government's response to the Grenfell disaster was realised in the Building Safety Act 2022 which made its way to the statute book in spring. The association had been active, talking to members of parliament and key officials, during the passing of the Bill. APS kept this dialogue alive when the Act received Royal Assent in an attempt to help inform the shape of the secondary legislation. The association is very aware members are keen to know how best to meet their professional obligations under the new regulations so began an occasional series of information webinars to bring members information as and when it became available.

## **Renewed mission**

The association's general output of events and information continued to grow offering more opportunities for members. Webinars remain very well attended and members were also able to attend two national conferences featuring headline speakers from across the built environment. APS's acclaimed CPD sessions focussed on general health and retrofitting and remained available to all members inclusive to their annual membership. All members also received four editions of the APS magazine, relaunched in this period as the Project Safety Journal, which is now supported by its own dedicated website allowing the association to keep everyone up-to-date with news between issues.

## **Focus on members**

APS remains keen to expand its services and enhance the experience of both individual and corporate members. The association aims to grow its network of industry partnerships and increase its engagement with elected representatives across the four nations.

## **Broader conversation**

Building on the success of its government engagement APS was also active, on its own and in association with industry partners through the Construction Industry Council, in highlighting issues around both recruitment and the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill [which has since become an Act of Parliament]. The association has also been talking to members of the Scottish Parliament with a view to addressing devolved construction safety issues north of the border.

## **Refreshed structure**

On the domestic front the association completed its overhaul of governance with members voting on the proposals in December 2022.

Ray Bone, who became chair in October following Jonathan Moulam's term, remained in post when a new board of directors and group of regional representatives took up office in February 2023. The search also began for an independent chair – a new role created by the changes.

The association continues to be expertly run by a small, dedicated professional team which has been constant throughout the period. Staff were able to continue with a hybrid working model with most working remotely for much of the time.

## **Bolder future**

Too often health and safety risk management in construction has been a Cinderella subject. But APS is determined each and every member can go to the ball and they can shine in their chosen roles. The association may be small but, increasingly, it is a mouse that roars.



# OPERATIONAL REVIEW

## MEMBERSHIP

APS represents construction professionals all over the UK. Membership at 31 January 2023 was:

Affiliated	12
Incorporated	1390
Fellow	73
Certified	793
Retired	50
Associate	1141
Student	27
Corporate	171



## CPD EVENTS

APS has continued to increase its output over the last year. On top of the core CPD, webinar and conference events, two dedicated week long events were trialed. These were Energy week and professional development week.

### Attendance

Total number of events delivered: 44

Total number attending across the year: 4456



### Average attendance

All webinars: 102

Building Safety Act sessions: 137

### Most popular events

Asbestos: 259 registered

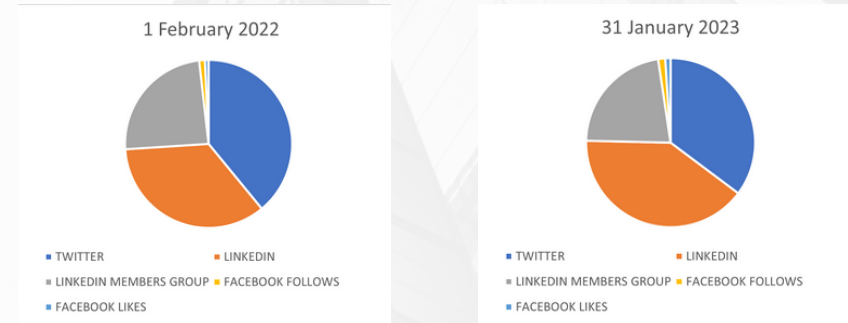
Building Safety Act Session Three: 245 registered

## COMMUNICATION

Communication and engagement with members and industry partners is important to APS. During the reporting period the association's membership magazine, Project Safety Journal continued to evolve and is now supported by its own website: [www.projectsafetyjournal.com](http://www.projectsafetyjournal.com).



APS continued to build its social media engagement, using Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook to talk directly with members. APS was represented on a wider group of industry bodies and continued to engage with government, the Health and Safety Executive and other bodies as required.



The association responded to all relevant industry consultations and was represented on the various groups working on secondary legislation relating to the Building Safety Act. add APS also worked with industry colleagues on the sector's response to the EU Law (Revocation and Retention) Bill.

## FINANCE

The association's finances are healthy. Throughout the period the association operated without need for overdraft or other credit facilities. Details of APS's financial position at the end of January are provided under separate cover.

## GOVERNANCE

The governance review concluded with proposals approved by members in December 2023.



# COMPANY INFORMATION

Association for Project Safety Limited

The company is limited by guarantee and registered in Scotland [registration number SC155374 [Scotland]]



The Association for Project Safety [APS] is the professional body dedicated to eliminating deaths, reducing injury and tackling ill-health associated with construction. APS aims to improve, and promote excellence in, professional practice in design and construction health and safety risk management, helping everyone manage risk and implement building regulations effectively and proportionately. The association contributes to the national debate on building and infrastructure safety, regulation and legislation, providing training, education and support and member networking opportunities. APS works with other bodies and partners to improve – through good design and throughout the life-cycle of projects and buildings – health and safety for everyone involved in construction and use.

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