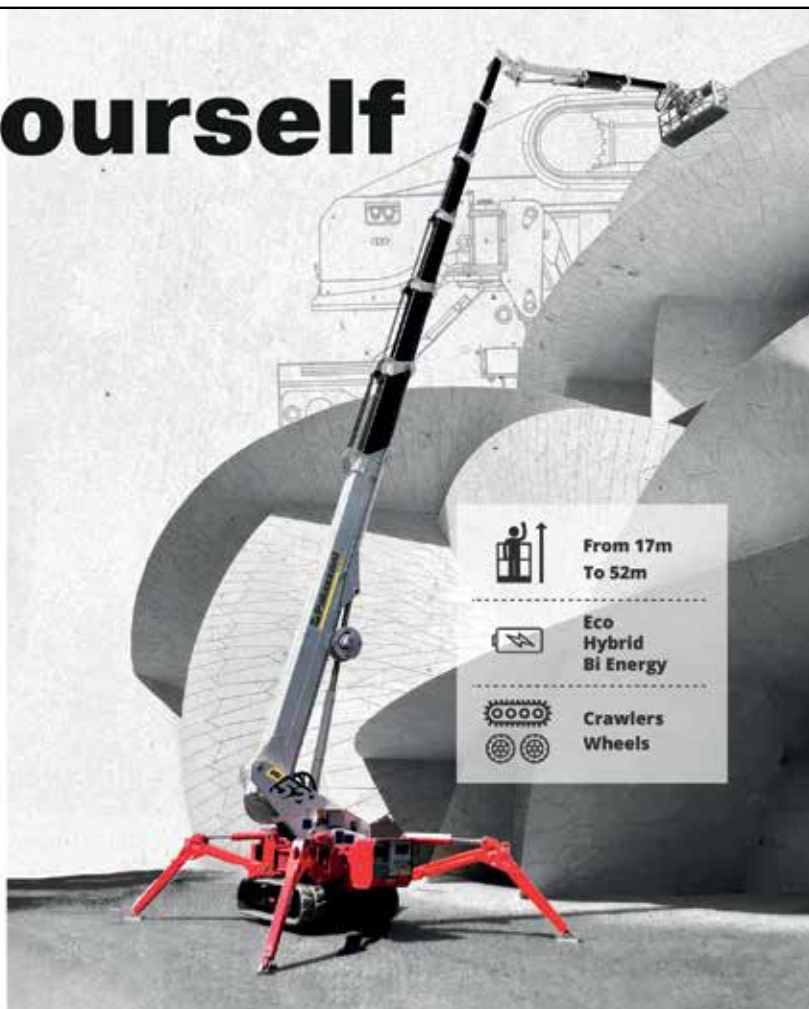


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# CPA Conference 2021

The CPA Conference 2021 will be held on Thursday 14th October 2021 at the Heart of England Conference and Events Centre in Fillongley near Coventry. The theme of this year's Conference will be 'Net Zero Carbon & Digitalisation: The Challenge of Change for the Plant Sector'.

The Conference will be hosted by former television newsreader, presenter and journalist Merryn Myatt. Delegate conference tickets will also be available to purchase on the CPA website in the coming months, but if you would like to express an interest in attending, please email [enquiries@cpa.uk.net](mailto:enquiries@cpa.uk.net).

CPA chief executive Kevin Minton said: "In our dealings with CPA members and the wider industry, there are two key themes that always emerge as having a great impact on the future of our sector - striving to achieve net zero carbon, and digitalisation in all its forms. We thought it best to shine the spotlight on these two key topics and one will be addressed in the morning and the other in the afternoon of the Conference.

"The construction industry has played a critical role in the course of the Covid-19 pandemic, helping support vital infrastructure, building testing and temporary hospital facilities and driving economic growth at a time when other sectors were forced to close. The event will combine keynote speeches with panel debates and interactive discussion, and it will be designed to allow delegates to come away with better insight about how they can prepare their businesses in the post Covid age. The intent is to hold the event live, but are also looking into bringing a virtual element to the Conference for those who may not be able to attend in person."



## New Timings for CPA Stars of the Future Awards 2021

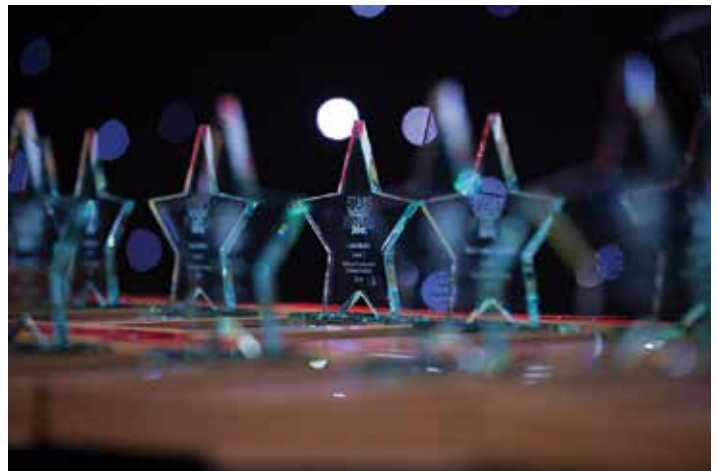
In light of the current status of the roadmap out of lockdown, the CPA has decided to move the event from the original date of Thursday 1st July to Tuesday 14th September, so that a live physical event can be hosted at the Heart of England Conference and Events Centre in Fillongley near Coventry.

To take into account the new timings, the deadline for Stars of the Future nominations has been extended to Monday 31st May 2021. Nomination forms are available on the CPA website at [www.cpa.uk.net](http://www.cpa.uk.net).

Kevin Minton said: "Stars of the Future is now in its ninth year and it has become firmly established for recognising and rewarding the skills and calibre of the industry's apprentices and trainees. Even though physical events may well be allowed from 21st June 2021, there is still a great deal of uncertainty and we didn't want to run the risk of limiting the event to a purely online awards announcement for the second year running."

"By holding the awards ceremony a few months later, we hope there will no longer be any issues with events. We also realise that colleges have only recently returned to live classes, so by extending the nomination deadline it allows more preparation time in terms of gathering information together for the nomination process. We'd like to urge employers in the construction equipment sector to nominate apprentices and trainees who they believe should be recognised as stars in the making."

Stars of the Future is a national awards scheme for apprentices and trainees in the construction equipment rental industry.



The awards categories for 2021 include:

- Plant Mechanic of the Year (Level 2)
- Plant Technician of the Year (Level 3)
- Plant Operative of the Year
- Lifting Technician of the Year
- Hire Controller of the Year
- Plant Installer of the Year
- College of the Year
- Best Personal Statement
- Judges' Special Award

Stars of the Future winners will be in contention for a number of prizes, as well as national recognition. Previous prizes have included Snap-on tool kits, iPads and an all expenses paid trip to Germany to visit the Liebherr crane plant.

The national winners for Stars of the Future 2020 were Adam Rees of Machinery Movements and Crane Hire (Mechanic of the Year), Rhys Nigel John of Marubeni-Komatsu (Technician of the Year), Danielle Taylor of Flannery Plant Hire (Operative of the Year), Luke Reddish of Wolffkran (Lifting Technician of the Year), Iveta Tomasevska of Flannery Plant Hire (Hire Controller of the Year), Senghan Carr of L Lynch Plant Hire (Best Personal Statement) and Scott Laurenson of EMN Plant (Judges' Special Award).

