



THE SEARCH IS ON FOR THE UK'S MOST PROMISING PLANT APPRENTICES

Entries are now open for the Construction Plant-hire Association's (CPA) Stars of the Future Awards 2025:

- Plant Mechanic of the Year (Level 2)
- Plant Technician of the Year (Level 3)
- Young Plant Operative of the Year
- Plant Operative of the Year
- Lifting Technician of the Year
- Hire Controller of the Year
- Plant Installer of the Year
- Technical Support Person of the Year **NEW!**

Award for employers:

- Apprentice Mentor of the Year

Special awards are also available for all nominees

FREE TO ENTER
and open to both CPA members and non CPA members



ACT NOW!

Download the nomination forms from www.cpa.uk.net and make your nominations by 21st March 2025

SAVE THE DATE:

Awards ceremony on 10th July 2025



NIFTY'S WOMEN IN ENGINEERING

Niftylift held its 2024 'Women in Engineering event' at its facility in Milton Keynes, UK, late last year with almost 200 students attending from 17 local schools.

The event included factory tours, product and mechanical design challenges, production tasks and an introduction to purchasing, control systems and hydraulics. Attendees also had the chance to speak with Nifty's female employees about their career and prospects in the industry. Feedback from the event indicated that 83 percent of those that attended would consider a career in engineering, similar to that recorded in 2023.



SENNEBOGEN TRAINING CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

It is 10 years since German crane and heavy duty telehandler manufacturer Sennebogen opened its training centre in Straubing, southern Germany. In that time 15,000 customers, distributors and employees - have successfully participated in 2,000 training sessions.



JAIL FOR SUPERVISOR

A court in Singapore has sentenced Ramu Gopinath, 36, a work at height supervisor for CKR Contract Services, to seven months' jail for negligence that led to a painter, Sundarrajan Manikaraja, falling to his death after a passing bus became entangled in his abseiling rope which extended from the roof to the ground.

Gopinath was accused of failing to ensure that there was a banksman on the ground to prevent any interference with traffic outside the Royal Plaza Hotel during an exterior clean and repaint in 2019. A banksman had apparently been assigned to the task that day, but when Gopinath called him, he did not answer.

TELEHANDLER FATALITY COSTS £160K

UK based Merchant Homes Partnership has been fined £160,000 following the death of telehandler operator Scott Bradley, 44, in Glasgow, Scotland. Bradley was reversing the telehandler with a load of scaffold when it slid down an embankment, overturned and crushed him to death. The HSE found that Merchant Homes had not risk assessed the site traffic route.

HSE inspector James Caren said: "Our investigation discovered that Merchant Homes had failed in its duty to properly risk assess and introduce measures to ensure the traffic route was suitable for the telehandler. As a result, its rear wheels went over the edge of the traffic route while reversing, which tragically led to it overturning."



£1.6 MILLION FOR SLING BREAK FATALITY

UK based Lyndon SGB has been fined £1.6 million plus costs of £23,193 after employee, Jack Phillips, 24, was killed on a site in Eastbourne, England.

Phillips had been assisting with the loading/unloading of mastclimber tower sections by a loader crane when an aging sling failed, causing the load to fall on him.

The HSE and Sussex Police found that Brand Energy & Infrastructure Services - trading as Lyndon SGB - had failed to properly plan the lifting operation or identify a requirement for safe exclusion zones. The company also failed to have a suitable system in place to ensure accessories were thoroughly examined and disposed of when past their expiry date as was the case in this incident.

Parents, Scot and Nichola Phillips said: "How do you put into words the utter devastation we feel. Our child, our only son, is dead. Our family's life has changed forever."



Jack Phillips



WHO TRAINED THEM THEN?

A 3.5 tonne truck mounted lift overturned on a busy street in Dublin, Ireland just before Christmas. The lift - belonging to the Elmore Group - was working on a façade and had been set up without outrigger mats on a street with underground voids. One of the outriggers was placed directly on a drain cover! There were also no signs of the area having been properly cordoned off, even after the machine had overturned. Luckily no one was hurt in the incident.

