

WELCOME

Masonry Association Technical Committee

Leviat Connect Hub

15th September 2026

Technical Committee Meeting Agenda

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15th September 2026 | 2:00 pm

1. Welcome, Introductions and Update

Eve Livett – CEO Masonry Association

2. Cavity Congestion: Challenges to Collaborations

Sara Dawes – Regional Technical Sales Manager – Leviat

3. Single Use Plastics in Construction

Mike Leonard – CEO – Building Alliance

Refreshment Break

5. Construction 2030: The Rise of the Robot, an Introduction to Leo

Vassos Chrysostomou, Ambassador, IBE Humanoids

6. Round-Up and Actions

Networking Drinks

MAGB Activity:

Skills & Training

Social Value

In just 18 months, The Masonry Association has established itself as a credible and active industry body, delivering value across the areas that matter most to our members and helping to shape a stronger future for masonry.

Technical

**Representation &
Industry
Engagement**

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National Masonry Academy Apprenticeship in Full Swing

- **Block 1 complete** - 2 weeks intensive training with Malc Hancock and Phil Hodgkinson
- **Learning Beyond the Bench** – Industry day with Footprint Tools connecting knowledge with deeper understanding
- **Next 14 Months** – Continues technical understanding and Industry Exposure
- **Cohort 2** – We're recruiting for new apprentices and employer involvement

Come and See Us!

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COHORT 2

- **Apprentice minimum wage is £8/hr** for the first 12 months
- **Apprenticeship training fees are fully funded** by the government
- **Exempt from the 15% Employers National Insurance Contributions**
- We provide a **complimentary recruitment service**, so there is no fee for hiring
- Finally, there are up to **£6,000 worth of employer incentives** available for hiring a new apprentice!

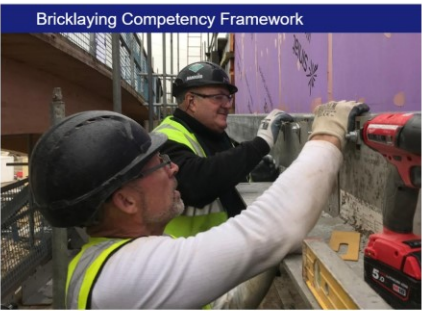
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How do we demonstrate that the people carrying out critical masonry work have the competence to do it properly?



Masonry Support Angle Installation

Onsite & Offsite Options

[Find Out More](#)



Installing Fire Breaks and Barriers

Onsite & Offsite Options

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Brick Slip Systems

Onsite & Offsite Options

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Brick Soffit Systems

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Specialist DPC Systems

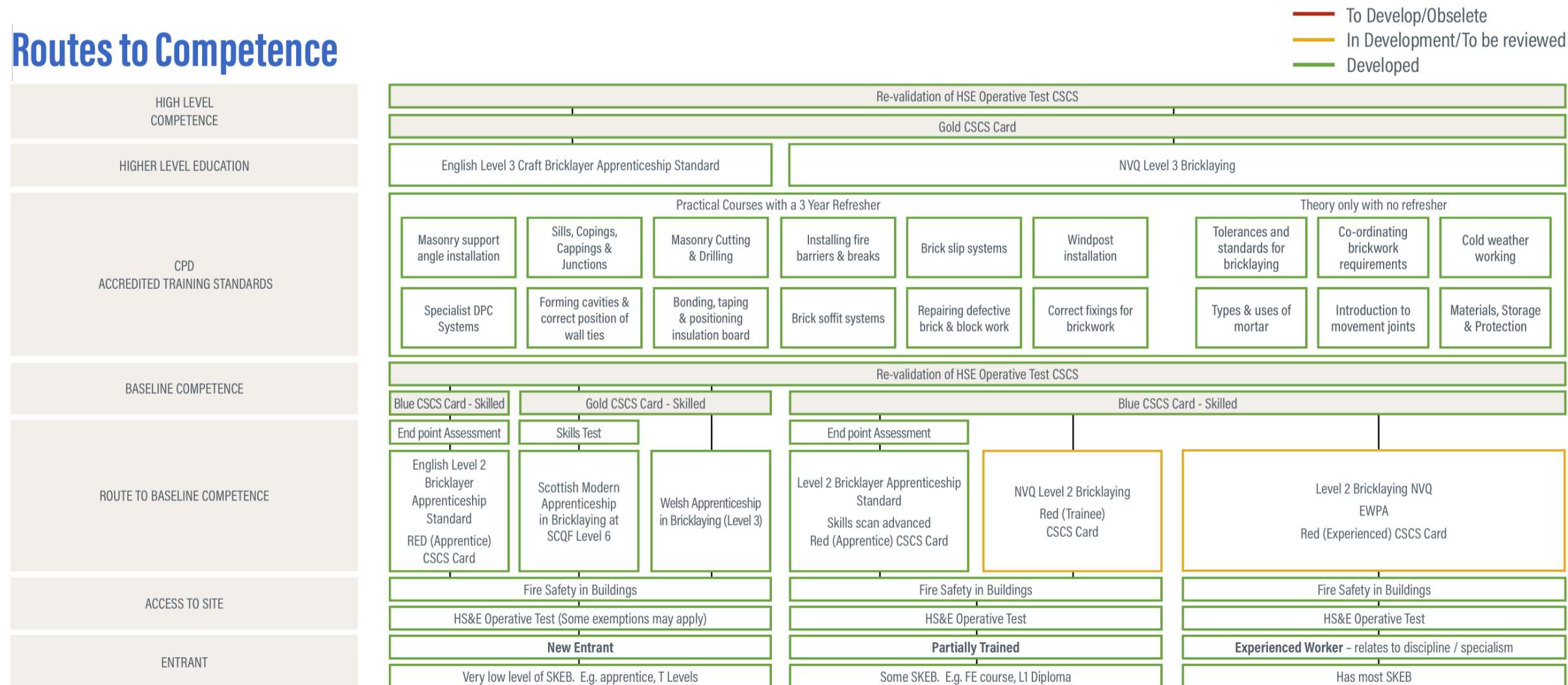
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Routes to Competence

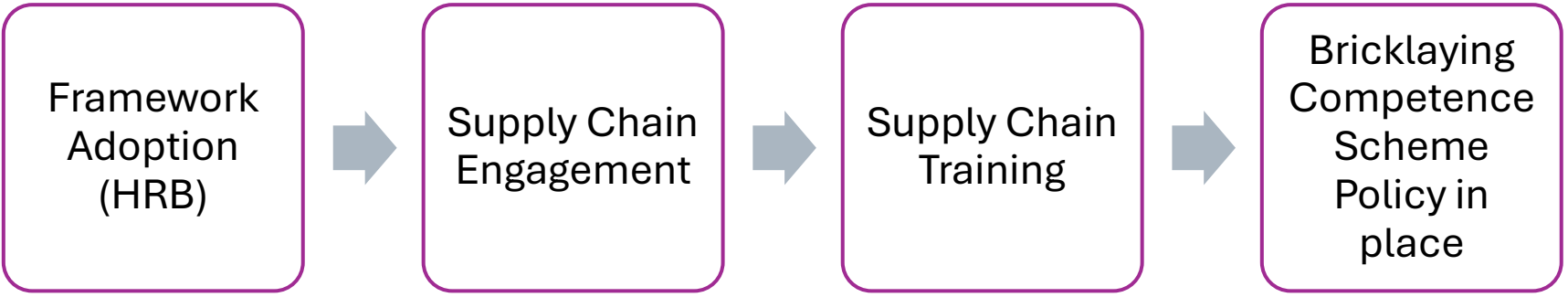


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What we're now seeing from a major housebuilder....



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Proposal for the Development of a UK Brickmaker Apprenticeship Standard

Prepared by

The Masonry Association of Great Britain



- Phase 1** - Gauge industry support.
- Phase 2** - Establish a national employer working group.
- Phase 3** - Develop an occupational profile.
- Phase 4** - Prepare and submit a proposal to Skills England.
- Phase 5** - Develop apprenticeship content and end-point assessment.
- Phase 6** - Launch the UK's first Brickmaker Apprenticeship.



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Masonry Association to represent sector:

- Building and Structural Safety Expert Group

Withdrawal of first generation Eurocodes to be withdrawn in March 2028 and looking for industry to look at the implications of second generation

- Installing of Construction Anchors and Testing of Construction Fixings Competency Framework

MAGB to sit on the development of this competency framework

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MASTERCRAFT
2026
CHURCHILL CUP

MasterCraft Experience

Friday 16th October 2026 | HG Matthews Brickworks, Chesham

On Day 2 of MasterCraft – The Churchill Cup, we're opening the doors and inviting you to experience a unique celebration of brickwork, craftsmanship and creativity.

From 9:00am, come and watch 10 of the finest bricklayers in the UK as they bring their individual creations to life using an incredible selection of reclaimed, handmade and specialist materials – and see who will be crowned the first-ever MasterCraft Champion.

Your free ticket includes:

- Entry to MasterCraft – The Churchill Cup
- A guided tour of the historic HG Matthews factory
- The chance to watch some of the UK's finest bricklayers competing live
- Access to the MasterCraft Award Ceremony
- Discover the Guild of Bricklayers and the charitable work it undertakes to support, promote and preserve the craft of bricklaying

FACTORY TOURS

Guided tours of the HG Matthews factory will take place every hour from 10:00am, with the final tour at 2:00pm.

Tour places are limited, so a tour time must be booked in advance.

FREE ENTRY

Tickets are completely free, but places are limited. To reserve your ticket and select your preferred factory tour time, please contact:

eve@guildofbricklayers.org.uk

Come along, explore the HG Matthews yard and factory, meet fellow enthusiasts and craftspeople, watch exceptional brickwork being created and be there to witness history as we crown the first MasterCraft Champion.

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MasterCraft – The Churchill Cup
Where brickwork becomes Craft, Creativity and Competition.

GOB MasterCraft – The Churchill Cup

- 10 Competitors over two days
- Scrapheap Challenge Inspired
- Creativity and Craftsmanship
- 16th October open to public – FREE
- Judged by Charles Morris & GOB

Sponsored by Cornerstone, Grayson, MPA & HG Matthews

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NHBC Expert Panel for Brickwork



- Direct contractor representation
- Common defects & CQRs
- NHBC inspection consistency
- Contractor experience & feedback
- Timber frame & tolerances
- Understanding responsibility

Better communication → better outcomes

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Events

- UK Construction Week
- MasterCraft
- Brick Awards 50th
- MAGB Meeting
- GOB Annual Conference

29th September 2026
16th October
4th November 2026
24th November 2026
19th November

MAGB Technical Committee

Sub-Sector	Name	Company
Chair	Keith Aldis	MAGB
Vice-Chair	Tony Higson	Grayson GB
Bricks	Sarah Le Gresley	Michelmersh
Mortar	Mick Russell	MPA
Damps & Membranes	Tony Goode	Visqueen
Structural Components	Sara Dawes	Leviat
Cavity Barriers	George Danzey-Smith / Alex Boothe	ARC
Insulation / Brick Slip Systems	Hedley Thompson	Brik Lok
Legislation / Lobbyist	Mike Leonard	Building Alliance
Warranty		
Engineering	Lex Harrison	ARUP
Education	Peter Roberts	BTTB
Training	Nicola Hiatt	CITB
Bricklayer (Outside M25)	Christian Watson	Pheonix Brickwork
Bricklayer (Inside M25)		

MAGB Technical Committee – Purpose

- Brings together experts from across the masonry supply chain.
- Provides a forum to discuss current technical challenges and opportunities.
- Shares knowledge, experience and best practice across the industry.
- Helps ensure the voice of the masonry sector is heard and represented.
- Identifies emerging issues before they become widespread industry problems.

Questions?

Anything we've missed?