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25th Anniversary!

Established in 1990 by Graham Kench, and offering a range of high quality glazing bars for installing multiwall polycarbonate, this year sees us celebrating our 25th Anniversary – a proud milestone in this family business that is now run by the management team that include Graham's two daughters, Vicky Evans and Sarah Kench.



These days you will also find a wide range of modular rooflights and other glazing systems in our product basket. The Multi-Link-Panel rooflight system has a particularly good fit in railway station and depot refurbishment projects where it's speed of installation is of great benefit in helping to keep station close down times to a minimum. Classified as Non-Fragile to the HSE's drop test ACR[M]001:2014 also gives additional peace of mind for those responsible for large glazed roof areas.

In addition, we design, manufacture and install our own purpose-built aluminium-framed glazed canopies and walkways. Our facility is kitted out with a wide range of computerised equipment that enables us to accomplish this in a professional and safe way,

Health & Safety being a major priority for us. Our colourful structures have proved to be extremely popular within the education arena, as well as in other more commercial areas.



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We prefer to work in aluminium rather than steel as it is lighter in weight, so easier and safer to move around the country and handle on site – and it doesn't rust in use. We believe this factor to be a major benefit for our end-user clients.

Our original offering has expanded considerably and today we are a large-scale stockist of multiwall and solid polycarbonate sheet, with a service that includes providing this glazing cut to size, blown and taped, ready to fit. Our range of structural and rafter glazing bar systems has grown massively and we now have many different systems on offer.

Situated just minutes off the M62 we are able to quickly access the UK motorway network, enabling us to provide a nationwide service.

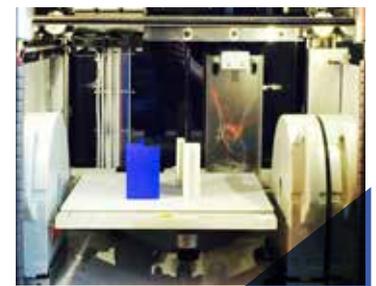
We are keen to work with our clients in order to achieve the quality results we all want in a cost-effective and timely fashion and to this end we continue to innovate – we know the value of introducing new methods of production as well as new product lines.



UK Rail Industry Awards 2015

We were delighted to have our In-Line Access Hatch shortlisted in the 'Outstanding Projects Small Under £3m' category of the UK Rail Industry Awards in February. We lost to a worthy competitor, Story Contracting, who is now a collaborative partner working on the refurbishment of Scottish railway stations. We were asked to produce the hatch by Network Rail, who wanted their staff to be able to undertake maintenance tasks more safely from below the roof glazing. The resulting innovative and sleek hatch was designed in-house, fits within a standard Multi-Link-Panel, is unobtrusive, passes the designated drop test, and requires no special operating equipment.

Modern-day technology



Innovation and development are key requirements in today's fast-paced construction world and our latest investment of a 3D printer is a prime example of how we aim to achieve this. This new technology enables us to develop and tweak new products in a really cost-effective and timely manner. This means we are confident that we have a product that works when we go to the expense of producing an expensive die ready to extrude the finished profile.



Innovation in action

At Twinfix we are always striving to produce the best products and our innovative ideas are one of the keys to our success. Our Twinfix GW Polycarbonate™ is just one example of this - a solid polycarbonate sheet that mimics the appearance of Georgian wired glass... it looks the same but is virtually unbreakable making it ideal for rail and depot refits.



Another exciting innovation that we developed, tested and is now in use at many stations is our in-line access hatch, designed to provide easy access from below but to look part of the roof system and blend in, so perfect for heritage needs. Watch this space for more exciting products.

Please get in touch if you'd like a product sample for a forthcoming project.

New product: Spacelite Glass Rooflight

As part of our philosophy of continually moving forward and introducing new quality products we have recently launched the Spacelite double glazed glass rooflight. It is available in three standard sizes with bespoke sizes available to order and achieves a low u value. It may be fitted onto an existing kerb or can be ordered complete with an insulated upstand.



Four canopies for Flowery Field Primary School

We have recently installed over 82metres of fabricated lean-to and cantilever canopies on four areas at the new Flowery Field Primary School in Stockport.



Working for main contractor Interserve we designed, manufactured and installed canopies, in widths varying from 2metres up to 4metres. JM Architects requested that the 11.6metre entrance canopy have a dual purpose: the first 2m element of the canopy was glazed with 6mm solid polycarbonate to provide shelter near to the door whilst the remaining structure was built in such a way as to provide a cost-effective brise soleil solution of providing shade for the adjoining rooms.

We drafted several ideas for this and the chosen design included deep rafter bars with the overall cantilever roof held up using steel tie rods. The other three canopies were situated adjacent to classrooms where they enable easy access to outside play, an important part of early learning school life.

All the canopies were powder coated in RAL grey 7016 colour at no extra cost, as is our standard practice, and were fitted by one of our in-house installation teams. Our own aluminium rainwater goods were also specified for all four canopies. The design of the down pipe fitting means there are no convenient hand holds available for small people to be tempted to try and climb up! In order to demonstrate exactly how these would look we prepared a sample of the system for them to approve. The fact that all the rainwater goods were powder coated in the same colour as the canopy means they blend in well and being aluminium they won't rust in use and will have a very long life.

We are currently in discussion about a further canopy on the site. It seems that four wasn't quite enough for the school and they are now considering another long run outside other classrooms!



Team work makes all the difference!



We are lucky to have such a great team of people working together here at Twinfix. It would be impossible to achieve what we do without the commitment that everyone demonstrates. The ground rules were set by our founder, Graham Kench, and we continue to operate his way, sharing company statistics and information, good or bad, with everyone at regular meetings.

Fund-raising is also on the agenda and last year the team spirit resulted in hundreds of cakes being brought in for our MacMillan Coffee Morning. Many of our guys have also participated in November in recent years, producing some interesting looking (!) facial hair along the way.

We also like to get out and play together on occasion - see our latest outing here, a fun trip to the dog racing to celebrate our 25th Anniversary, much enjoyed by all even if some of us came home with less money than we took with us!

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