

# South West Roofing Training Group

Training The Roofing Industry To Get It Right First Time

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## At a glance....

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## Future Training

New Pitched Roofing

Specialist Applied-Skills

Programme starts

July 2nd and August 1st

At our Exeter and  
Melksham training centres

Lead Welding and Bossing  
course—Exeter

May 23rd—25th and June  
12th and 13th

OR

Lead Welding—Melksham

June 20th—22nd

Funding still available to members,  
please contact our New Group  
Training Officer, Nichola Smith for  
more information

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## Welcome to the Spring issue of the SWRTG newsletter

### Training Group Funding

As you know, we have historically been funded by the CITB and received an annual grant from them to allocate to our members to help subsidise the cost of training. The CITB have undergone a massive grant reform and our training group has now been advised that as of the 1st April the funding we receive will change.

### What has changed?

We have a smaller pot of money to continue to subsidise generic training, however the membership discount is now only a maximum of 15% per booking. However, this discount combined with the preferential training rates sourced with various training providers of up to 20% will allow our members to access a generous discount when booking through the training group.

We have also been awarded additional pots of money to develop and or subsidise:

- Lead welding and bossing
- Roofing Specific Manual Handling
- Bespoke Upskilling
- Mental Health
- Construction Ambassador workshops
- Management Training

### Short Duration Achievement Grants

Many courses will now come under the short duration achievement grant. This is an additional grant you can apply for from the CITB for training between 3 hours and 29 days. The grant is paid in tiers of £30, £70 and £120 per course depending on its CITB grading. You will be able to access this grant via our training group as we are a CITB Approved Training Provider.

This means, the SWRTG will organise and book your training; once complete, we will log the completed training to ensure any applicable grants will be paid automatically into your bank. [www.citb.co.uk/grant](http://www.citb.co.uk/grant)

### Fully Funded CITB Apprenticeships

I am pleased to announce we have won the contract to teach the Specialist Applied Skills Programme (apprenticeship) in both pitched roofing and sheeting and cladding for a further 3 years.

From the 1st April 2018 the funding has changed for employers:

Available CITB Grants: £1290

Cost to Employer: £1078 + VAT

The course programme now comprises of 23 or 24 training days over a 12 month period, with a further 6 months to complete the NVQ



assessment. Please email for dates or for further information as we have courses starting soon at our training centres in both

### Membership Renewals

It's that time of year...membership renewals are now due! I will shortly be emailing a new membership application form, which includes a section regarding GDPR out to all of our members. Our membership fee will remain £50 + VAT for the year and payment can still be made via BACS. For those with delegates on an apprenticeship, membership is still free!

### Lead Course

Don't forget, as a CITB member and a member of our training group, we can offer you 25% off the price of a 5 day lead bossing and welding course or the 3 day lead welding course. Please enquire for availability.



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