

## Architectural Advice

Ideal Planning Permissions, an architectural and planning consultancy offering expert advice to developers and private homeowners, celebrates gaining its 30th client in the midst of a global recession. Ideal Planning Permissions Director, Chris Gwilliam, used his architectural and planning expertise to build a diverse and dependable property business following the liquidation of his previous employer in 2008, just one week before his wedding day. One year on, the consultancy has tripled turnover and continues to acquire several new customers, who appreciate the extensive skill set and vast experience offered by the company's employees. The consultancy is also regularly winning new business, owing to its excellent reputation and commitment to maintaining high standards. The company caters for all planning and design requirements, from small residential extensions and conversions to commercial work and larger housing

schemes. Services include architectural and drafting services, planning appeals and development feasibility appraisals.

For further information visit [www.idealplanningpermissions.co.uk](http://www.idealplanningpermissions.co.uk)



## Gripple Appointment

For her wealth of experience and high regard within the M & E industry, Gripple has appointed its first female manager to the UK industrial sales team. Thirty-five-year old Claire Thompson, who is also the

125th staff member to be sourced for the company by its retained recruitment company, Sheffield-based Management Bank Recruitment, will cover the North East and M62 corridor. During ten years as an area sales manager with Mita/Cablofil, and the last three as business development manager for MEP Solutions, part of the A-Belco Group, Claire gained considerable experience promoting innovative mechanical and electrical installation methods opposed to traditional methods. She will now utilise the excellent relationships she has established with M & E contractors at all levels, focusing on the use of Gripple Hangers in the installation of electrical, ventilation and heating systems. Despite the current economic climate Gripple continues to grow its team.

For further information on careers at Gripple telephone 0114 2376660 or email [job@gripple.com](mailto:job@gripple.com)



## AEG Powertools

A vigorous re-branding launches AEG Powertools in 2009, with its new vibrant bold orange colour giving the brand and the range a dynamic new look. The strong new image is being supported by AEG Powertools' commitment to product development and innovation, and will deliver several new products at launch in September, with more to follow during 2010. New ranges include the Compact 12v range – a range of ergonomically superior tools based around the compact 12v lithium-Ion battery platform and the powerful 18v range – a truly professional offering for today's tradesman across the 18v platform. Other products include new two kilo SDS plus hammers with extremely low vibration and class leading power, as well as a revamped woodworking portfolio, including a 305mm sliding mitre saw and 2050 watt router. All of the products will be backed with an extended three-year warranty. The strong new branding will be fur-

ther reflected in communication materials, a modern new catalogue and promotional literature and exciting POS solutions and a complete new merchandising system to enhance in-store presence.

For further information visit [www.aeg-pt.com](http://www.aeg-pt.com)



## Winner of Business Awards Growth Strategy Acolade

Patersons HR and Payroll Solutions the global HR and payroll software and services business announced that it has been selected as the winner of The National Business Awards Growth Strategy of the Year – South of England. Executives from Patersons HR and Payroll Solutions accepted the award at a reception held on 14 July at the London Hilton Park, London. As a winner in the Growth Strategy category plus selected as a finalist in three other categories, Patersons underwent intense scrutiny by a team of pre-eminent business professionals and presented to a panel of experts prior to the final judging. Karen Paterson, founder and CEO of Patersons HR and Payroll Solutions, said, "We're honored to be recognised as the South of England's hottest growth company. Patersons has a passion for technical excellence, value added service and extreme customer service. Winning The National Business Awards Growth Strategy for South of England acknowledges the achievements and future opportunities of our unique Global HR and Payroll Solution." Company founder and CEO Karen Paterson is acknowledged by her industry as having designed and delivered the world's first Internet-based global payroll management system. In doing so, she resolved what is potentially the largest problem faced by growing global organisations: the lack of a single contract, single platform payroll system that helps companies pay employees while managing the inherent risks involved in fielding local- and country-level tax and compliance regulations. Today, Patersons HR and Payroll Solutions' flagship software-as-a-service offering Logon2, which was a finalist for the Business Innovation of the Year Award, features employee and manager self service; a global multi-lingual, multi-currency HR suite; online international payroll processing; expatriate management; performance management; flexible benefits and benefits administration; and a full business intelligence and reporting suite.

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## MAKING THE SOLAR SWITCH

Leicester College has installed Kingspan Solar Thermomax vacuum tubes as one of its key campus sites, Freeman's Park. As part of a dramatic overhaul to upgrade its facilities for students and in keeping with Building Regulations Part L, Freeman's Park replaced its old gas boilers with 300 Kingspan Solar Thermomax vacuum tubes, which now provide the campus with 70 percent of its hot water needs all-year-round. Each Thermomax high performance system diffuses solar radiation into useful heat by using a

solar collector. This consists of a highly insulated manifold and row of solar tubes, which capture energy quickly, as their vacuum-packed chambers suppress heat loss. Each solar tube has a vacuum inside, which ensures the most effective transfer of energy into heat. It not only provides perfect insulation, it also protects the system from outside influences, allowing thermal solar energy to be captured efficiently and effectively.

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