



The Trade Association for Underpinning and Subsidence Repair Techniques, Engineered Foundation Solutions and Retro Fit Basements

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## ASUC CELEBRATES SUCCESS AT 2<sup>nd</sup> AWARDS LUNCH

This year the ASUC Awards were held following a lunch in the historic, Grade II listed, Brewery which occupies the buildings of Whitbread's 18th Century beer-making empire in the City of London.

Following lunch guests were entertained by the broadcaster, writer and Church of England priest, Reverend Richard Coles. These days he is in the quintessentially English village of Finedon, Northamptonshire, where two of his ancestors were also vicars in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. But, his life was very different more than a quarter of a century ago, as he was the instrumentalist half of pop band The Communards together with Jimmy Somerville. During the 1980s The Communards had three UK Top 10 hits, including Never Can Say Goodbye and the biggest-selling single of 1986, Don't Leave Me This Way.

The Rev Richard Cole presented this year's ASUC awards which were set up to recognise the work of members in promoting best practice, ensuring high standards of workmanship and the continuing development of its workforce through training.

### **Basement Guarantee Awards** sponsored by MDIS

- Project up to £300k in Value - Winner: Basement Force
- Project over £300k in Value - Winner: Abbey Pynford Geostructures

### **Defects Insurance Guarantee Awards** sponsored by MDIS

- SMALL TURNOVER - Winner: Stress UK (Highly Commended: Goodyer Ltd)
- MEDIUM TURNOVER - Winner: Falcon Structural Repairs (Highly Commended: U&M Group)
- LARGE TURNOVER - Winner: Abbey Pynford Geostructures (Highly Commended: Roger Bullivants)

### **Training Awards** sponsored by W11 Construction

- SMALL TO MEDIUM COMPANY - Winner: U&M Group (Highly Commended: Stress UK)
- LARGE COMPANY - Winner: Falcon Structural Repairs (Highly Commended: Forcia)
- EXTRA LARGE COMPANY - Winner: Roger Bullivant (Highly Commended: Knight Build)

### **Project of the Year** sponsored by Knight Build

- UNDERPINNING AND SUBSIDENCE REPAIR CATEGORY - Winner: MJ Rooney for Hereford Square project
- ENGINEERED FOUNDATION SOLUTIONS - Winner: U&M Group for Queens Wall project
- UNDERPINNING AND SUBSIDENCE REPAIR CATEGORY - Winner: W11 Construction for London W12 project



**Best Achievement Award** sponsored by ASUC

- Winner: Abbey Pynford Geostrutures for lifting and moving a listed Smithy

ASUC Executive Director, Rob Withers, was delighted with the number of members and guests who attended the lunch (nearly 100) and the growth of the awards, which this year included a category for projects. He said: *“The awards(which were introduced last year)give us the opportunity to celebrate the hard work of ASUC members in promoting best practice within our sector of the construction industry and reinforce our commitment to improving standard and training. Congratulations to all our winners and also thanksto our sponsors for their generous support of the event.”*

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ASUC is the only association representing specialist contractors in domestic: underpinning and subsidence repair techniques, engineered foundations and retrofit basements. The latent defects insurance can cover all the works carried out under contract at a property - not just the subsidence repair. Members of ASUC offer an extended range of foundation solutions, including new build, basements and other forms of subsidence repairs.

Members of ASUC are subject to annual health and safety reviews, are audited for technical expertise by an independent assessor, are monitored for financial probity and all share the common goals of setting the benchmark for standards within the industry, to lead in providing innovative solutions and maintain skills levels through education and training.

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