



Benefits of BWF Membership

Growth, resilience and influence

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“ BWF membership helps me deal with day-to-day business and technical challenges and to stay ahead of change, allowing me to get on with what I do best... ”

Roger Silk, Houghtons of York

Can you afford not to join?

What is the British Woodworking Federation?

The British Woodworking Federation (BWF) is the trade association for the UK Joinery and Woodworking Sector.

The organisation was set up and is run specifically for manufacturers, distributors and installers of timber doors, windows, conservatories, staircases and all forms of architectural joinery including interior fit-out businesses, as well as suppliers to the industry.

The principal aims of the BWF:

- 1 An influential voice
- 2 The UK number one information point on woodworking matters
- 3 Champion the British Woodworking Code of Conduct to ensure the BWF badge is recognised and respected
- 4 Grow the market for members' products
- 5 Zero accidents in the workplace
- 6 A fully qualified, engaged and competent workforce
- 7 Resolve shared industry problems and deliver value to members

How does the BWF help you?

The BWF Product focusses on helping companies manage risk via four key areas of service:

- R**epresentation – providing a voice for woodworking businesses
- I**nformation – huge library of publications and online resources
- S**ales leads and promotion – built on an audited Code of Conduct
- K**now-how – helplines and specialist support from industry experts

All members joining are audited against our Code of Conduct, subscriptions are linked to turnover.

700 member companies
mostly UK manufacturers



Woodworking in the UK – a key part of our heritage, a vital part of our future

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About the British Woodworking Federation

There are **700** member companies mostly UK manufacturers making products such as staircases, windows, doors, furniture and architectural joinery.

"Wood is the most technologically advanced material that we can build with. The Earth grows our food. The Earth can grow our homes. It's an ethical change that we have to go through."
Michael Green, Architect

1. Construction, the catalyst for growth

Every £1 invested in construction generates £2.84 for the economy

Joinery focuses on continuous innovation & product development

Increasing environmental sustainability, durability and fire safety standards

Supporting offsite construction technologies by focusing on factory-finished solutions

What we're doing:

- Strong support for Construction 2025, the industrial strategy for construction
- BIM Taskgroup to ensure industry is BIM-ready for 2016
- Accreditation and certification services to improve product performance and drive up standards
- Active on more than 40 standards committees
- Fire Door SafetyWeek to educate and promote improved fire safety in new and existing buildings

What we need from Government:

- More housebuilding across the country
- Ensure quality of design and build is key to future development
- Ensure uniform enforcement of EUTR across Europe
- Insist on safe specification of fire doors to protect life and property
- Cut VAT to 5% on home RMI work

2. Wood, the sustainable choice

Carbon Storage
Wood is a renewable material which absorbs and locks up carbon

- Helps the UK meet its climate change commitments more easily and cheaply
- The natural choice for health and well-being
- Timber products have the lowest embodied carbon of any mainstream production material

One tonne of carbon is stored for every 1m³ of timber used

Wood products are made at incredibly low energy levels

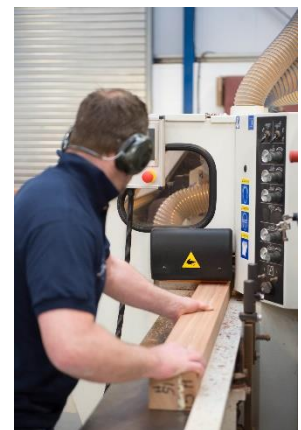
5 trees planted for every one harvested in managed European forests

What we're doing:

- Funded independent Whole Life cost and cradle-to-grave lifecycle research for timber windows
- Achieved Green Guide A+ rating for Wood Window Alliance products

What we need from Government:

- Housing Standards and Allowable Solutions which support the use of genuinely sustainable products
- Recognition and reward for low-energy manufacturing
- Ensure all building projects consider and publish full carbon impact
- Support for growth in sustainably managed forests



A tick in all the right boxes

Influence

A powerful voice for the woodworking sector, affecting change for you

A voice on regulatory change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A voice on developing Product and Industry Standards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Promotion of UK Manufacturing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FREE Membership of the Construction Products Association	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FREE Membership of Build UK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FREE Membership of the Confederation of Timber Industries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Technical Help

Developing standards & providing technical advice and support

Technical consultancy (via helpline)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
In-depth technical consultancy/audits (surcharges may apply)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BWF technical meetings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access to online technical library (e.g. Guide to Part Q, EUTR etc)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ground-breaking EPD calculator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BIM Toolkit / CE Marking Toolkit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Promotion

Benefit directly from BWF promotion of the UK joinery sector

Opportunity to promote business as Code of Conduct Compliant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Listing on UK Joinery Directory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Regular engagement with architects, contractors and builders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Referrals from BWF Technical helpline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Promotion at exhibitions and events	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Market research

Vital information & market data, helping you to make informed decisions

Quarterly State of Trade Survey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Benchmarking work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Construction & joinery market updates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Business Support and Network

Advice and reassurance from the BWF team and specialist expert providers

Updates on regulations affecting you	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access to the <i>BWF Business Toolkit</i> (e.g. Template contracts, T&Cs, FPC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FREE Business Audit when you join	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dispute resolution and access to approved ADR service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access to BWF Regional Meetings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FREE ticket to BWF Members' Day, the UK's largest woodworking conference	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Discounts on <i>BWF Toolkit+</i> Services (e.g. Chain of Custody, u-values and simulations, QMS)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dedicated contractual advice helpline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dedicated employment law helpline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dedicated taxation helpline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dedicated Health & Safety helpline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Employment manuals/contracts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Procurement & tendering support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Free credit checking service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health & Safety Management Tools	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Insurance & Risk Management advice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Risk register for identifying benchmarking & assessing risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Training Support

Supporting delivery & preparing for the future

Qualification development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BWF Training Centres of Excellence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access to BWF Continuing Professional Development scheme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FREE membership of the WIT Forum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FREE access to E-Learning academy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Discounted training from 3 rd parties	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bespoke training packages	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Access to Grants and Funding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Promotional Schemes

BWF operate & manage a number of promotional schemes: the Wood Window Alliance, BWF Stair Scheme, the Fire Door Inspection Scheme, BWF Certifire Fire Door & Doorset Scheme and Wood in Interiors

So, why join the British Woodworking Federation?

The BWF exists to help members trade more profitably:

Sean Parnaby, BWF President and Managing Director, West Port Timber Windows and Doors

"I firmly believe that, in the BWF, we have one of the best trade associations in the country, a dynamic and active network that has never been better placed to support British joinery manufacturers. BWF exists to help us manage our risks as a sector, collectively grow our markets, meet and take advantage from standards and regulatory change (including recently the new Security Regulations Part Q, CE Marking, consumer legislation), improve health and safety performance and help us to manage, support training and promote careers within the industry. At the same time, they are fighting to protect and support a positive environment in which we, as joinery businesses, can thrive.



"My advice is to join, we did and I have never looked back. It's tough running a joinery business and can be very lonely, don't become isolated. BWF is reactive and has evolved with the industry - we have a cracking staff team, but it's the members who set the strategy and operational plan. Any member can get involved in determining the BWF activities and strategy, formally through the Management Council or simply by making your views known to our team.

"One of my best decisions in business was to join and I hope you will too as with every member the BWF gets stronger!"



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