

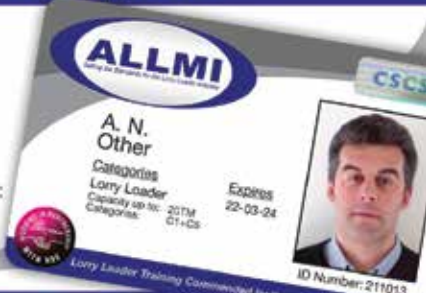
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# NEW PASMA CHAIRMAN

PASMA has appointed Richard Fairfield of E. T. Hire as chairman. He took over from Roger Verallo of Euro Towers at the association's annual members' meeting on September 29th. Roger Verallo has been a member of PASMA for 45 years, the last nine as chairman. Fairfield stressed his excitement at working with the PASMA team working towards a world with "no falls, no injuries and no deaths" involving towers.



Richard Fairfield (left) takes over from Roger Verallo

# PASMA CONFERENCE 2022

150 delegates attended PASMA's annual conference which included a packed programme with presentations from:

- Jason Carlton of PASMA introducing the association's new TowerSure tower inspection technology.
- Ian Fyall of Simian Skill, highlighting the progress of PASMA and tower safety in the Middle East.
- Lesley Nidd of Network Rail, who shared insights into the investigation she led into a fall from a tower at Paddington Station in 2019.
- Helen Barnes of Network Rail and Rob Usher of Taziker, explaining the positive way they responded when Taziker was involved in two close calls with towers.
- Mike Contopoulos of Network Rail and Peter Bennett of PASMA who stressed the value of collaboration and shared learning for preventing accidents.
- Don Aers of PASMA discussed changes to EN 1004 and BS 1139-6 and what it means for those involved in tower supply and use.
- Finally, James MacPherson of Risk Fluent hosted a panel discussion on the problems TowerSure is solving and PASMA's vision for its future, with Blake May of Arriva, Sam Beesley of AT Jones and Peter Bennett of PASMA.

PASMA members could also access a members' exclusive room, where speakers included Martin Traynor of the Cabinet Office, James MacPherson of Risk Fluent, Daniel Ng of PASMA, John Darby of the Test & Research Centre, Martin Doran of Astley Hire and Maarten de Vries of PASMA.



Rob Usher of Taziker



Lesley Nidd of Network Rail



Rebranding safety panel session

# TOWER SAFETY VIDEOS FOR RAIL INDUSTRY

PASMA Conference attendees were also shown a new short video series 'Using towers safely in a railway environment', created by PASMA, Taziker and Network Rail. Filmed at Bristol Temple Meads and Wilmslow railway stations:

- Introduction from Network Rail
- Roles & responsibilities
- Selecting the right tower
- How to assemble and dismantle a tower
- Inspecting a tower
- Protecting the public
- Ascending and descending a tower safely
- How to move a tower
- Competence
- What to do if you spot something unsafe

The videos will be shown during inductions and on-site briefings, they are also available on PASMA's YouTube channel.

# TOWERSURE

Delegates were able to try the new TowerSure inspection technology. Using the free mobile app, they were guided through the process of inspecting a tower, ensuring all safety checks are completed and all legal responsibilities are met along the way. The inspection records generated are stored securely and can be searched and shared electronically via a web portal.

Delegates could also scan QR codes on the equipment to check for an up-to-date inspection. On sites this is done before using the equipment or to spot check that inspections have been carried out on schedule.

See: [pasma.co.uk/towersure](https://pasma.co.uk/towersure)

# TOWER SHOWCASE

The rain held off long enough for delegates to visit the 'Tower Showcase' featuring towers from UTS Sales & Repairs, Pop Up Products, WernerCo, Alto Access Products and Euro Towers.



Chris Smith of PASMA leads delegates on a tour of the tower showcase



Chris Bowman of Euro Towers

Delegates were introduced to a range of tower configurations, including 3T and AGR mobile access towers, linked towers, end and side cantilever towers, towers with bridges and stepped towers. There was also a showroom for low level access equipment.

