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## **NOTTINGHAM MAN BECOMES CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL FEDERATION OF BUILDERS**

Nottingham Castle provided the backdrop to a new national Chairman taking the helm at the National Federation of Builders (NFB). Nottingham builder John Robinson of local firm Hofton and Sons Ltd was welcomed at the NFB's AGM Dinner on 29 June.

Earlier, John took the reins from Bristol contractor Rupert Perkins, and made his maiden speech at the AGM held at the famous Galleries of Justice in Nottingham.



*John Robinson receives the NFB chain of office from outgoing chairman Rupert Perkins*

John's vision for the forthcoming year is to build new opportunities for the construction industry and to encourage investment in difficult economic times.

He said:

“Being a local contractor, I know the problems we are facing here in Nottinghamshire and across the country. We need to ensure that our local builders get the access to work that they need. We have much work to do, to set the scene for building the recovery of the construction sector and, in particular, our members. Local employment will lead to local economic growth and then recovery for the whole country.

“It is my intention that the NFB will grow its influence with law makers, regulators and policy makers to ensure that we have the best conditions to recover our badly hit industry.”

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John has been involved with the NFB for many years and has already held several positions within the federation, including chairman of the Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Association and Chairman of the Midlands Region Executive Board, along with previously holding the office of National Chairman.

Hofton & Sons Ltd has been in existence for 143 years, and five generations of Hoftons have worked in the business, providing quality building and joinery services within the local community. John joined the company in 1989, when the male line of the Hofton family ended and Brian Shouler became the second generation of Shoulers to run the firm.

The company has constructed some landmark buildings in the area and has developed large housing estates locally. Today the company is involved with a wide range of construction projects – new housing developments, contracts for private and commercial building and specialist joinery. It has won awards for craftsmanship on five separate occasions.

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Picture: John Robinson receives the NFB chain of office from outgoing chairman Rupert Perkins.

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## Notes to Editors

The NFB is one of the UK's longest established trade federations for small to medium-sized (SME) builders, contractors and house builders across England and Wales. It was created 150 years ago to represent the building profession and to help create the conditions for its members to thrive and contribute to the economic success of the UK. Its members range from the sole trader to large, multi-million pound construction companies, with turnover ranging from below £500k to £100m plus. The NFB provides advice, training and business solutions to ensure members stay up to date.

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The NFB campaigns on the issues that impact the construction industry such as procurement, utilities, sustainability and funding. It represents the industry at government and industry forums and is an active media commentator and policy influencer.