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Alec Stewart on the Ball At PCA Awards

International cricketer Alec Stewart will be guest speaker at the Property Care Association's annual awards.

Alec's career spans 20 years in County and International cricket – and with 133 Test Caps, he is England's most capped Test cricketer of all time.

The awards will be presented at a special evening ceremony, to take place at Lord's Cricket Ground, in St John's Wood, London on 26 March 2010.

Now members of the PCA – an association representing the UK's below ground waterproofing, damp control, timber preservation, structural repair and flood restoration sectors - are being urged to prepare their entries in time for the January 2010 deadline.

An independent panel will judge the awards – which are open to PCA members only - consisting of Peter Darling, a freelance technical journalist, Ian Davis, Operations Director of the National House-Building Council, and Paul Handy, Director of Charles Taylor Adjusting.

PCA contractor, consultant, surveyor and manufacturer members are all urged to take part and there are three categories covering innovation, sustainability and training.

Yasmin Chopin, executive director of the PCA, said: "We are delighted that such a high profile sportsman will be attending the awards, which celebrate the professionalism and technical expertise of PCA members."

The PCA has developed a form with full details of how to enter. The entry deadline is 15 January, 2010.

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Notes To Editors

Noted for its training and technical expertise, The PCA represents the UK's below ground waterproofing, damp control, timber preservation, structural repair and flood restoration sectors

It incorporates the British Wood Preserving and Damp-proofing Association (BWPDA), which has been in formation for more than 75 years.

The PCA is a member of TrustMark the scheme supported by the Government, to help property owners find reliable and trustworthy tradespeople to make home improvements.

Its contractor members are all carefully vetted before being awarded membership - and are then subject to rigorous auditing procedures once admitted to the Association.

As well as delivering a trusted repair procedure, PCA members are able to carry out specialist surveys as part of the house-buying procedure to identify potential problems – as well as a range of other services designed to preserve and protect homes and buildings across the UK.

To find a PCA member log on to www.property-care.org and select the 'Find A Member' service.

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