



NEWSLETTER

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TRANSPORT SCOTLAND WINTER LAUNCH

Amey colleagues were pleased to attend this year's Transport Scotland Winter Launch on Thursday 3rd November.

This event marked the official beginning of Amey's winter service and was attended by representatives from Transport Scotland, Police Scotland, the Met Office, and Minister for Transport, Jenny Gilruth. Those who attended heard speeches concerning safe

driving, a projected winter weather forecast and details of how much salt was in storage and ready to be distributed across the country.

For Winter 2022/23, Amey North-East Trunk Roads are issuing daily Winter Service Alerts. This is a free service and all you need is an email address to receive them. **Sign-up here:** <https://netrunkroads.scot/roadwork-alerts/>.

PANBRIDE PRIMARY VISIT

Amey is committed to supporting the communities where we work. We are working to create links with charities, voluntary organisations and community organisations across the north east. Community and communications manager Jessica Masterton attended Panbride Primary School in Angus to host a career's morning for pupils with additional support needs. The pupils took turns visiting a variety of stalls as part of a carousel speed event, and had a list of questions to ask at each of the stalls

ASN teacher Rozie Arnott said: "The young people certainly appreciated Amey's attendance as did I, and all staff within Panbride. We all feel it is extremely important to ensure our young people have every opportunity to explore their options for their future beyond school." Amey is currently developing relationships with secondary schools across the north east, with partnerships planned with Baldrigon Secondary School in Dundee and Perth High School.

ARBROATH ACADEMY CAREERS FAIR

Amey also recently hosted a stall at a careers fair at Arbroath Academy. The event was attended by more than 600 pupils of all ages who were given the opportunity to learn about the huge array of job roles available with Amey and across other companies in the world of work. The session was hosted as a carousel event,

with pupils at a stand for 10 minutes learning about the company, job roles and early career routes in to work. Jessica Masterton and Media and Communications Graduate Kirsty Logan were on hand to field questions from the pupils.



BROKE NOT BROKEN

Amey were delighted to deliver foodbank donations of non-perishable goods to the Broke Not Broken charity in Kinross.

Jessica Masterton and Kirsty Logan visited the organisation to hand over the goods.

Broke Not Broken is an anti-poverty charity aimed at tackling the effects of poverty in Kinross-shire. They operate as a food bank whilst also offering additional support to their clients.

You can learn more about the charity by visiting:

<https://brokenotbroken.org>



BUCKHAVEN SALVATION ARMY

When Amey contacted Buckhaven Salvation Army we discovered that their greatest need was getting presents for single mums to open on Christmas Day. We donated seven present bags for the mums, which included cosy socks, slippers, a mug, chocolates, sweets and crisps. The Salvation Army were delighted with the gifts and were sure they would put a smile on the mums faces.

Amey also donated £200 each to the Levenmouth Trussell Trust Food Bank and the Kirkcaldy Food Bank to support their food bank Christmas appeals.



BRAKE Road Safety Week

2022

Amey's North East Trunk Roads team were proud supporters of Road Safety Week 2022 in November, which is the annual event run by road safety charity Brake.

Our teams continue to embrace the Safe System approach to road safety and embed into our schemes its five pillars of action to minimise risk.

The five pillars of action to minimise risk are:

1. Safe Road Use;
2. Safe speeds;
3. Safe vehicles;
4. Safe roads and roadsides;
5. Post-crash response.

All elements of the road system - vehicles, infrastructure, speed limits, road users, and post-crash care - work together as one to minimise the chance of a crash, or, if a crash does take place, to prevent death or serious injury from occurring.

We also highlighted the important role our TRISS (Trunk Roads Incident Support Service) vehicles do on a daily basis to help keep the north east trunk road network safe.

What do TRISS vehicles do?

- Provide critical support and advanced information to road users.
- Support and rescue stranded motorists.
- Help keep traffic moving by delivering reliable minute-by-minute traffic update.



TRISS Operative Brian Kerr @Perth depot.



KEIR ROUNDAABOUT



Among the first work that Amey's north east team delivered was a £380k surface upgrade to the A9 trunk road at Keir Roundabout near Dunblane.

Work was undertaken to improve the road surface to a section of the northbound carriageway immediately north of the roundabout, a section of the southbound approach and part of the Keir Roundabout circulatory. The roundabout is an important junction in north

east Stirling connecting five separate routes. It was constructed in the 1980s to principally link the M9 motorway to the dual-carriageway section of the A9 trunk road which proceeds northeast to Perth.

The M9 approaches from the south and most traffic is continuing north onto the dualled A9 to Perth and the Highlands.



WINTER SERVICE

Amey's gritter drivers have been responding to dropping temperatures as part of a flexible, resilient winter service for the north east trunk road network. The 2022/23 winter service plan, which Amey operates on behalf of Transport Scotland, will run across North East Scotland until May 15th 2023.

Covering 593km (368 miles) of trunk roads and 151km (94 miles) of footpaths, Amey's dedicated winter maintenance teams monitor weather forecasts and road surface temperatures to understand when treatments are required to keep the north east Scotland

trunk road network moving over the coming months. In addition to 35,000 tonnes of salt, Amey amassed 211,000 litres of brine for teams to deliver alternative treatments on roads and paths during the lowest temperatures, allowing them to utilise an innovative liquid brine solution to provide a more effective clearance of ice and snow.

The winter service fleet features 46 Econ gritters and 46 snowploughs, as well as 8 new footpath gritters, 4 fastracs and snow blowers, and 138 highways operatives.

OPERATION UNICORN

The Amey team in Scotland responded to a request to assist with the State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II in Edinburgh.

Significant resources across Amey's fleet and staff were utilised to help escort the Queen's cortege from Balmoral to Edinburgh. The cortege crossed through four different regions that are part of Amey's new road's maintenance contract for North East Scotland that is being delivered on behalf of Transport Scotland, including Aberdeenshire, Angus, Perth and Kinross and Fife.

Two coachloads of staff spanning our operations, back office and support functions were also transported to Murrayfield Stadium to take part in marshalling duties for the Queen's coffin procession from the Viga at St. Giles Cathedral, located on the Royal Mile in Edinburgh. The Amey team assisted members of the public, helped keep the carriageway clear and provided support to City of Edinburgh staff and Police Scotland.

Around 50 staff travelled from Perth, Bargeddie, Eurocentral, Polmadie and the Gyle offices/depots, and were stationed at key points along the route.

As well as receiving thanks from Amey CEO Amanda Fisher, those who took part were also praised by Andrew Kerr, Chief Executive of City of Edinburgh Council and Councillor Cammy Day, the Council Leader. They commented: "Volunteers played an integral role in ensuring visitors felt welcome and safe during this historic time. You stepped up to the challenge, and we couldn't have done it without you. Your gift of time, energy and enthusiastic support is very much appreciated."



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SIGN UP FOR ROADWORK ALERTS

The NMC NE covers nine local authority areas:

Aberdeen City
Aberdeenshire
Angus
Dundee City
Fife
The Highland Council
Moray
Perth & Kinross
Stirling

You can sign up for email alerts about maintenance schemes taking place on any, or all, of the routes making up the Scottish North East Trunk Roads Network.

All we require is an email address and you will receive updates on our work, as well as any changes or advance notice of future schemes.

[Sign up](#)

REPORT A PROBLEM

If you need to report an immediate issue on the North East Trunk Roads network, please use our Report A Problem form on the website. Completed forms are sent direct to our control room who operate 24/7, 365 days a year.

[Report a problem](#)

FIND US ON FACEBOOK/TWITTER

Connecting with the communities we serve is a priority for our teams. To facilitate information sharing we have launched a Facebook page and Twitter profile.

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