

NEWSLETTER

December 2023



NEW WINTER FLEET

The contract recently took delivery of 40 new gritters to help provide this year's winter service, which will be supplemented by new salt barns at our Kinross and Nairn depots.

The new fleet will be spread across all of our depots, which also include Perth, Dundee, Forfar, Aberdeen, Stirlinghill and Keith, as well as Kinross and Nairn.

WINTER TRAINING

Our operatives in the north east have received City & Guilds winter training in preparation for the upcoming winter season.

This included training in control box operation, spread rates & spread width.

Operatives also received instruction in plough operations, including mounting and demounting a plough, as well as a day in the classroom.





CLIMBING CHALLENGE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Two Amey employees from the North East trunk road team climbed Scotland's two highest peaks in 22 hours to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

Principal Construction Manager Stephen Pilkington and Journey Time Reliability Coordinator Ryan Newman took on Ben Macdui and Ben Nevis as part of the Amey 2for2 Challenge.

The challenge is inspired by the number 2, which represents Amey's second year of partnership with CRUK.

Stephen and Ryan started their challenge at Scotland's second highest mountain, Ben Macdui, with an elevation of 4,295 feet (1,309 metres), on Friday 27th October at midday.

On completion they drove from the Cairngorms to Fort William, grabbed a few hours sleep and then set off to complete Ben Nevis, with an elevation of 4,413 ft (1,345 metres) on Saturday 28th before 10am.

KINTORE UNDERPASS

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped brighten up the A96 underpass in Kintore with a wonderful mural full of happy thoughts.

Through Rachel Lewis, youth worker at The Bothie/Action Kintore, 35 teenagers got involved in the design and painting of the mural, whose theme was to showcase all the things that made the teenagers happy.

Outlines Collective (Kristy Lawie and Naomi Christie) did a fantastic job of taking the teens ideas, making them into art and directing the whole painting of the underpass.

Rachel said, "When you feel sad or low, you forget the things that make you happy, so imagine if you were out walking and could be reminded of all the lovely things in the world."

ENGINEER AWARD

A 22-year-old Amey engineer from Huntly has been recognised at the Institution of Engineering and Technology's (IET) Young Woman Engineer of the Year Awards for her work in engineering.

Georgina Andrew's role as a graduate apprentice with Amey involves working to improve some of Scotland's busiest roads.

Georgina was runner-up in the Mary George Memorial Prize for Apprentices category.

Georgina said: "It was quite overwhelming being picked alongside some of the country's top women engineers. There were

seemingly over 100 entries nationally so to reach the final was very exciting.

"It makes me feel very proud of the journey I've been on as an apprentice over the past four years.

"I aim to be a role model for young girls, showing them that gender should not be a barrier to their entry or progression in a scientific or engineering career."

Women currently make up just one in six of those working in science and engineering within the UK.





EARLY YEARS CAREER CHALLENGE

Amey and Cancer Research UK (CRUK) are incredibly proud of the 39 Apprentices, Graduates, Placement Students and Under 25s who participated in this year's Early Careers Challenge.

The participants pushed themselves beyond their limits in a variety of individual and team challenges, smashing their fundraising target by a very healthy amount and raising vital funds for CRUK.

Their collective total achieved was a staggering £19,574.24.

Participants took part from across England, Northern Ireland and Scotland from a variety of Amey departments.

Media and Comms Graduate Kirsty Logan and Business Graduate in Complex Facilities Angus Douglas were our two Scottish participants.

Kirsty said: "Myself and other members of our team took part in a group challenge of walking, running and rowing the distance between all of our Amey depots at Perth, Glasgow and Northern Ireland. My total distance walked was 120km.

"We also took part in various individual activities such as quiz nights, coffee mornings and raffles."

CANCER RESEARCH SHOPS

Our staff volunteered with Amey's charity partner Cancer Research UK to help out for a day in their Dundee and Dunfermline stores.

They helped with a range of work the stores face on a daily basis, including:

Processing donation bags, making sure items were in a good condition to go onto the shop floor.

Prepping clothes, ensuring they were steamed then placing them on hangars with a price tag attached.

Heading out onto the shop floor and dressing the mannequins with a range of items.

It truly brought home how much time and effort goes into making the cancer research shops run on a daily basis.

Our staff were proud to play a small part in helping this amazing charity continue with their invaluable cause.



Storm Babet

Amey's northeast team battled four days of torrential rain and high winds as Storm Babet had a severe impact across the northeast of Scotland.

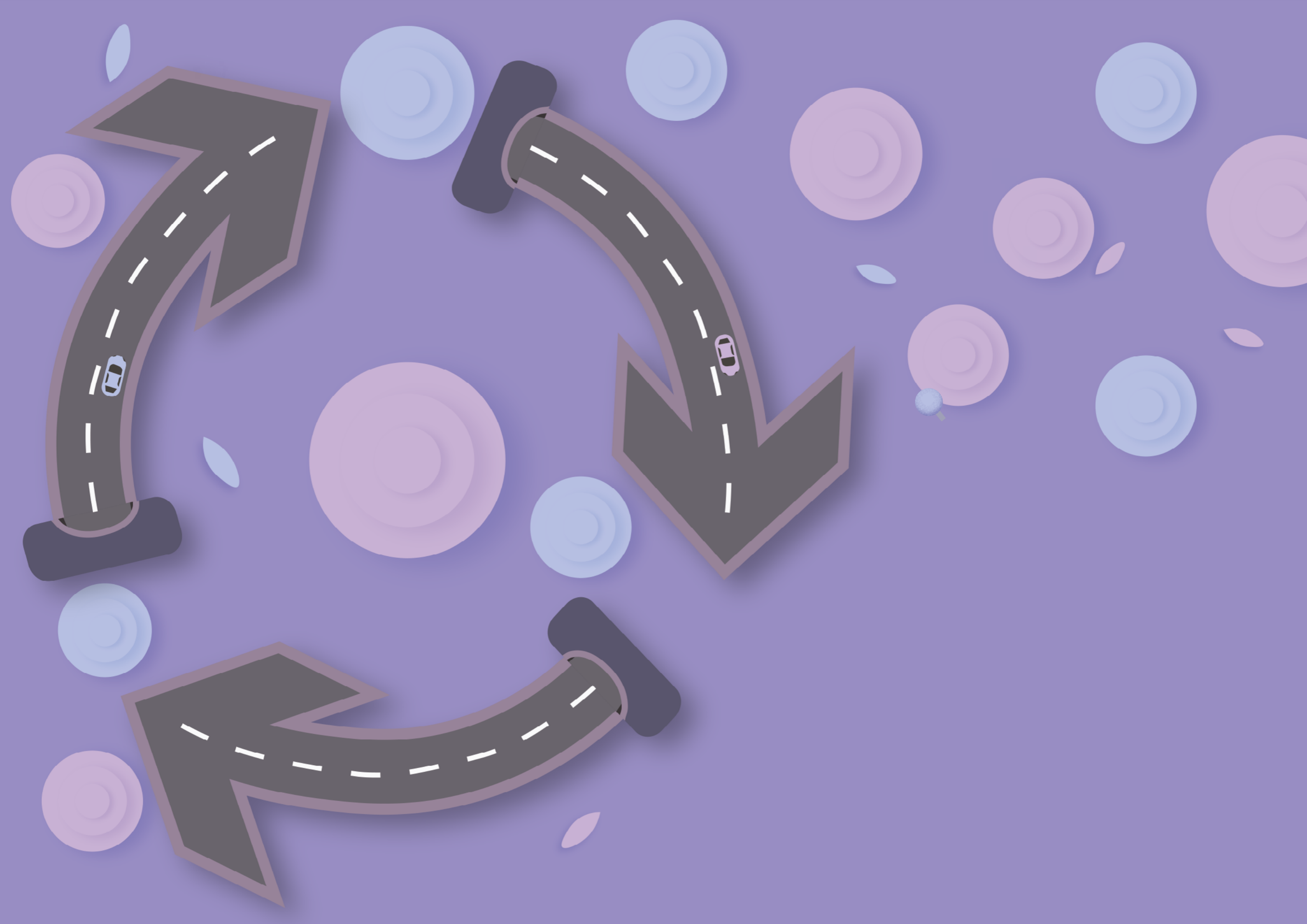
The northeast trunk road network faced a series of severe weather warnings, which included two rare red warnings for rain in Angus and Aberdeenshire, and three days of 'Avoid Travel' advice from Police Scotland.

Roads across Angus, Aberdeenshire, Dundee and Fife were impacted by flooding and high river levels, with many having to be closed to traffic. Amey operatives worked around the clock over four days to battle the elements and get roads open as quickly as possible.

The A90 was closed for almost 50 miles from Dundee to Stonehaven from 19 to 23 October for the safety of the travelling public. Nearly 20 structures had to be inspected on the trunk road before it was reopened on the morning of 24 October.

The northeast team showed great dedication and perseverance in unprecedented weather conditions to deliver a fantastic service to the travelling public. We are proud of them all for their efforts.







ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Amey's north east team made a donation to the Glenrothes branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland from their community fund.

The Royal British Legion Scotland provide financial, social and emotional support to veterans of the Armed Forces, their families and dependants.

The charity makes a difference every day to the lives of veterans through their comradeship and befriending programme, developing strong communities and

supporting remembrance.

The Community Fund lets Amey staff nominate local causes that are close to their hearts to receive assistance. The fund covers all of north east Scotland where Amey operate looking after the trunk road network on behalf of Transport Scotland, including the A92 through Glenrothes.



ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Amey's highways team in north east Scotland celebrated their one year anniversary on August 16th, marking 12 months since taking over Transport Scotland's improved roads maintenance contract.

The eight-year contract, worth up to an estimated £540m, will run for a further seven years with a potential to extend for an extra four years.

Working with Transport Scotland, the team has carried out more than 50 road resurfacing schemes on some of the busiest motorways and trunk roads across north east Scotland.

As ever, the roads network often throws up many unforeseen challenges and our bridges and structures team have dealt with them admirably over the past 12 months, while active travel and road safety projects have sought to benefit non-motorised users too.

A successful start and we are looking forward to seven more years!

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](#)

Website www.netrunkroads.scot

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](#)

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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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