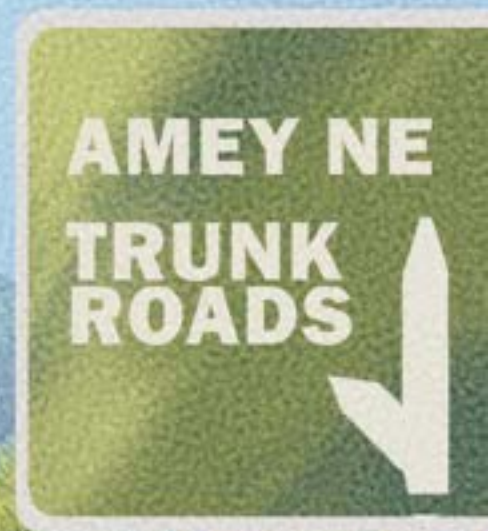


NEWSLETTER

February 2024



School Gritter Name

What do we need when some Grimm winter weather hits the north east trunk roads?

A gritter called Hansel and Gritel keeping us all safe!

Makayla McDiarmid (7), of Tulloch Primary School in Perth, celebrated the winning entry in her school gritter naming competition.

Makayla loves reading stories and drew inspiration from the classic Brothers Grimm fairytale to come up with her name.

We visited the school last year with our gritter to explain how they work. The pupils then had the task of thinking up a name to call one of the new gritters in our fleet.

Makayla's suggestion of Hansel and Gritel will be out on the trunk roads soon keeping the roads safe for us all.



Finavon Repairs

Extensive and complex repair work on Finavon Bridge allowed the reopening of both carriageways northbound and southbound on the A90, between Forfar and Brechin, in advance of the busy festive holiday period.

The A90 had been operating under a contraflow at Finavon Bridge since late October for commuter safety following the severe impact of Storm Babet on the bridge.

The structure endured significant damage due to the unprecedented heavy rainfall and the damage presented several challenges in progressing repairs.

River water levels reached over four metres high, causing substantial damage to the structure, including the collapse of the northern walkway. Dive investigations also highlighted issues around the undermining of abutments and piers.

Repair work re-established the original river bed level through the placement of rock bags and additional concrete. Repairs also include the reinstatement of an area under a bridge abutment, which had been eroded, using rock bags, and repairs to an area of erosion at the south footpath.





SOCIAL VALUE UPDATES

← END OF 2023

Amey staff visited various primary schools within the North East network over the months of October, November and December. As part of our gritter naming competition Amey staff visited Crossgates, Park, Tulloch and Oyne primary schools. Gritters were driven to the schools to allow the pupils to see it and watch it in action. Amey staff went along with the driver to educate the pupils on what our gritters do during the colder months and answer any questions that pupils and teachers had. Worksheets were given to classes so pupils could get creative and come up with some new names for our gritters on the North East Network, with prizes for the winning entries!

To support our gritter naming competition local radio competitions were also hosted on Tay FM and Northsound 1 so members of the public could suggest their own creative ideas, which brought in a variety of fantastic entries.



Encouraging Social Impact Days

As part of our commitment to supporting the communities where we operate, we encourage all staff to use their social impact day to help support local communities. Staff are encouraged to reach out to charities that they would like to support and enquire about how best they can do so and use their social impact day accordingly. Amey Highways Operative Neil Finlayson used his social impact day to volunteer for the Scottish Poppy Appeal. Neil spent the day at a local shopping centre supporting the poppy appeal and collecting donations. Using a social impact day is a great way to give back to charities that mean a lot to each individual helping support them with donations and spreading awareness of their cause.





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NORTH EAST DEFIBRILLATOR

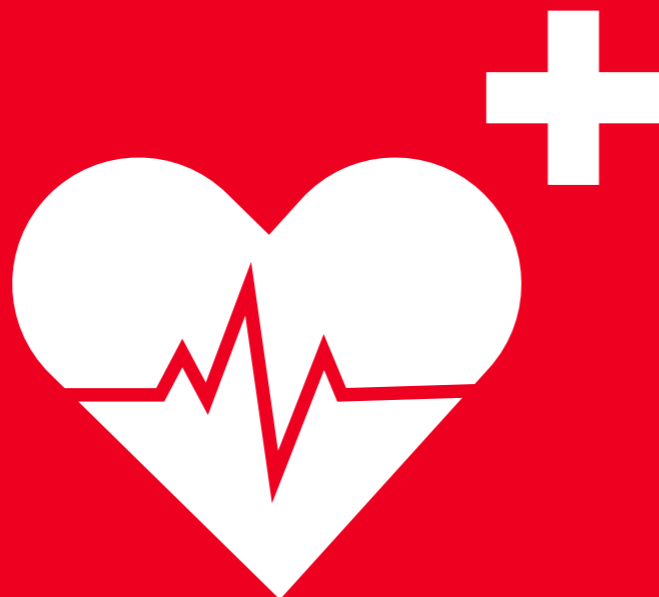
Amey NE NMC is pleased to announce that we have registered our local office defibrillators on the British Heart Foundation website. Defibrillators have been registered in our Perth, Kinross, Nairn, Forfar and Keith depots and details on accessibility will be available to view on the British Heart Foundation website within the next few months.

A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy shock to the heart when someone is in cardiac arrest. It helps to get the heart beating again. Anyone can use a defibrillator, you do not need training as once you turn it on it will give clear step-by-step instructions on how to use it. Many defibrillators will also include visual prompts and images showing how to use the device.

The British Heart Foundation highlights that if someone is in cardiac arrest you should call 999 and start CPR. If you are on your own do not interrupt CPR to go and find a defibrillator. When possible, send someone else to find one and when calling 999 the operator can tell you if there

is a public access defibrillator nearby.

More information on defibrillators and how to use or access them can be found on the British Heart Foundation website: www.bhf.org.uk.



PERTH OFFICE CHARITY DAY

On the 12th of December 2023 Amey staff within our Perth office at Caledonian House hosted a Christmas jumper day, bake sale and tombola. Emma Harrison, Amy Easson and Nicola Trail worked as part of a team to provide a selection of delicious baked goods and a tombola while sporting their best Christmas jumpers. The day was a fantastic success with the bake sale raising £122.61 for CHAS and the tombola raising £206.00 for Cancer Research UK.



CHARITY SHOP CHALLENGE

At the end of 2023, Amey staff took part in another charity shop challenge! Led by Amey administrator Rebecca Taylor, our staff attended Cash for Kids to support the charity with their donations. Divided into two groups, the morning was spent making up referrals that

would benefit children aged between 0 and 18-years-old. Amey staff have participated in charity shop challenges across north east Scotland. The challenges are a great way for our staff to support charities with the fantastic work that they do on a daily basis.



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.

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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.

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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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