

NEWSLETTER

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International Women in Engineering Day

On Sunday 23rd June it was International Women in Engineering Day! INWED is a national campaign recognizing and celebrating women who work in the engineering sector and helps to encourage more women to take up engineering. It was launched in the UK for

the first time on 23rd of June 2014 by the Women's Engineering Society to celebrate its 95th anniversary. It received UNESCO patronage in 2016, going global the following year.

Jemma Kirkpatrick: "As an assistant commercial manager I manage costs, maximise value, and strategy for all the work we carry out on the North East contract. The role is so varied, and I carry out a wide range of tasks daily, which is why I enjoy it."

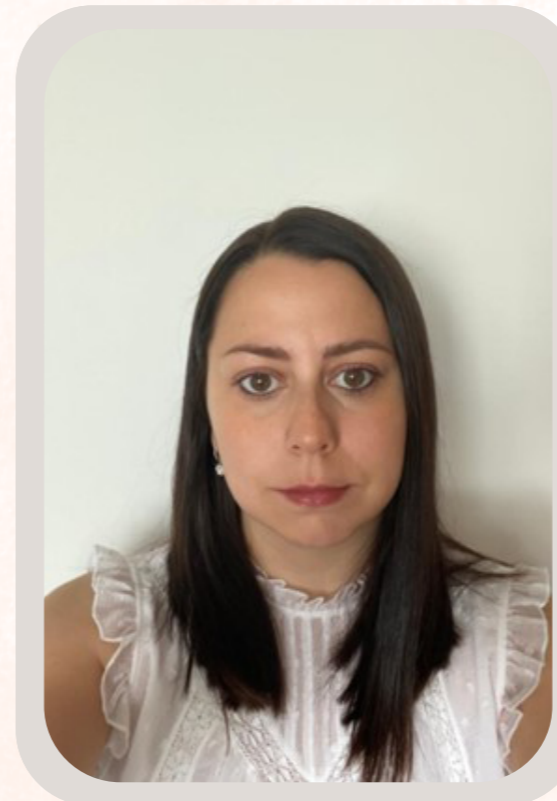


Veronica Page: "I am a Civil Engineer and I have worked at Amey since I joined as a Graduate. I have enjoyed working on a variety of projects, from feasibility and report writing, to concept and detailed design in several locations around Scotland. Recently, I have had the opportunity to develop my skills further in project management, and I have enjoyed working collaboratively with a variety of teams at Amey and meeting new people across the business."

"I'm Amy and I am Chartered Engineer within Amey Consulting, I am the Bridges Manager for the North East Network Management Contract. Since joining Amey in 2018, I have gained experience working and delivering projects on various structures including the Forth Road Bridge, Severn Bridge and Prince of Wales Bridge. In my current role, I lead the management and delivery of inspection, maintenance and refurbishment works relating to over 500 highway structures on the north east trunk road. I manage a team of engineers to undertake investigation, design, and construction of bridge improvement schemes."



Fiona Drever: I'm Fiona and I'm Customer Care Officer on the North East Network Management Contract and part of the Communications and Engagement Team. My role is to ensure that we continuously improve our customer service and to ensure that there is a customer focus in everything that we do across the network. I look at new approaches on how to keep communities and road users better informed of works that we are planning to undertake; and also working alongside the Correspondence Officer to ensure that their enquiries are dealt with and followed up effectively in order to meet and hopefully, exceed customer expectations.



Emma Harrison: Emma Harrison (Planned Maintenance Manager for NE NMC) This July will see Emma complete her 20th Year with Amey, working across a variety of highway contracts and roles within Amey Consulting, to Project Manager within Scottish Schools in Secure Infrastructure to her current role in the NE NMC Contract. Emma predominantly manages the Structural Maintenance budget, whilst collaborating and liaising with all other teams across the NE NMC. Emma has enjoyed the variety of roles and responsibilities she has undertaken at her time with Amey. She has taken advantage of many different opportunities across the business to development her career and she has enjoyed all of her roles and teams worked in. One of the most rewarding things at Amey is being a part of mentoring team members and see them go on to progress their career and take on new roles and responsibilities of their own.



Gritter Visit at Craigiebarns Primary School

Amey staff members went along to a visit at Craigiebarns Primary School for our Amey Gritter Competition. Rebecca Taylor, Steven Banks and Kirsty Logan attended the school to allow primary school pupils to come up with a new inventive name for our Amey gritter as part of the Amey Gritter Naming Competition! Staff members went along to the school to showcase the gritter and allow pupils to have a chance to sit inside the vehicle and understand the role our operatives play in keeping our trunk roads safe. The pupils were very enthusiastic and excited to have the chance to ask questions and see the gritter up close and we had over 300 entries for names from the school! The winning name will be selected by our NE team and will be available to view and track on the gritter tracker on the Traffic Scotland website.



Journey to Work Event

Journey to Work is an initiative presented by Amey in 2022 that sees Amey collaborate with local councils and key partners to connect local talent with employment opportunities within their communities.

These events go beyond job placements, offering enriching workshops, valuable CV writing and interview tips, and guidance on navigating the local job market. They also address broader issues affecting job seekers, such as wellbeing, financial management, resilience-building, and stress alleviation.

To date, we have delivered 22 Journey to Work events, engaging with 867 unemployed individuals. Among them, 329 have actively attended CV skills and/or interview skills workshops. We have successfully secured employment for 105 individuals and are continuing to support the remainder in their journey back to employment."

Over the past two months, we've hosted three J2W events - Dundee, Glasgow (15 secured an interview on the day) and a female prison in Kent (1 hired into Amey).

105 Attendees Secured Employment

22 J2W Events Held to Date



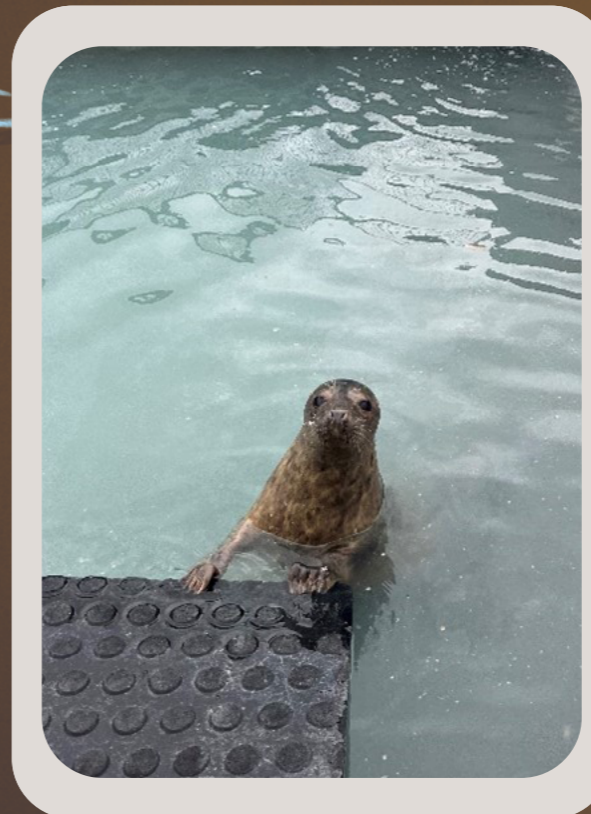


Animal Centre Volunteering

On Wednesday 22nd May staff in our NE team visited the Animal Rescue Centre Arbroath. Gwen McGlashan, Verity Kennard and Connor Anderson all visited the site as part of their social impact day. The centre needed help clearing pampas grass outside their home for rabbits and guinea pigs. Outside of the enclosure was an outdoor enclosure where their rescued chickens resided and they loved the removal of the grass as it allowed them to collect the bugs and slugs that were there, making a friend in Connor as well!

Staff at the centre were very impressed with the work that the team carried out as the grass was not an easy task to uplift. The team left due to adverse weather conditions with plans to return to offer more support and help.

We encourage all members of staff to use their 2 social impact days a year that they receive to help support local communities. Staff can select where they would like to volunteer and keep us updated on all of the amazing work that they are doing.



SSPCA Visit

Media and Comms Graduate Kirsty Logan went along to one of the local SSPCA sites to identify what we can do to help support this vital charity. The SSPCA provide crucial support for the rescue and rehoming of various animals as well as advice and guidance on both wildlife and domestic animals.

The SSPCA also provide information on animals on wildlife on the road, including what to do if you should come across an animal on the road, especially high-speed motorways such as our trunk road networks and what you can do to prevent an accident.

Amey staff are currently in talks with the charity to help support their centres with maintenance work that is required for animals currently under their care before being released or rehomed. Works discussed include maintenance on their animal enclosures and aviaries.



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DUNDEE 10K

On Sunday the 16th of June, Amey staff members Amy Easson, Kevin Smith, Connor Anderson and Cameron Martindale all participated in the Dundee 10K in aid of Cancer Research UK.

The Dundee course is a double lap at Camperdown Park, the largest public park in Dundee.

Race for Life is Cancer Research UK's biggest series of fundraising events to get people involved in raising money for vital research all around areas within the UK.

The first Race for Life Event started in 1994 in Battersea with 750 female participants raising around £48,000 and since then has grown into a series of hundred of events ranging from 3K, 5K to 10K, raising over £970 million for vital life-saving

treatments.

There is also a Pretty Muddy 5K obstacle course and Pretty Muddy kids' events so now today people of all genders and ages can join in to help support the charity!

Civil Engineer, Amy Easson said "This was my first 10k and it was definitely a challenge, especially with the constant heavy rain and hills around Camperdown Park. I managed to complete the race in just under 60 minutes which was my initial goal, and I managed to raise just over £600 for Cancer Research UK, which I'm really pleased about".

Agency Temp Kevin Smith, his wife Claire and dog Harris also completed the race!

Kevin said "Myself, wife Claire and Dog Harris

completed the race. We raised £200 on our just giving page, which was linked to the wider Amey team effort. I decided to race it, in part inspired by our own Lisa Crane (comms), which I have talked to about cancer and treatments." "I ran a marathon in 2022 but have struggled to run since with some back problems etc and hadn't trained for the event – thinking it would be easy being a previous runner! It wasn't!"

"Previously I've run 10K in 52mins, regularly doing it in marathon training in under 60mins but on this day it took 80mins."

"It's not an easy thing to do and anyone who has done it should be applauded."

Cameron Martindale: "My friend and I took on the 10K Race for Life in Dundee in support of Cancer Research after my friends partners father recently passed away due to cancer. We both trained quite a bit leading up to the event though due to me being on holiday for two weeks immediately before, and it being a particularly hilly course it was particularly challenging. We were both happy with our times and I think in total raised about £500 for the charity."



FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Amey donated 41 items to the Trussell Trust Foodbank in Perth. Collections were made from Perth office in Caledonian House where members of staff donated a range of nonperishable food and drink items to the foodbank. The Trussell Trust Foodbank support a nationwide network of more than 1,300 food banks and provide emergency food and support to those facing hardships, while campaigning to end the need for foodbanks within the UK. The charities network provides a minimum of three days nutritionally balanced emergency food to those who have been referred and offer support and advice to help people lift themselves out of poverty.

We want to send a massive thank all Amey employees who donated items to help support this vital charity!



New Salt Barns and Gritters Helped Deliver 2023/24 Winter service

Amey's Winter service commenced at midnight of Sunday 1st October 2023 and continued through to midday on Wednesday 16th May 2024.

Amey had 40 new gritters ready to keep the trunk roads safe and clear. The 32-tonne, eight-wheeled vehicles in their distinctive bright orange livery - some of the largest in the UK - became a regular sight on the north east trunk road network over the winter.

The winter service fleet were on standby 24-hours-a-day, seven days a week to respond and cover 593km of trunk roads and 151km of footpaths.

A new 9,000 tonne capacity salt barn at Amey's Kinross depot and 5,000 tonne salt barn at the Nairn depot also added increased resilience in tackling adverse weather conditions across the network.



Body Worn Cameras

Amey roadworkers across north-east Scotland have been fitted with new body-worn video cameras to enhance their safety and capture high-quality video evidence.

The small, lightweight cameras, which are visibly fitted to an operative's uniform, usually on the chest, will function as a visible deterrent and can be used to capture evidence of an incident and support investigations.

The roadside is one of the most dangerous places to work in the UK and, as well as operating in a high risk environment, roadworkers carrying out essential maintenance are often faced with unacceptable personal abuse from drivers who are angry at having to wait extra minutes at roadworks.

Whilst Amey has policies and procedures in place to help manage these risks against roadworkers, the use of body-worn video cameras will provide an additional support mechanism.



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.

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