

Amey
Newsletter
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KSB. Spring Clean

National call to action for #SpringCleanScotland 2024!

Amey South-West Trunk Roads are supporting Keep Scotland Beautiful's call to action to tackle Scotland's litter emergency this Spring. In 2023 our operatives removed 5,246 bags of litter from our roadsides, weighing over 33.5 tonnes (the equivalent weight of nine hippos!). In addition, 4,849 large objects were uplifted. Shockingly, these figures only account for our northern routes, which include the M8, M898, M77, M74, and M80, not the entirety of the South-West trunk road network. We work in partnership with local authorities to clear roadside rubbish and tidy verges on our southern routes such as the A77, A76, and A75.

54% of litter on our roads is caused by people eating and drinking on the go. This litter is not only a blight to our environment and harmful to wildlife but is also extremely dangerous and expensive for our operatives to recover. We urge everyone to be a responsible road user, take your litter home, and protect the natural beauty of our country.

#SpringCleanScotland 2024 takes place from Friday 15th March until Sunday 28th April 2024. Last year more than 30,000 people across Scotland rolled up their sleeves, equipped with litter pickers, bags, and gloves to make a positive difference to their own neighbourhoods. With four key themes - Nature, Communities, Health & Wellbeing, and Marine Litter - this year, it is time for everyone to step up and play their part. Every action, however small, makes a difference. Just half an hour of picking up litter and disposing of it safely can help an area look cleaner and feel safer.

Find out more and pledge your support: www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/springclean

90%
believe litter is an issue across
Scotland.

75%
of people said that taking part
in #SpringCleanScotland 2023
made them feel part of a national
movement that is taking action to
tackle litter.

70%
believe litter is an issue in their
local area.

89%
of people said that getting outdoors
for #SpringCleanScotland 2023 helped
them de-stress, relax, and unwind.



uplifted by our
operatives in 2023



of litter removed
from our roads



uplifted from our
roads

GREEN DRIVER AWARD WINNER

**Derek
Cunningham**

Amey's biggest environmental impact comes from our use of fossil fuels and we use around 10 million litres every year to deliver our services. One of the ways we can help tackle this is through improving our driver behaviours. To help encourage positive change, we will be assessing Masternaut data every quarter and rewarding our greenest drivers with Amey STAR awards.

Thank You Hampers

In December 2023, colleagues from Amey Transport Infrastructure and Consulting in Scotland attended Refuweegee to donate 50 seasonal Amey 'Thank You' Hampers worth £1,425. The hampers celebrate our sustainable supply chain partnership with Ethstat Ethical CIC who produce hampers that showcase zero harm to our environment and maximum giving to members of society who need it most, with all products being from UK businesses, plastic-free, and suitable for vegans.

Refuweegee is a community-led charity that welcomes and embraces Glasgow's newest residents. They strive to ensure that people who have been forced to flee their homes arrive in Scotland to a warm welcome and provide items and support that will help them to feel more at home here. The donated hampers were gifted to their hard-working volunteers at their annual Christmas party to thank them for their efforts throughout the year.



Christmas Jumper Day

On Tuesday 19th December 2023, we held a Christmas Jumper Day at our Polmadie depot. Participants were encouraged to wear their best Christmas jumper to be in with a chance of winning a £50 One4All gift voucher.

To give back on the day, staff at Polmadie were encouraged to bring along donations for a food bank drive in aid of The People's Pantry in Glasgow.

By the end of the day, there were three huge boxes full of tinned goods, toiletries, and non-perishables.

A representative from the People's Pantry said: "We're really grateful to Amey's staff for sending us this donation! This will go a really long way for people in need in Glasgow."



Cancer Research UK Charity Shop Challenge

In February 2024, employees from Amey South-West Trunk Roads volunteered their time at Cancer Research UK stores in Partick and Paisley to take part in a Charity Shop Challenge.

The first part of the challenge involved sorting through bags of donations and pricing them, ready to be put out on the shop floor for sale. These items had to be checked for damage and quality and an appropriate price chosen. In Partick, Catherine Gordon and Salwa Kamaruddin sorted through 40 bags of donations and prepared 172 items for sale. In the Paisley Superstore, Mark Williams, Olubunmi Adedire, and Amy McAteer each took on rails of clothing, managing to sort through 100 items of women's clothing, 88 items of men's clothing, and over 200 items of children's clothing.

For the second part of the challenge in Partick, Catherine and Salwa merchandised four mannequins and three gondola top displays as well as attending to customers within the shop. In Paisley, the team prepped four trolleys of homewares ready for sale.

Jane Dempster, General Manager of the Paisley Superstore said: "Paisley Superstore would like to thank the Amey team: Amy, Mark, and Bunmi, for all their support. Volunteering is a key part of fundraising for us, and we couldn't achieve the funds for life-saving research without this support. We appreciate everything you have done. On the day, you helped us to raise an amazing £1,139. Thank you!"

Sarah Johnson, Manager of the Partick store said: "So glad Catherine enjoyed the day, she was fantastic and lovely to work with, we didn't want her to leave. Salwa is here now and just as splendid! We will gladly take anyone you can send to volunteer anytime."

Many thanks to the team for their time and participation to help Amey's chosen charity partner and we hope to organise further Charity Shop Challenges throughout the year.



40 Bags of donations organised



4 Trolleys of homewares prepared for sale



560 Items of clothing prepared for sale



Oakgrove Primary School Visit

During December 2023, the Amey team at the M8 Woodside Viaducts project collaborated with subcontractors, Taziker, SLK Scaffolding, and Freyssinet, to provide selection boxes to a local primary school. Over 210 selection boxes were donated to Oakgrove Primary and were delivered by six operatives in time for Christmas. Later in the day, Amey gritter "Caramelt Wafer" visited the school for the children to learn about road safety in Winter. The pupils were also able to sit inside the gritter and some even had a go of blasting the horn.

Ross Aitken, Programme Planner at Amey, said "Working at such a large construction project that has an impact on the surrounding community, it feels only right to connect with them and give something back. It was a great morning interacting with the kids, giving them their selection boxes, and seeing their faces when the gritter showed up. The kids had a lot of fun and it felt good to be giving something back to the local community."



Report a Problem

If you need to report an immediate issue on the South-West 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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