

# Newsletter

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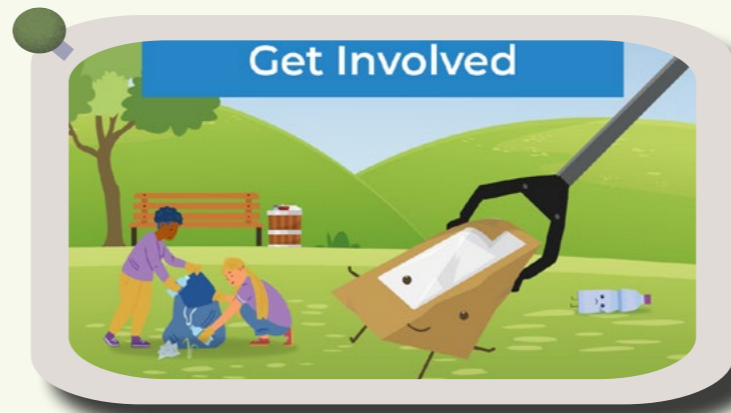


# GREEN DRIVER AWARD WINNER

**Michael  
Cooper**

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.

# Keep Scotland Beautiful



Environmental charity Keep Scotland Beautiful has declared a litter emergency and we're aiming to help by supporting their 2023 Spring Clean. By taking small actions such as organising or participating in a litter pick, you can make a difference to one of the country's biggest environmental charities. To find an event near you, or to register your own and get involved, visit [www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/cus](http://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/cus)

# Luxury Food Hamper Donations

On the 23rd December 2022, Amey TRISS operatives delivered 4 luxury Selfridges & Co. food hampers, worth £500 each, to various organisations across the South-West Trunk Road Network. The hampers were donated to St Andrew's Hospice in Airdrie, Erskine Veterans Hospital in Bishopton, and to Robin House Children's Hospice in Balloch. Many thanks to Apex Traffic Management for gifting the hampers, and to John Murphy, John Melrose and Jim Rooney for donating, organising, and delivering the hampers to the charities.



# Graduate Diaries

Here's what our Transport Infrastructure graduates have been up to in their first six months:

## Amy Eastcroft    Amy McAteer

"Six months into my 2-year Graduate Programme with Amey and I'm on way to becoming a Quality Manager. Having officially taken this title for the M8 contract I hope to do the same for Amey Public Services and NMC South-West soon. Recently, my focus has predominantly been on the changeover of audit programmes and preparations for the new audit year (April 2023 – March 2024). During this time, I have enjoyed organising a group of voluntary auditors and learning, through the Early Careers Insight session, that my management and communication style is fairly polychromatic. Looking ahead, I will be undertaking my BSI Lead Auditor training having successfully completed the Internal Auditor course in December 2022."



"I've really enjoyed my first six months at Amey! I've had the opportunity to work on a lot of different projects, most notably the Patient Pencil project for BRAKE Road Safety Week with Largs Primary School. I've also worked closely with the Social Value manager to deliver a variety of workshops both in schools and hosting work experience weeks at Polmadie. In the next few months, I will be helping to plan the safety stand-down days across Scotland and Northern Ireland, a project that I am excited to be involved in."

## Zygimantas Daukas

"I am now 5 months into my graduate programme. I have been expanding my knowledge of quality function across different contracts with increasing responsibility. As of now, I have been mostly involved in carrying out internal audits for the NMC North-East and TSIC contracts, identifying if what we do is as per contract requirements. With new audit year coming up, I have been focussing on preparing audit programmes for next

audit year with an aim to deliver them efficiently. Soon I will be undertaking BSI Lead Auditor training course following successful completion of the Internal Auditor course in December 2022. I will also be focussing more on preparations for BSI accreditation in June and July for my contracts. The early careers events that I have been involved in, I found to be very insightful and helpful for my own personal development."



# Journey to Work



Amey hosted a Journey to Work Event on Thursday 16th February 2023 at the Bellshill and Mossend YMCA, North Lanarkshire. The event supported those who face barriers getting into the workplace by providing employment advice and workshops on CV Writing Skills and Interview Preparation.

The event was attended by Amey, North Lanarkshire Council, Smart Works, Hays Recruitment, Job Centre Plus, Routes to Work, and Christians Against Poverty.

Twenty jobseekers attended the event, and of that twenty, five have since applied for positions at Amey and one was successful in receiving a temporary contract through Hays.

In addition, all job seekers now have the opportunity to join a 12-week paid work experience placement at Amey.

Feli Shallow, Resourcing People Partner at Amey said:

"We experienced a brilliant day delivering a Journey to Work Event in North Lanarkshire. It was a success, 5 candidates had applied to opportunities here at Amey, 1 has been temporary employed by one of our partners and 1 candidate had qualified financial support for childcare. We are still assisting the remaining 13 and are hopeful. These events are a great for helping anyone experiencing barriers getting into employment, the first of many in North Lanarkshire."



# Gritters in the *Media*

Our gritters named by the Scottish public continue to capture the attention of national and international media. In December 2022, we welcomed BBC Radio Scotland's Out of Doors to meet some of the fleet and Winter Service team. In January 2023, Good Morning Britain broadcast live from our Polmadie Salt Barn and we caught up with CBC Radio in Canada to discuss all things gritter naming as they launched their own naming competition in Saint John. A cold snap in March 2023 brought BBC News to our depot to see first hand how our Winter Service operates.



## Out of Doors

Log Banks, Sledging and an Ancient Fossil Grove



# Work Experience: Williamwood High School

On the week beginning 23rd January 2023, the Amey South-West Trunk Roads team hosted S4 Williamwood High School pupil, Alec Garwood for a work experience week. Alec spent his time at Amey getting an understanding of what different departments do.

He was introduced to social value at Amey and created a social value plan for the Dumfries and Galloway area, focusing on employment skills, community engagement, and local economy growth. On his second day, Alec spent time with the quality management team and had the opportunity to try his hand at creating an audit checklist and carrying out a mock audit. On Wednesday, Alec undertook environmental awareness training and a variety of activities to demonstrate an environmental assessment that might be carried out before a given scheme. On his fourth day, Alec worked with the civil engineering team and was given two bridge-building tasks that showed how to work to a deadline and to a budget. On his fifth and final day, Alec was given a tour of the Polmadie salt barn and shown how to write a CV. He also sat a mock

interview for a finance apprenticeship, a role he was interested in applying for.

Alec enjoyed his week with Amey stating: 'I enjoyed learning about the different departments and all the jobs that make up the organisation. I liked the wide range of departments I got to go to. I think my favourite task of the week was the bridge building task with the structures team'.



# Greenfaulds School

Between November 2022 and January 2023, Amey hosted six mentoring sessions at Greenfaulds High School, Cumbernauld with S5 pupils. The sessions were designed to support the pupils' employability skills through working on their CVs, interview skills, and looking at their personal branding.

The pupils enjoyed the sessions, saying that the sessions were "good because I learned how to write a CV" and that "the workshop was detailed, and I know more about applying for jobs".

Amey continued their support at Greenfaulds,

attending a careers fair which was open to all pupils and parents on Tuesday 17th of January 2023. The purpose of the careers fair was to allow pupils and parents to ask questions about available roles to help inform career routes in the future.

Finally, Amey also attended a carousel event with senior pupils. At this event, pupils went to each table for 10 minutes to discuss the company, what they did, and other job roles available in the business.



# Make Catrine Sparkle

Amey's NMC SW unit was delighted to donate 250 selection boxes to the Catrine community for their annual Make Catrine Sparkle Event. The event, which included a lantern parade (including an Amey branded lantern) and Santa's grotto, saw 1,000 attendees on Sunday the 4th of December 2022.

The donated selection boxes were handed out from Santa to the children, which was very well received. In addition to providing the selection boxes for the Make Catrine Sparkle Event, the Make Catrine Sparkle team were able to also provide selection boxes to support other community groups in the village including:

The Over 50s 12 O' Clock Gang's Christmas Party, which promotes intergenerational working and communication within Catrine;

The Games Hall Christmas Party;

The Children's Christmas Party held in Lodge St John, and;

Residents at Daldorch House, National Autistic Society

Tracy Smith, Chair of Catrine Community Action Plan said "Thank you, Brian and the Amey SW Trunk Roads for the support. As you will see from the photos, it was very much appreciated and brought so many smiles to the community."





# Gritters

## New Fleet Additions

Meet the **Six** new gritters that joined our Winter Service fleet for the 2022/2023 season:

**Jack Jarv-ice and Victor McSprayed**  
(Jack Jarvis & Victor McDade from TV's "Still Game")

**Snowey Tribbiani** (from TV's "Friends")

**Betty White-Out** ("Golden Girl" Betty White)

**Snowing Me, Snowing You**  
(Abba song 'Knowing Me, Knowing You')

**Sir David Attenbrrrrrr** (Sir David Attenborough)

**Gritney Spears** (Britney Spears)

If you spot one of our 57 hardworking gritters out on the road network, we would love to see your snaps! Please tag us on social media @ SWTRUNKROADS. We received over 4,000 entries for our latest gritter naming competition and the winners will be announced for Winter 2023/2024.





# M77 J2 Parapets

All information is correct at time of publishing.  
Please visit [www.swtrunkroads.scot](http://www.swtrunkroads.scot) for the latest  
on all maintenance schemes.

## ESSENTIAL PARAPET UPGRADES ON THE M77 COMMENCE MONDAY 20TH MARCH 2023

Amey, on behalf of Transport Scotland as part of  
the Network Management Contract for the South-  
West Trunk Road Unit, are undertaking essential  
parapet upgrades at Junction 2 of the M77 on the  
B762 Barrhead Road overbridge from Monday  
20th March until Friday 7th April 2023, between  
the hours of 8am and 5pm, each day.



Image by Richard Sutcliffe

This scheme will benefit around 30,000 vehicles using this route each day, improving pedestrian and vehicle safety alike, by reinforcing the parapets and reducing access to the edge of the structure. The work will be carried out using 24-hour single lane closures on the B762 Barrhead Road on the eastbound and westbound carriages. Full closures of the B762 can be expected to install and remove the traffic management.

**Access for emergency service vehicles will be maintained throughout these works.**

Road users are advised to allow extra time to complete any journeys during this period. We thank you for your co-operation and patience while these essential works take place.

**Please note:** all schemes are weather dependent and may be cancelled or rescheduled if weather conditions are not favourable.



# M8 J25-25A EASTBOUND

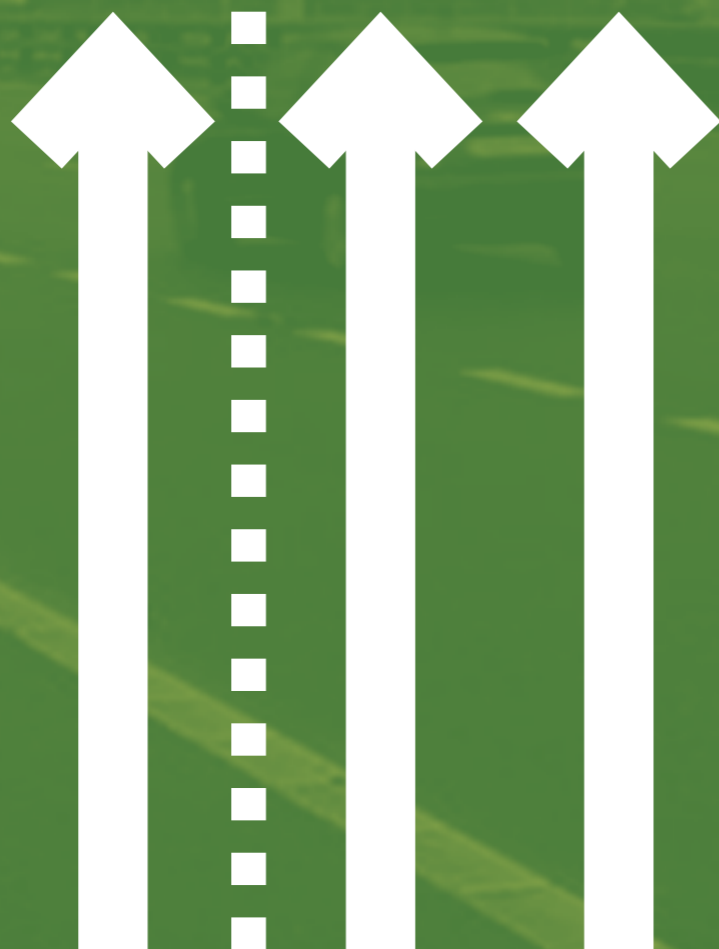
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## PHASE TWO OF ESSENTIAL BRIDGE MAINTENANCE ON THE M8 EASTBOUND BETWEEN JUNCTIONS 25 AND 25A COMMENCES MONDAY 17TH APRIL 2023

Amey, on behalf of Transport Scotland as part of the Network Management Contract for the South-West Trunk Road Unit, are undertaking essential bridge refurbishments between Junctions 25 (Cardonald) and 25A (Braehead) on the M8 eastbound from Monday 17th April until Thursday 27th July 2023.

This work is Phase Two of maintenance at this location with Phase One completed on the westbound carriageway in July 2022. Traffic management will be in place 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for the duration of the scheme.

This scheme will benefit road users by improving the safety and condition of the bridge and reducing the need for more extensive maintenance in the future.



**Please note:** all schemes are weather dependent and may be cancelled or rescheduled if weather conditions are not favourable.

The work will be carried out using both contraflow and full closures overnight from 2000 to 0600 and a signed diversion will be in effect. Average speed traffic cameras will be in operation throughout the duration of the works to ensure speed limit compliance and safe working conditions for our maintenance team. The traffic management for this scheme involves the works being undertaken in three phases. Phase 1 will involve narrow running lanes. Contraflow will be in operation during phases 2 and 3, which will involve a single lane crossover from the eastbound outside lane to the westbound outside lane. The entry crossover is in proximity to the M8 Junction 26 eastbound off-slip at Hillington, while the exit crossover is in proximity to M8 25 eastbound on-slip. The programme of works in the eastbound direction is as follows:

### Phase 1

Offside lanes - Hard shoulder, slip lane (at KGV Dock Access), lane 1 and lane 2 (at Woyka Viaduct and Cardonald Underpass) running as narrow lanes between junctions 25A and 25.

### Phase 2

Hard shoulder, lane 3 and lane 4 running as narrow lanes. Works taking place with traffic running either side of the works between junctions 25A and 25.

### Phase 3

Lane 2, lane 3 and lane 4 running as narrow lanes between junctions 25A and 25.

Overnight total closures from 2000 to 0600 in the eastbound direction will be required between each phase of the works to allow for re-positioning of traffic management. It is envisaged that these overnight total closures will span over a maximum of two nights, with lanes in operation in the daytime. To accommodate all works phasing on the eastbound carriageway, the westbound direction shall have a single outside lane closure in place between Junctions 26 (Hillington) and 25 (Cardonald) running narrow lanes where required. An initial overnight total closure will be required to facilitate the deployment of traffic management. During all phases, all slip roads shall remain open and temporary safety barriers shall be in place to delineate live traffic from the works.

*The signed diversions for the total closures will be as follows:*

There will be a total closure of the M8 eastbound between Junctions 27 and 24 including the Junction 27 eastbound on-slip, the Junction 26 eastbound on and off-slips, the Junction 25A eastbound on-slip, the Junction 25 eastbound on and off-slips and the Junction 24 eastbound on-slip. Traffic will leave at Junction 27 and turn left on to Renfrew Road southbound, then follow to the A726, the A761 Paisley Road West, before turning left on to Helen Street and joining the M8 eastbound at Junction 24.

There will be a total closure of the M8 westbound between Junctions 24 and 27 including the Junction 24 westbound on-slip, the Junction 25 westbound on and off-slips, the Junction 25A westbound off-slip, the Junction 26 westbound on and off-slips and the Junction 27 westbound off-slip. Traffic will leave at Junction 24 and turn left on to Helen Street, then turn right on to Paisley Road West A761 and turn right on to the A726. Traffic will then turn left on to Weir Street, turn follow on to Abercorn Street, Niddry Street and then turn left on to Renfrew Road and joining the M8 westbound at Junction 27.

Please allow extra time to complete any journeys through the works area. We thank road users for their patience and co-operation while these essential works take place.

Access for emergency service vehicles will be maintained throughout these works.

## 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**

## Sign up for Roadwork Alerts

Roadwork alerts are available for all 17 of South West Scotland's Trunk Roads. This is a free service where the latest road maintenance and improvement schemes are announced FIRST. Updates on incidents and weather events will also be delivered straight to your inbox and you can personalise the alerts to your needs. All you need is an email address to get started.

**Sign up**



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