

Newsletter

October 2023



Amey

GREEN DRIVER AWARD WINNER

Jack Ness

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.

Fundraising for Ava Bolton

On Friday 16th June 2023, the Amey Ayr depot held their annual golf day at Ballochmyle Golf Club in East Ayrshire. The day was set up as a memorial for our friend and colleague Derek Laird who passed away in August 2021 from cancer and is an opportunity to fundraise for causes important to the team.

This year, the event was in aid of 3-year-old Ava Bolton, whose family are fundraising for her to receive neuroblastoma treatment that can only be provided in America after she was diagnosed with Stage 4 High Risk Neuroblastoma, a very aggressive and rare childhood cancer.

The team organised 17 prizes for the fundraising raffle with prizes ranging from a case of beer to a 4 Ball for Ballochmyle Golf Course, raising an enormous £660. All prizes were handed out by Derek's brother George Laird.

Congratulations to the winners on the day:

James Jamieson who won the The Derek Laird Memorial Trophy, Stewart Cuthbertson for the Longest Drive (Sponsored by Drumclog Plant Hire), Derek Cunningham won closest to the pin at the 5th Hole (Sponsored by Drumclog Plant Hire), Donald Ferguson won closest to the pin at the 14th Hole (Sponsored by Complete Weed Control), and Alan Brownlee won closest to the pin at 17th Hole (Sponsored by The Black Bull Hotel, Tarbolton).

Colin Stewart from Operations said: 'It was such a fantastic day, made even better with the lovely sunny weather! Ballochmyle Golf Club went over and above with their hospitality, and the course itself is challenging but very well maintained. We decided on a golf outing for Derek as it was a perfect opportunity to bring former colleagues, friends, and family together to reminisce about this man's outstanding life.'

A huge thank you to everyone who participated and for all the donations from sub-contractors and the surrounding community!



Graduate Diary

One Year On

Zygimantas Dauksas:

I have enjoyed my first year of the quality graduate program and found it exciting and enjoyable. Having the chance to be involved within different contracts in my first year has given me an insight into how different contracts operate and has provided me with a diverse learning experience. I am looking forward to the second year of the quality graduate program and the challenges that lie ahead, driving improvements, and furthering my personal development.

Amy Eastcroft:

I am one year into my graduate programme and have been enjoying the scheme so far. Following the completion of my BSI auditor courses I have registered with the Chartered Quality Institute (CQI). I aim to achieve practitioner status by the end of my two-year programme at which point I hope to be given more opportunities to deepen my skills and knowledge and further my continual development.



Amy McAteer:

I have really enjoyed being a Media and Communications Graduate this past year. I have had the opportunity to be involved with a wide range of activities, such as planning all five of the Safety Stand Down sessions for Amey Transport Infrastructure's Scottish and Northern Irish contracts. As well as being involved in a successful road safety campaign with Largs Primary School last winter. I have now been promoted to Customer Care Officer in the South-West, I am looking ahead now to my second year and looking forward to the challenges ahead.



Ballantrae and Colomonell Primary School Visits

On Friday 2nd June 2023, Jessica Masterton, Martin Cochrane, and Claire Harvie visited both Ballantrae and Colomonell Primary Schools to deliver outdoor assemblies. The assembly presentation, led by Martin Cochrane, detailed the work carried out by Amey on the roads within their community as well as the history of gritters and winter maintenance.

The pupils asked lots of questions and provided terrific suggestions for future gritter names, most notably Gritty Gaga.

It was fantastic to have Amey's only female gritter driver with us who definitely inspired some young minds!



Lunderston Beach Clean

On Thursday 17th August 2023, Amey South-West Trunk Roads in collaboration with Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park, hosted a beach clean at Lunderston Bay in Gourock. The event was attended by 20 Amey employees from across the South-West network. As part of our commitment to support the communities that we live and work in, Amey have been hosting beach cleans up and down Scotland. Improperly discarded litter is something that has a negative impact on the roads we maintain, not only is it a blight on the environment but is costly and dangerous to uplift, putting our operatives' lives at risk.

Clyde Muirshiel is Scotland's Largest Regional Park and welcomes over 700,000 visitors a year from Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, North Ayrshire, and beyond. The Trust maintains 108 square miles of scenic Scottish countryside

to enjoy a walk, a run or a cycle. To support the event, the Trust provided litter pickers on the day and disposed of all litter that was collected.

The team worked hard and uplifted an impressive 50 bags of litter from the beach. Among the haul was a full drum of oil and a number of toys, the latter of which were given to the Clyde Muirshiel Rangers to be put in lost property. The Marine Conservation Society's #GreatBritishBeachClean is taking place in September, encouraging citizen science where litter data collected on beach cleans drives conservation work, raises awareness to campaign for change, and feeds into the International Coastal Clean-up (ICC).

Get involved and discover beach cleans near you [here](#).



Refuweegee

Social Impact Days

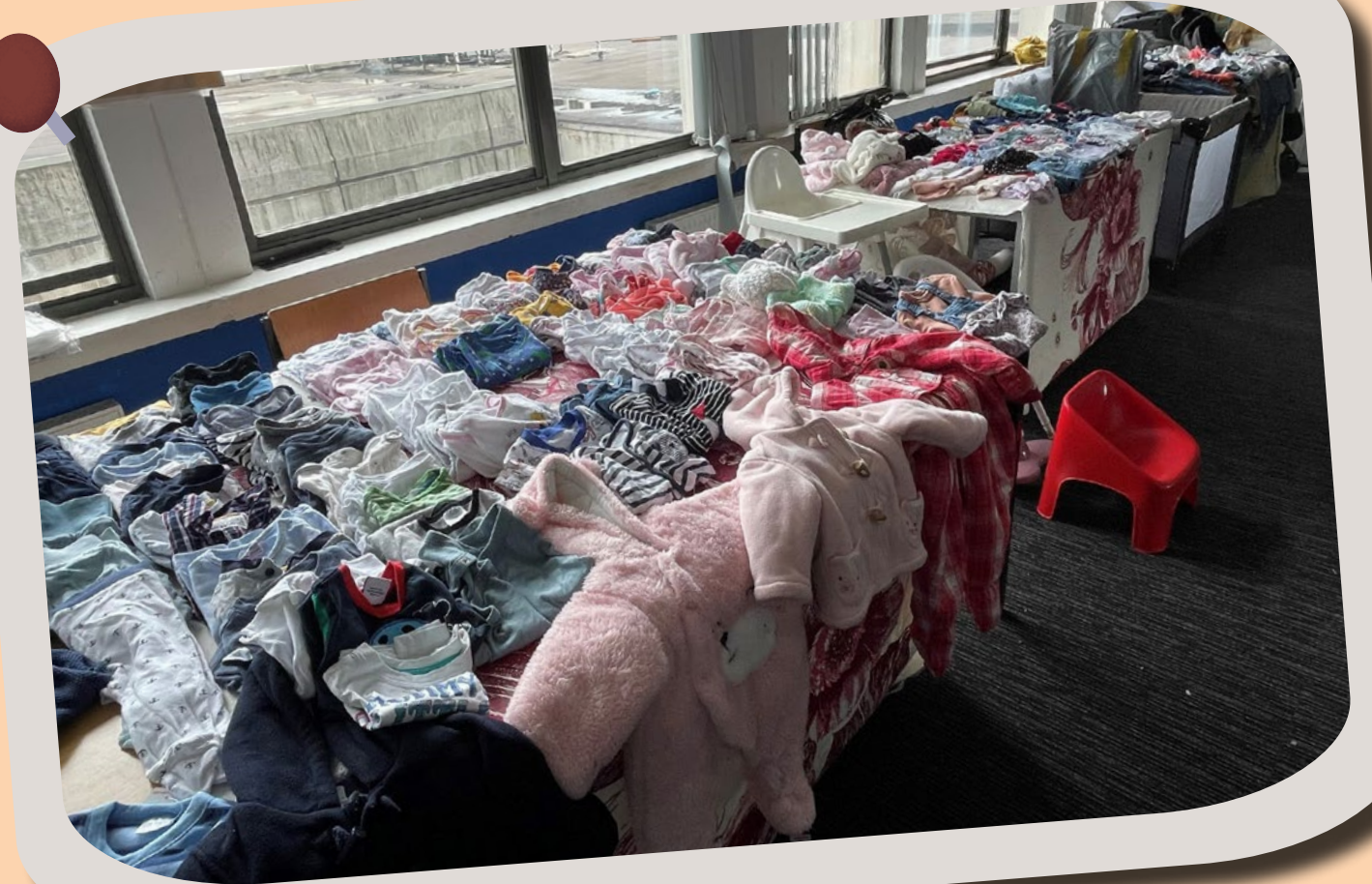
Throughout June and July, colleagues from across Amey South-West Trunk Roads volunteered with Refuweegee, a community-led charity that welcomes and embraces Glasgow's newest residents. They strive to ensure that people who have been forced to flee their homes arrive in Scotland to a warm welcome and provide items and support that will help them to feel more at home here.

Our team were given a tour of the huge space they have in Glasgow, which includes a kids room, a quiet room, and a kitchen. They have a fully stocked food and clothes bank, both of which are set up like shops. The team were educated on the refugee and asylum seeker process in the UK and learnt just how challenging it is for those who have fled from persecution to the UK.

Amey teams supported Refuweegee by sorting through the huge amounts of baby clothes that were donated by the people of Glasgow and beyond. The team then helped set up the stalls for a baby clothes market that the charity was

hosting at their second Glasgow office space. Eighty families were invited to attend the upcoming event and take much needed items. With this office space now being cleared, Refuweegee have big plans to transform it into a large shop that will be open 5 days a week, allowing them to help even more people.

Jessica Masterton, Community and Communications Manager said 'I am in absolute awe of the work that Refuweegee do to support the Refugee population in Scotland. The level of support that they provide to people and their families is truly incomparable. It is very heart-warming to hear the stories of the Scottish community rallying behind Refuweegee when they were in desperate need of donations, with the charity going from only one pot noodle in their shop to then having over £30,000 in their bank account overnight! I hope that Amey can continue their support of Refuweegee as they are such a fantastic charity.'



FUN DAY

In July 2023, Amey Transport Infrastructure in Scotland hosted a Fun Day at Hamilton Park Racecourse for all employees and their families to enjoy. This event was to show thanks and appreciation to our workforce across Amey's Scottish contracts for their continuous hard work.

At the event, employees were able to enjoy a variety of activities from football and darts to inflatable bungee netball. Later in the day, things got competitive as families battled for trophies in archery and clay pigeon shooting. The competition was fierce as employees raced to win the Kenneth Kerr Cup and the Amey Public Services team, who were winners in 2019, took the trophy home for the second time.

Employees chose charities to attend on the day including The Baby Loss Retreat, Beatson Cancer Charity, and CHAS who fundraised through donations and raffles. With the incredible generosity of our attendees, we were able to raise a total of £1,885.76.

A Beatson Cancer Charity volunteer won an Amey raffle prize of Belfry PGA 4x Ball, which was then re-donated to the charity to auction during their Beatson Ball on Saturday 9th September 2023, raising an additional £2,600.

A huge thank you to everyone who braved the drizzly weather to make the event great and roll on 2024!





St Paul's Youth Forum Donation

Each quarter, the Amey South-West Network Maintenance Contract allocates funds to support local causes along our road network with Amey employees nominating those who need donations for a particular event, supplies, or initiatives. One of the causes picked this quarter was St Paul's Youth Forum, who received £316.

St Paul's Youth Forum helps keep families in the Blackhill and Provanmill area fed by offering community meals and a community larder, where struggling locals can attend and choose supplies for their families.

The forum also offers holiday clubs for all ages during school holidays, which provide a hot meal for the kids, some of which would usually go without. During the holiday clubs, the kids interact with the group's onsite chickens and help to clear out their pens or collect their eggs for the kitchen.

The initiative encourages learning in how to plant, grow, and pick fruit and vegetables. The youth workers work extremely hard to engage with the locals offering them nightly drop-in clubs where they can play computer games, pool, and even host a radio show with their friends.

Blackhill On Bikes forms part of the Forum, encouraging the community to make use of active travel. They offer maintenance drop-in sessions where locals can learn how to repair and maintain their bikes as well as restoring donated bikes that can be re-gifted to local families. They host sessions at the local primary and high schools in putting a class together to teach younger kids how to ride their bikes safely.

Find out more about St Paul's Youth Forum [here](#):



Clark's Little Ark

Each quarter, the Amey South-West Network Maintenance Contract allocates funds to support local causes along our road network with Amey employees nominating those who need donations for a particular event, supplies, or initiatives. One of the causes selected this quarter was Clark's Little Ark in Sanquhar on the A76, who received £300.

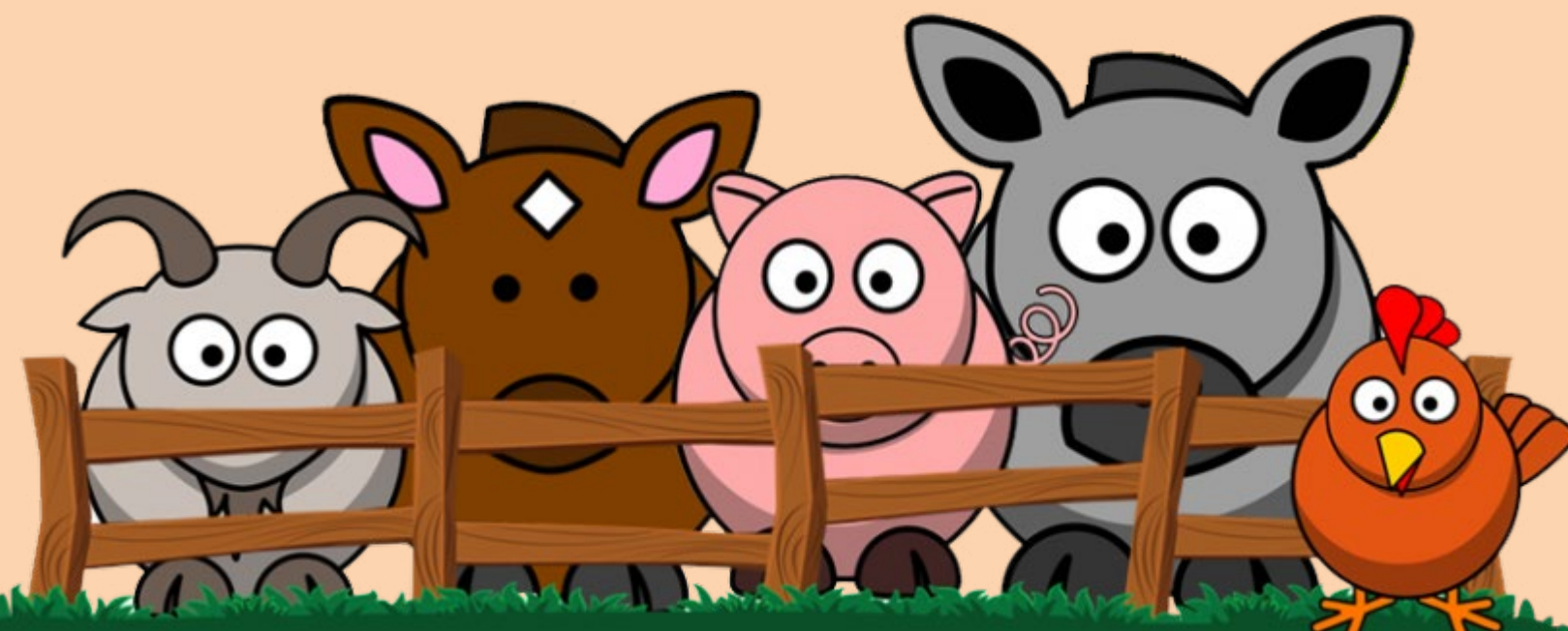
Clark's Little Ark was founded in 2013 by Alison and Ian Shankly following the tragic death of their young son Clark. Finding that their small menagerie made the local community smile, they decided to expand and turn a small plot of land into the busy farm that it is today.

Once home to only one pony and two donkeys, Clark's Little Ark is now home to a whole host of animals, including donkeys: Dotty, Seamus, Jack and

Paddy, Percy Pig, and Billy Bullock! The Ark is solely reliant on donations to care for the animals and our donation will go towards hay feed and veterinary bills.

Clark's Little Ark is free to visit, with visitors being able to roam the farm as they please and pet the animals, provided they adhere to the safety notices found on each pen. In exchange for a small donation, visitors can also take home some eggs or firewood. There are also a number of volunteer days throughout the year where members of the public can help with animal care and general farm maintenance. Members from our Engagement Team visited and had the opportunity to feed Fudge the Sheep and pet Valerie the Guinea Pig.

You can find out more about Clark's Little Ark and how to donate [here](#).



Cancer Research Early Careers Challenge

Cancer Research UK is Amey's Employee Chosen Charity partner and over the next two years the partnership will focus on three core strands: fundraising, volunteering, and raising awareness of cancer. A highlight in the fundraising calendar is the Early Careers Challenge where Amey employees under 25 work on their personal and professional development by producing innovative ideas to raise as much money as they can for CRUK during a 6-week period.

The Scotland and Northern Ireland Fundraising Team (DoNation) were victorious in the 2023 challenge, raising a huge £7,231 including £538.75 in Gift Aid. Graduates Kirsty Logan and Angus Douglas were our two Scottish participants who worked alongside Clare Emerson, Christine Friel, Rory Dolan, and Niall Fleming who are based in NI.

Team DoNation set a challenge in which the team members walked, ran, and rowed the distance from Perth – Motherwell - Belfast, the locations of all the team members individual Amey depots. Their total combined distance was 394 miles including 107.2 miles across the Irish Sea! In addition, the team also took part in individual events to continue to

fundraise as much as possible, including a Local Quiz Night, Coffee Morning, Office Raffles, and 7 Peak Hikes of the Mourne Mountains, Pen y Fan, and the Lurig Challenge Run!

Collectively, all teams across Amey Early Careers managed to raise a total of £19,629.24, and £2,813.13 in Gift Aid, for the charity. An outstanding achievement by our young and developing workforce.



Charity Shop Challenge

Amey colleagues working across the North-East and the South West Network Maintenance Contracts went head-to-head on Thursday 7th September 2023 for a charity shop challenge with Amey's charity partner, Cancer Research UK.

The teams, who were working in stores across Glasgow, Ayr, Dundee, and Dunfermline, were set three challenges for the day. The first challenge was for the most donation bags processed: volunteers were tasked with going through bags of donations to ensure all items were in a good condition to go out onto the shop floor and then had to sort the items into categories i.e., tops, trousers, and jumpers. The team to process the most bags won the challenge.

The second challenge was to prepare the most items for the shop floor. After an item as been processed, it must be steamed, put on a hanger, and have a price tag attached. The final challenge was to put together the best dressed mannequin. Cancer Research UK provided each team with a

mannequin and the teams were sent to the shop floor to select items to dress them. The teams were set themes by the store managers including 80s, 90s, and a day at the Ayr Gold Cup Festival. Some of the mannequins even featured in the store windows.

In total 162 bags were processed, 289 items were put on hangers, and 8 mannequins were dressed. Maryann McGee, Control Room Manager for the NMC South-West said: "I never realised how much time and effort went into making the Cancer Research shops run. I was amazed at not only the loyalty from the staff but from public with their generous donations. The shop was one of the busiest shops I have seen. I feel proud that I have managed to do my small part in helping this amazing charity continue with their invaluable cause."



Amey Refreshes Visual Identity

Amey has refreshed its visual identity to reflect the evolution of the business and embody our purpose, which is to deliver sustainable infrastructure solutions, enhance life, and protect our shared future.

The Amey South-West Trunk Roads' social media pages and website have been updated and keep an eye out for the new branding as it rolls out across the road network from signage to our operatives' PPE and highways vehicles.

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Safety Stand Down Day **2023**

On Thursday 6th July 2023, Amey SW Trunk Roads were delighted to hold a Safety Stand Down Day for all those employed on the contract. This is the first opportunity that we have had to hold an event of this scale since 2019! The purpose of this event was to discuss health and safety in the workplace, as well as mental and physical wellbeing, and to give attendees the chance to network.

180 employees gathered at Hamilton Park Racecourse with presentations from WJ, Cancer Research UK, and Andy's Man Club, as well as members from the senior management team at Amey and Transport Scotland. Cancer Research UK also ran a health stand throughout the day for attendees to have a Health MOT. This stand was visited by almost 100 people by the end of the day!

Many thanks to WJ, Cancer Research UK, and Andy's Man Club for generously giving their time to come and speak to us, and to all who attended and made the day a great success!



Driving Change

Amey accelerates the adoption of ultra low emission vehicles to reach key Transport Scotland milestone.

Saturday 9th September 2023 marked World EV Day, a global event asking businesses, policymakers, and individuals how they will drive change to support the shift to a decarbonised society. We celebrated the eMobility movement by announcing that 63.8% of our car and van fleet (under 3.5 tonnes) is now comprised of ultra low emission vehicles. This figure means that not only has a key fleet milestone been reached 20 months ahead of schedule on the 8-year trunk road network maintenance contract for Transport Scotland, but it also exceeds the 50% target set for 2025.

In August 2023, Amey South-West Trunk Roads made a significant investment of £497,000 in their EV fleet by welcoming 13 electric Volkswagen ID.3 vehicles. The vehicles, with a mileage range between 250 and 270 miles, are used by highways supervisors delivering key operational services across South-West Scotland and signal Amey's commitment to accelerating the adoption of ULEVs on their journey to net-zero.

Since the commencement of the trunk road maintenance contract in August 2020 EVs in the South-West fleet have completed 75,455 miles, making carbon savings of 27tCO₂e compared to their fossil fuel burning



equivalents. These carbon savings will only increase as Amey has adopted an “EV First” policy, where electric vehicles will always be the first option for all new company cars.

Minister for Transport Fiona Hyslop said: “It’s great to see our operating companies play their part when it comes to the adoption of electric vehicles in their fleets.

“I congratulate Amey on reaching this key milestone well ahead of schedule and look forward to the company continuing to invest in electric vehicles and infrastructure in the future.”

Amey’s pledge to support our clients with energy transition and sustainable infrastructure solutions has been bolstered

by a substantial EV charging point installation at Transport Scotland’s Polmadie depot in Glasgow. The site now boasts 26 AC and 2 DC charging points with Amey’s Ayr depot in South Ayrshire earmarked for the next phase of EV infrastructure improvements. These installations are fundamental in future proofing fleet and plant to maintain Scotland’s South-West Trunk Roads.

Novuna Vehicle Solutions, leasing partner of Amey and a leader in sustainable fleet management, are working in tandem to rapidly transform Amey’s 4,000+ strong fleet of cars, vans, and HGVs towards electrification.

Jon Lawes, Managing Director of Novuna Vehicle Solutions, said: “As pioneers in electrification, we’re delighted to be partnering with Amey at every stage of their electrification journey to meet their sustainability targets, transforming their fleet to net zero.”

“This unparalleled strategy positions Novuna Vehicle Solutions and Amey at the forefront of sustainable business practices, demonstrating comprehensive, individualised solutions for fleet electrification and decarbonisation.”

“We’re looking forward to cementing our established relationship with Amey as their switch to greener mobility continues to gather pace, including supporting their bespoke depot charging infrastructure requirements fundamental to their business activity,” added Lawes.



Dates for your Diary

Erskine Bridge

A898 Southbound Closure

Preparatory overnight works from 8pm on Thursday 26th October until 6am on Friday 27th October 2023. Full weekend closure of the A898 southbound carriageway from 8pm on Friday 27th October until 6am on Monday 30th October 2023.

All dates are correct as of time of publishing.
Please visit [swtrunkroads.scot](https://www.swtrunkroads.scot) for the latest updates on our road maintenance projects. Please plan ahead





Dates for your Diary

A725

Whirlies Roundabout

Full weekend closure of the A725 Kingsway between Whirlies Roundabout and Whitemoss Roundabout from 8pm on Friday 17th November until 6am on Monday 20th November 2023.

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

Twitter <http://twitter.com/swtrunkroads>

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.

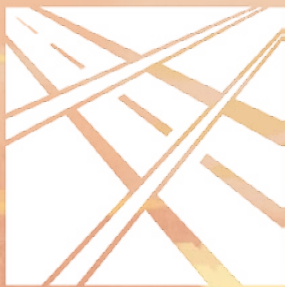
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