

EMERGENCY WORKS: M8 WOODSIDE

Amey, on behalf of Transport Scotland, will be undertaking emergency maintenance on the bridges of the eastbound and westbound M8 Junctions 16 to Junction 17 Woodside Viaduct from Friday 12th March 2021. Following the advice from a structural assessment, these works are being immediately progressed to address deterioration identified at several areas on both the eastbound and westbound structures. This is to ensure the structural integrity of the bridges, and compliment future refurbishment work. Forthcoming work will see the installation of temporary bridge props installed adjacent to the main bridge piers at several locations below the bridge deck, in preparation for a permanent repair.

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WINTER RESPONSE

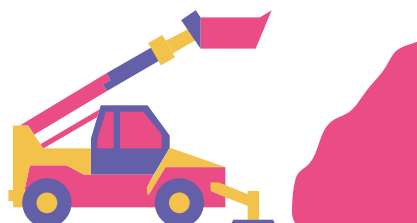
The first few months of 2021 have been demanding for our Incident Response teams as adverse weather conditions impacted the South West of Scotland. From Met Office Amber warnings for snow and ice to rain and heavy wind, our teams have faced challenges in addition to delivering our day-to-day services. To date, our 56-strong fleet of gritters have completed **3,287** route treatments and spread **17,515** tonnes of salt to ensure the network remains safe and keeps road users moving. Since December, **113** flooding incidents have been reported and dealt with including our team's quick action on the A78 at West Kilbride, which received praise from the community for coming to the aid of vulnerable neighbours whose homes had been affected. Amey's Winter Service runs from October to May each year and is managed by 10 Winter Service Duty Officers (WSDO) who provide a 24/7 presence on the South West network. Subscribe to our daily winter alerts available on our website.

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3267
ROUTE TREATMENTS



17515
TONNES OF SALT USED



113
FLOODING INCIDENTS



OUR 2021 WINTER FLEET NAMED BY THE SCOTTISH PUBLIC

An appeal to name the 50-strong fleet of gritters covering 400 miles of Scotland's trunk roads from Glasgow to Dumfries and through to Ayr and Stranraer, received over 1,200 online entries.

The appeal ran from 23rd December 2020 until 15th January 2021 attracting a record number of submissions. The naming appeal, which is normally run in conjunction with local schools, was moved online in 2020 as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, and opened to the wider Scottish public. The chosen names will be announced daily from Monday 18th January 2021 on the Amey SW Trunk Roads Twitter account.

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MINI-GRITTERS NAMED IN RECOGNITION OF SCOTLAND'S COVID-19 HEROES

A fleet of new 'mini' pavement gritters have been named in honour of key workers and local heroes from across south west Scotland, after being nominated by members of their community. From a fleet of 15 mini-gritters, the first seven successful community champions were announced on Wednesday 17th February 2021 as part of the annual Random Acts of Kindness Day. The pavement gritters will service towns and villages across the south-west network, clearing footpaths and other areas that their larger counterparts cannot easily access.

The gritter names were chosen as part of a public appeal, which ran between 23rd December 2020 and January 15th 2021. Over 500 nominations were received for Key Workers, Community Champions and Volunteers who have made a real difference to their communities during the 2020/2021 Covid-19 pandemic.

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A76 CATRINE

A £70,000 scheme to improve road safety is currently being implemented on the A76 at its junction with the B713 at Catrine. Dual purpose Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS) are being installed at the location that illuminate and alert approaching A76 southbound road users to the presence of turning vehicles at the junction. In addition the signs are activated by speeding drivers by flashing a SLOW DOWN message if they are exceeding the speed limit.

These mitigation measures were developed as a result of accident investigations which were undertaken with Police Scotland following a number of collisions including a fatal accident in 2020.

Turning vehicles are recorded by electronic detection studs placed on both the A76 carriageway and side road and this information is transmitted to the VAS. The signs then display warnings in response to driver behaviour and attempt to influence change. Similar systems are in place at four other sites across the South West Trunk Road Network (A701 at the B7076 Junction, A75 Annan Junction, A77 Smithston Bridge Junction, and A76 at B744 Junction) where the number of road traffic collisions has significantly reduced since the VAS installation. This is one phase of a series of road safety improvements, including upgrading the existing signage, in development on the A76 at Catrine, demonstrating our commitment to the Safe System of work approach.

The Safe System approach is a new process that aims to embed Road Safety within the road network, reducing the potential for accidents or injury. Coordinated and cross industry working is at its heart, to ensure the road environment is as safe as possible and works towards Transport Scotland's 2030 accident reduction targets.

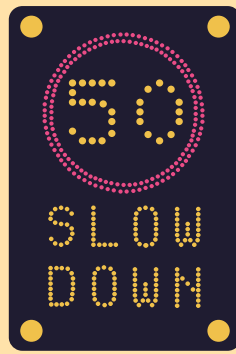


THIS QUARTER IN NUMBERS



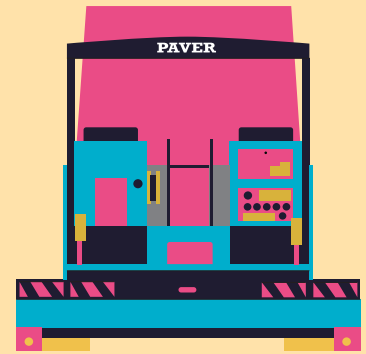
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Tonnes of Waste Recycled/Reused



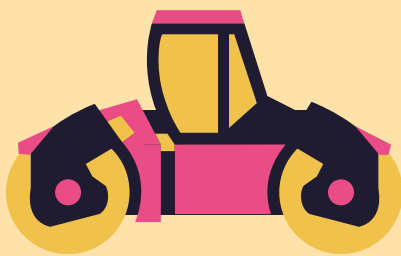
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Road Safety Schemes Completed



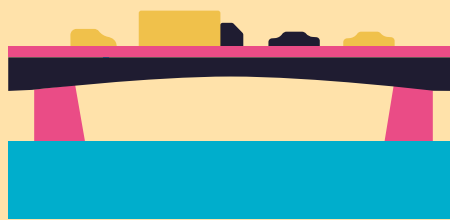
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Structural Maintenance Schemes Completed



74

Routine Maintenance Schemes Completed



14

Bridges Schemes Completed



10

Successful MSP Engagements Took Place



72.5

Hours of Community Engagement



21

Vegetation Management Schemes Completed



2241

Kg of litter Collected

CUSTOMER QUOTES

"I would like to offer a very big thank you to Peter and Darren who rescued me and my mum off the Kingston Bridge motorway today, when my car had a tyre blow out. I was terrified and in an awful state, but Peter calmed me down, got us both safely off the bridge, then him and Darren helped with my tyre. Both exceptionally nice, helpful and professional men. You should be proud to employ them."

"I wish to compliment you on the quality of workmanship but more importantly the really lovely attitude of all the team working on the road. What a genuinely polite and very helpful lot they are. Really nice to see such friendly and cheery people during this awful period in time."



SUPPORTING APPRENTICESHIPS

Amey's Transport Infrastructure business in Scotland employs 10 Modern Apprentices, 2 Graduate Apprentices and supports around 34 Foundation Apprentices. Foundation Apprenticeships are a work-based learning qualification for secondary school students providing them with a stepping stone into a career and a full-time Modern or Graduate Apprenticeship with an employer. Currently, South West Trunk Roads work with four of these apprentices in North Lanarkshire and a further thirty in Dumfries & Galloway to bolster knowledge in all things Creative and Digital Media. We look forward to developing our apprenticeship programme throughout the network and you can find out more on our website.

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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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Connecting with the communities we serve is a priority for our teams. To facilitate information sharing we have launched a Facebook page.

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The page joins our existing online communication platforms: our website, roadwork alerts service, and Twitter account. If you need to report an immediate issue on South West Trunk Roads, please continue to use the 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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