

## Summer Clean

Between Friday 28th May and Sunday 20th June 2021 Amey South-West Trunk Roads pledged 500 miles of litter picking to support Keep Scotland Beautiful's #CleanUpScotland campaign. Our operatives smashed the target and completed 825 miles of litter picking during which they collected 759kg of litter and recovered 269 large objects from Scotland's roadside.

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.

We will continue to highlight this issue and urge you to join-in and clean up your local area. Visit our website for helpful resources to plan your litter picking event and tag us @SWTRUNKROADS on social media to let us know if you or your community are taking part.

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## N8 WOODSIDE VIADUCT

On Tuesday 22nd June 2021, Amey and Transport Scotland welcomed Minister for Transport, Graeme Dey to the M8 Woodside Viaduct works site where our team gave an overview of the project.

An initial trial site excavation has been completed on the M8 Woodside viaduct. This work was undertaken to expose the buried foundation and allow preparatory concreting works necessary to support the installation of temporary bridge props. By undertaking a trial excavation our engineers were able to learn valuable information on the below ground conditions that will be used to inform future design and construction activities at all subsequent bridge piers. Whilst road users may not see significant activity on the M8 motorway, where temporary lane restrictions are in place, a considerable amount of investigation, design, stakeholder, and construction activities are ongoing below the bridge. Further excavation, propping and construction activities are currently being developed to allow removal of the existing lane restrictions on the M8.

Work is currently being undertaken to assess the propping loads to support the structure, in conjunction with Transport Scotland's Assessment Consultant. This work will inform the design of the Propping Solutions. At the same time, we are finalising the appointment of specialist contractors and, once the design is completed, we will be working with them to develop the full programme of works, including the permanent repairs.

We are actively liaising with key stakeholders including Glasgow City Council, in relation to the impact on local roads; and with Strathclyde Passenger Transport (SPT) in relation to the next stage of excavations and propping in the vicinity of Glasgow Underground tunnels. Conversations are also at an advanced stage with Glasgow City Council and the local Housing Association to agree on a site location for the works compound.

Details of Phase One of this project will be announced in the coming weeks, please sign-up to our roadworks alert service for the latest updates.

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## A77 CARLOCK WALL

Amey, on behalf of Transport Scotland, is undertaking a programme of ground improvement works to address the potential for landslip at Carlock Wall, south of Ballantrae.

Due to unexpected geotechnical ground conditions detected during construction of the A77 Carlock Wall scheme, additional ground stabilisation design and construction works are being undertaken, which will allow the original retaining wall to be reinstated.

This extremely challenging project is heavily reliant on the existing below ground conditions and is being closely managed by our engineers to ensure development of a safe improvement scheme that will provide long term benefits to A77 road users.



## ERSKINE BRIDGE CELEBRATES HALF A CENTURY

The Erskine Bridge turned 50 years old on Friday 2nd July 2021 and a series of unseen photos have been released to mark its golden anniversary. The iconic crossing over the Clyde was opened on the 2nd July 1971 by HRH Princess Anne, becoming the first fixed link between Dunbartonshire and Renfrewshire. Construction on the project began in April 1967 at a cost of £10.5m, which is the equivalent of almost £150m today. The bridge is 1.3km in length and 30m wide, with its tallest support measuring 50m.

Minister for Transport Graeme Dey:

"The Erskine Bridge has become an iconic landmark and was, at one point, the longest cable-stayed bridge in the world.

"The crossing helped to significantly cut journey times when it opened to traffic, particularly during the busy tourist seasons. It continues to play an important role, carrying over 35,000 vehicles every day.

"The Erskine Bridge has also been listed for unique architectural and technical features, so it's important to recognise the impact it has made in the past 50 years."

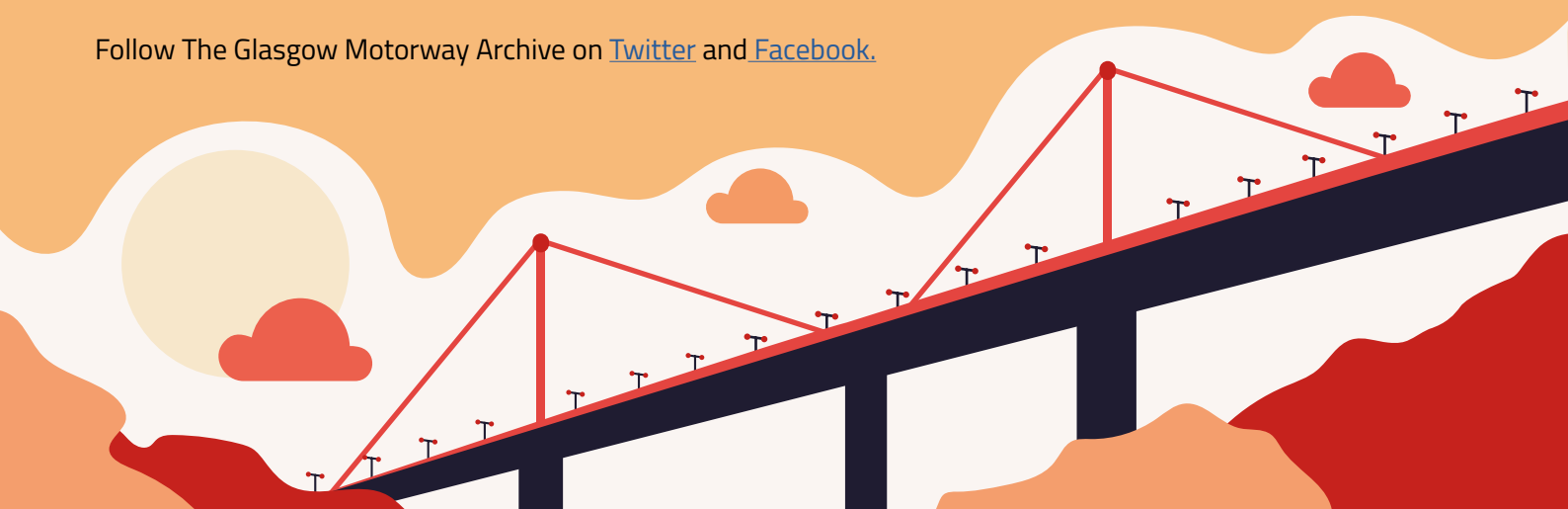
[The Glasgow Motorway Archive](#), in collaboration with Transport Scotland released a number of previously unseen photos of the Erskine Bridge.

Stuart Baird from the Glasgow Motorway Archive said:

"The Erskine Bridge remains one of the most ambitious civil engineering projects ever undertaken in Scotland and has become a much loved landmark.

"The Glasgow Motorway Archive is delighted to have unearthed previously unseen photos of its construction in time for its 50th anniversary and we look forward to sharing them, and a few other surprises, on our website and social media channels."

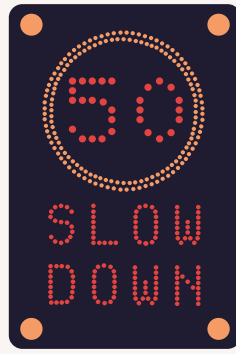
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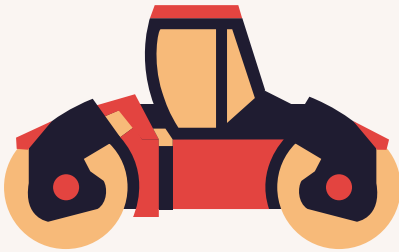
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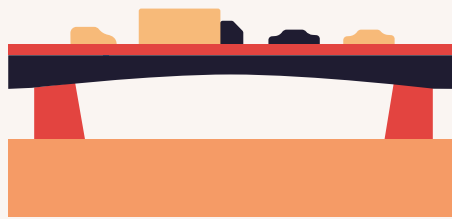
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Road Safety Schemes  
Completed



**8**  
Structural Maintenance  
Schemes Completed



**21**  
Routine Maintenance  
Schemes Completed



**17**  
Bridges Schemes  
Completed



**4**  
Successful MSP  
Engagements Took  
Place



**60**  
Hours of Community  
Engagement



**37**  
Environmental  
Assessments Completed



**1568**  
Kg of Litter  
Collected

## A76 KIRKCONNEL

In April, Amey aided the removal of a dilapidated bus shelter on the A76 at Kirkconnel by supplying traffic management to the community free of charge for the works to be undertaken safely. Pictured is Area Manager for the south, Michael Pagan alongside Dave Branton from Kirkconnel Community Council and JMC Contractors. It was a pleasure to support the community of Kirkconnel and Kelloholm. If you think Amey could assist your community within South-West Scotland, please get in touch via our website.



## NEWTON MEARNS PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Friday 18th June 2021 Mearns Primary School hosted their Values Day. This is a day where the pupils take part in activities which give the opportunity for them to celebrate and practise their school values. Two of the activities were a silent disco and an outdoor concert. Due to Covid restrictions pupils were required to take part within their class bubbles. In order to support the health and safety of around 800 pupils on the day, Amey donated 200 traffic cones and hazard tape which were used to mark out these areas for the pupils. Seven large areas for the silent disco were set up on their outdoor football pitch as well as 16 smaller seating areas for the concert. Amey delivered the cones of the morning of the event, along with four staff who set up the areas for the school.



## AMEY FOUNDATION APPRENTICES ACHIEVE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS

A group of around thirty Creative & Media Foundation Apprenticeship students from Dumfries & Galloway, and a further four from North Lanarkshire have completed their qualifications, with support from Amey.

Foundation Apprenticeships are work-based qualifications, lasting one or two years, which pupils begin during S5 or S7 of secondary school. These young people spend time outside of school at a local college and/or with a local employer and complete their Foundation Apprenticeships alongside their normal school subjects. The completed qualification is equivalent to a Higher and can lead to further progression into employment, as a stepping stone to a Modern or Graduate Apprenticeship. Foundation Apprenticeships are also recognised as entry qualifications by all Scottish colleges and universities.

The academic year 2019/20 was a difficult year for the delivery of the apprenticeship programme due to the Covid-19 pandemic; with most of the learning and work experience being delivered remotely. The students from North Lanarkshire did manage a trip to our Bargeddie office recently as restrictions were eased.

Our time with the students included presentations and Q&A sessions about the Creative & Media industries covering a range of topics including media relations, strategy, photography, design, videography, event management, social media and web development. They also developed their own online and traditional media campaigns and channels, to meet the requirements of their apprenticeship, with support from the Amey team.



### FIND US ON FACEBOOK

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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## 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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