


# Newsletter

June 2022







# ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE ON THE A77 BETWEEN BELLFIELD INTERCHANGE AND GRASSYARDS JUNCTION COMMENCES MONDAY 27TH JUNE

Amey, on behalf of Transport Scotland as part of the Network Management Contract for the South-West Trunk Road Unit, are undertaking essential road resurfacing on the A77 Northbound at Kilmarnock. This programme of works will combine two maintenance schemes along the A77:

**1. Between Bellfield Interchange and Grassyards Junction.**

**2. Between Grassyards Junctions and 150 metres north of the Borland overbridge.**

Work will take place from Monday 27th June until Friday 15th July 2022 under various traffic management arrangements including overnight closures and a contraflow system.

These schemes, with a combined value of £1.4 million, will benefit around 14,000 vehicles using this route each day, which links Glasgow and the Central Belt to Ayrshire's coasts and ports, by improving the condition of the carriageway and reducing the need for more extensive maintenance in the future. The combination of two maintenance schemes will allow the works to take place as efficiently as possible, minimising disruption for travellers, businesses, and residents.

**The programme of works is as follows:**

**Monday 27th June – Thursday 30th June 2022:** Total overnight closures of the northbound A77 at this location between the hours of 8pm and 6am each night. A signed diversion route will be in operation.

**Friday 1st July – Monday 4th July 2022:** A weekend contraflow system will be in place at this location from 8pm on Friday night until 6am on Monday morning. Road users are advised to plan ahead and allow extra time for any journeys.

**Monday 4th July – Thursday 7th July 2022:** Total overnight closures of the northbound A77 at this location between the hours of 8pm and 6am each night. A signed diversion route will be in operation.

**Friday 8th July – Monday 11th July 2022:** A weekend contraflow system will be in place at this location from 8pm on Friday night until 6am on Monday morning. Road users are advised to plan ahead and allow extra time for any journeys.

**Monday 11th July – Thursday 14th July 2022:** Total overnight closures of the northbound A77 at this location between the hours of 8pm and 6am each night. A signed diversion route will be in operation.





## Diversion Information:

### During the overnight closures -

Main Diversion: A77 northbound traffic will be diverted to exit the A77 at Bellfield Interchange to turn left onto the A71 westbound. At Moorfield Roundabout, traffic will turn right to follow the B7081 northbound and at the signalised junction will turn left onto the B7064 (Munro Avenue). Traffic will continue to follow the B7064 in a northerly direction to merge with the B7038 (Glasgow Road). From here, traffic will be able to re-join the A77 via Meiklewood Interchange and diversion will end.

Grassyards Off-Slip Road Closure: Traffic intending to use the A77 Grassyards northbound off-slip road will be diverted to follow Diversion A until the roundabout on the B7064/A735. Traffic will be instructed to turn right onto the A735 and will continue through the B7082. From here, traffic will turn left and will travel in a north-easterly direction towards Grassyards Interchange, where diversion will end.

Grassyards On-Slip Road Closure: Traffic intending to use the A77 Grassyards northbound on-slip road will be diverted to follow Grassyards Road in a south-westerly

direction and will take a right turn onto the B7082. From here, traffic will continue through the B7082 and turn right to join the A735 and will continue on the A735 until the roundabout with the B7064. At the roundabout, traffic should follow Diversion A until Meiklewood Interchange, where diversion will end.

### During the weekend contraflow operations, the following closures will be in place:

Closure of Bellfield northbound on-slip, with traffic diverted via the A71 westbound to follow Diversion A from Moorfield Roundabout.

Closure of Grassyards northbound off-slip with traffic diverted as noted above.

Closure of Meiklewood northbound off-slip, with traffic diverted on the A77 northbound to leave at M77 Junction 8, continuing north to the roundabout with the B778, before taking the third exit onto Stewarton Road. Traffic will turn right onto the A751 before continuing south on the B751, B7061 and B7038 to Glasgow Road.

The following diversion routes will also be signposted and can be used to reduce congestion around Bellfield Interchange:

**Diversion A (A77 southbound to A71 westbound and A78):** A77 southbound traffic can divert via M77 Junction 8 to follow the B7038 southbound. Traffic will join the B7064 Western Road, travelling south, to turn right onto B7081 Irvine Road, travelling in a southerly direction to follow the B7081 join the A71 at Moorfield Roundabout.

**Diversion B (A77 northbound to A735 / A71 / A78):** A77 northbound traffic can divert via the B7038 northbound at the Kilmarnock Bypass, following the B7038 Ayr Road in a northerly direction. Traffic will take the 4th exit at the roundabout with the B7072 to join the B7072 Hurlford Road travelling east to join the A735 Queen's Drive.

**Diversion C (A77 northbound to A71):** A77 northbound traffic can divert via the A78 at Dutchhouse Roundabout, travelling west to Monktonhead Roundabout, before travelling north on the A78 to Warrix Interchange. Traffic will join the A71 at Warrix Interchange, continuing east to A71 Corsehill Mount Roundabout and A71 Moorfield Roundabout.

**Diversion D (A77 northbound to A76):** A77 northbound traffic can divert via Sandyford Toll Roundabout to join the A719 northbound. Traffic will follow the A719 northbound to join the A76 at Crossroads Roundabout.

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

Our operatives will follow strict physical distancing and hygiene protocols throughout the programme, in line with the Scottish Government's COVID-19 guidance.

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

A free Road Work Alerts service is available from our website: <https://swtrunkroads.scot/roadwork-alerts/> An email address is all that is required to sign up for the service.

**To report a problem on the network please visit:** <https://swtrunkroads.scot/report-a-problem/>

**Real-time journey information can be obtained by visiting** [www.trafficscotland.org](http://www.trafficscotland.org) or via Twitter: @TrafficScotland



# Green Driver Award Winner

**Neil  
Lyell**

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.

# Social Impact Days

## Loyola Centre Social Impact Day

Six operatives from our NMC South-West Street Lighting Team completed a Social Impact Day at the Loyola Centre in Wishaw, North Lanarkshire. The centre is well used by various community groups including the Cubs, Beavers, Scouts, Mother and Toddlers, and Cancer Support but unfortunately the car park was very poorly lit. To resolve this issue, the team erected two new street lighting columns with LED lights and installed two LED bulkheads to improve lighting levels within the vicinity. The centre users are delighted with the results. Thank you to our operatives: Barry Currier (Supervisor), David McEwan, Allan McLelland, Douglas Ward, David McKay, and Connor Holmes .



## Holytown Parish Church Social Impact Day

Holytown Parish Church hosts various community groups throughout the week but its car park was in disrepair and causing issues for its users. Our operatives from the Street Lighting Team: Barry Currier (Supervisor), David McEwan, Allan McLelland, Douglas Ward, David McKay, and Stuart Baillie spent their Social Impact Day refurbishing the car park. Improvements included new white lining to delineate car parking spaces, replacing a damaged drain cover, and installing two new lanterns.







# Blacklaw Primary School Garden Clean-Up

Amey's Scotland Regional Hub generously donated £450 towards a Social Impact Day at Blacklaw Primary School in East Kilbride where 12 colleagues (Elaine Anley, Tracey Clarkson-Donnelly, Lara Currie, Robyn Dale, James Hannah, Jamie Henderson, Rosene Kannich, Sebastian Lesnik, Paul McMurdo, Charlotte Peacock, Jamie Slater, and Tracy Smith) from Amey Consulting and Transport Infrastructure undertook a clean-up of the school garden. School pupils from P7 also got stuck in to help progress various tasks

The funds enabled Amey colleagues to paint and plant 23 planters, create 2 vegetable and herb beds, sow 200 sunflowers, repaint the garden shed and replace its broken window, refurbish the pond, and build a new fence to enclose the newly tidied garden. Amey also provided the school with printable assets including a participation certificate and prize certificates for a sunflower competition that will conclude in the Autumn.

**A great effort from all involved.**





# Trauma Teddies

In May, our TRISS team at Polmadie Depot received a donation of 80 knitted bears from Karen at Scottish Trauma Teddies that will replenish current stock levels in the South-West TRISS vehicles. These cuddly bears aim to help support distressed children who have been involved in road traffic incidents.



## Reunited

We were approached on Twitter by Mary whose son Arran had dropped his 'Harry' comforter out the car window onto our busy M74 carriageway in the hope we could locate it and return the item.

Our hardworking TRISS team operatives Alan and Derek found the comforter and Arran stopped by our Polmadie Depot to be reunited after two sleepless nights. A huge THANK YOU to our TRISS team for all their help in retrieving the item and for giving Arran a mini-tour of one of our TRISS vehicles.





# Scottish Transport Awards

Amey South-West Trunk Roads are delighted to have been shortlisted for three awards at the Scottish Transport Awards 2022. The successful entries included:

- Excellence in Transport Design for A77 Bellfield Solar Lighting Trial
- Excellence in Transport Design for A76 Ex-Situ Recycling
- Excellence in Travel Information and Marketing for Amey Winter Service Communication (October 2020 - May 2021)

The Scottish Transport Awards bring together the transport community to recognise and celebrate

industry achievements across the country with the winners announced at a ceremony at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Glasgow on Thursday 29th September 2022. Fingers crossed!



# Butterfly Trust

Amey's Scotland Regional Hub generously donated a £100 American Golf voucher as a prize to be auctioned on behalf of the Butterfly Trust, a cystic fibrosis charity in Scotland. Thank you

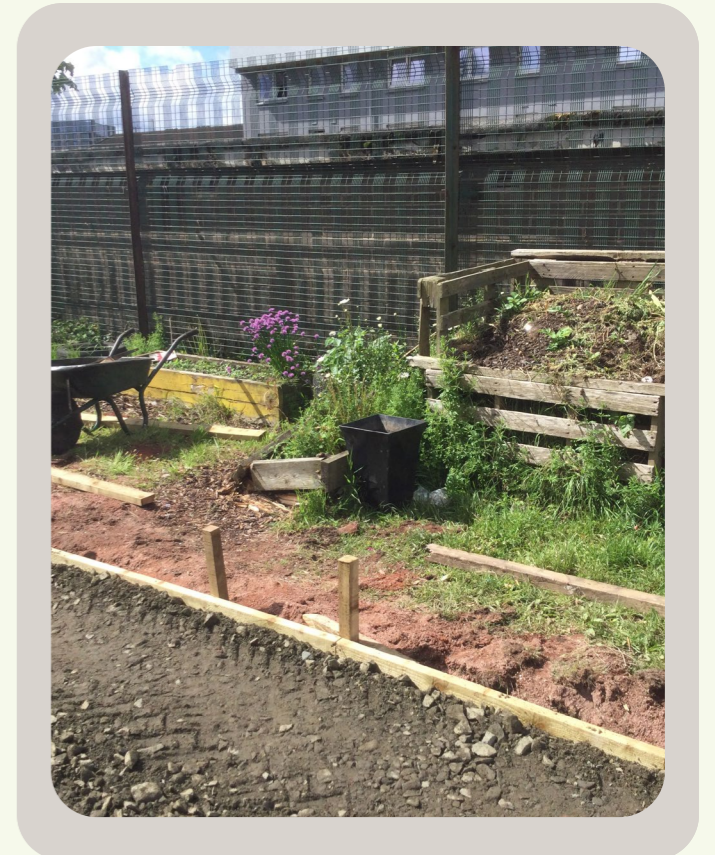
to Vince Tait, Amey's Road Safety Manager for the South-West, for organising. The fundraising auction achieved a wonderful total of £4800 for the charity.



# Queens Cross Housing Association Community Garden

Amey staff created a footpath for the Community Garden operated by Queens Cross Housing Association for the benefit of residents around the area of the M8 Woodside Viaducts, where Amey is currently undertaking major repair work. The area was previously unpaved, and this meant getting around the garden was treacherous when the ground was wet or muddy.

Transport Infrastructure colleagues from Amey's APS contract undertook the work as a Social Involvement Day, and materials were provided by the NMC SW contract to allow the path to be completed.







# Join the Amey Team

Amey turned 100 years old in 2021 and is one of the top five support service suppliers in the UK. Nearly everyone in the UK benefits from an Amey service every day, working with over 125 clients at over 300 locations.

The cornerstone of our company is our 16,000 strong workforce, and you have an opportunity to join the team as part of Amey's Transport Infrastructure division in Scotland. Amey is a Real Living Wage employer. We are hiring for positions in Scotland's South-West and Scotland's North-East (contract due to commence in August 2022). To find out more, visit <https://www.amey.co.uk/amey-scotland/>



## Dates for your diary

### June 2022

A77 Kilmarnock (Bellfield Interchange - Grassyards): Monday 27th June - Friday 15th July 2022

### July 2022

M74 (Strathaven Road - Draffan Road): Wednesday 20th July - Tuesday 26th July 2022

### August 2022

M74 Junction 6 (Northbound) Bridge Refurbishments: Commences Monday 1st August 2022 for 12 weeks.

A78 Monktonhead Roundabout - Eglinton Interchange Filter Stone Replacement: Commences August 2022 for six weeks.

A76 Polneul Road Surface Patching: Dates TBC

A76 Lime Road, New Cumnock: Dates TBC

## 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](#)

## 3000 Followers

In May 2022, our Twitter followers reached 3,000! Thank you for connecting with us, tweeting, and sharing our content to wider audiences. If you're not following already, find us @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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