



Amey
Newsletter

June 2024

GREEN DRIVER AWARD WINNER



**Ryan
Officer**

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.

Spring Clean

KEEP SCOTLAND BEAUTIFUL

During March and April 2024 Amey South-West Trunk Roads supported Keep Scotland Beautiful's Spring Clean, tackling Scotland's litter emergency. 87% of people in Scotland believe litter is an issue across the country. Litter discarded recklessly, rather than disposed of properly, threatens harm to our wildlife and ruins our landscape. Removing litter from roadsides is incredibly dangerous for our operatives, and not all litter is accessible to remove.

During this year's Keep Scotland Beautiful Spring Clean our road operatives collected 582 bags, weighing over 3.7 tonnes. Additionally, 563 large objects were recovered from our roadsides.

In 2023, our operatives removed over 5,000 bags of litter from our roadsides, not including the 4,849 large objects that were also uplifted. Alarmingly, these figures are only from our northern routes, including the M8, M898, M77, M74, and M80. We continue to urge everyone to be a responsible road user, take your litter home, and protect the natural beauty of our country.

Keep Scotland Beautiful's 2024 Spring campaign may be over, but you can still help clean up Scotland by organising a litter pick with friends, family, workmates, or your wider community.

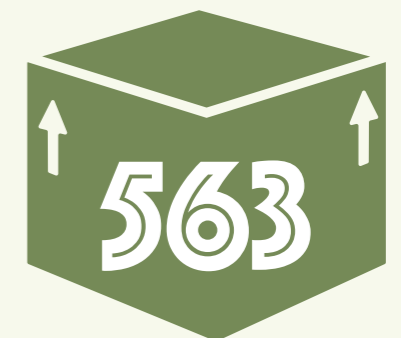
Find out more and pledge your support [here](#).



BAGS
of litter lifted



TONNES



**LARGE
OBJECT**
recovered from
roadsides

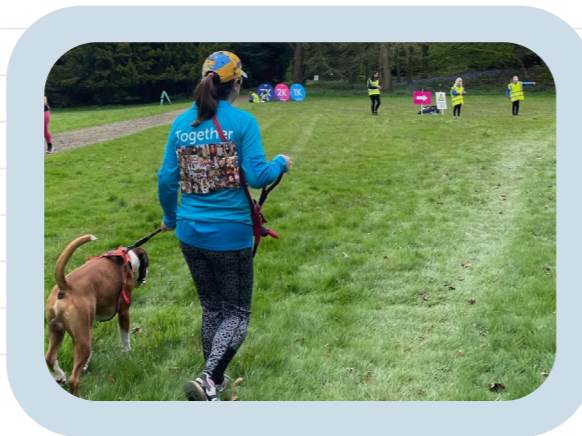
Race for Life

CANCER RESEARCH UK

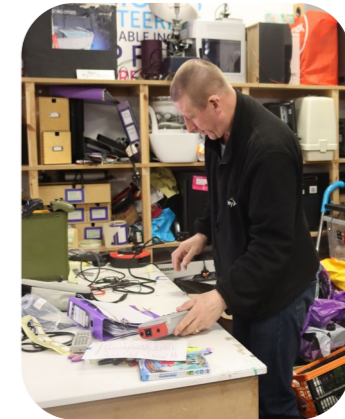
Amey's charity partner Cancer Research UK hosts fundraising races throughout Summer, where Race for Life participants can walk, jog, or run the 3K, 5K, or 10K race, often in support of or memory of loved ones who have been diagnosed with cancer. Since 1994, over 10 million people have taken part in Cancer Research UK's Race for Life, raising over £970 million. Money raised assists in the research and development of treatments to fight cancer, for example, radiotherapy.



In May 2024, our colleague, Lisa Crane demonstrated great strength and determination by participating in her local Cancer Research UK's 5K Race for Life whilst receiving treatment for secondary breast cancer. In her efforts, Lisa raised a fantastic £325 for charity. Lisa's treatment will eventually progress to include new drugs which have only become available in the last couple of years, thanks to the research and development made possible by this incredible fundraising. communities to support wellbeing and safety projects.



Paisley Superstore PAT Testing



On Thursday 2nd May 2024, Keith McFadzean from the Amey Paisley depot used a Social Impact Day to attend the Cancer Research UK Superstore in Paisley to aid them with PAT testing their electrical donations, such as televisions, lamps, and kitchen appliances.

PAT testing involves testing wires and cables on electrical devices to ensure they are safe and operational. Due to the number of electrical appliances donated to this Cancer Research location, this can be a time-consuming task for the volunteers and managers that are trained in PAT testing. Our team have the opportunity to undertake two Social Impact Days each year, utilising their skills to positively impact local communities.

“ Thank you so much Keith and everyone at Amey who organised this PAT Testing. Your help with this task means that our volunteers can get on with the other aspects of running this store and helping customers. ”

- The team at the CRUK Paisley Superstore



Galston Youth Football

In May 2024, Amey South-West operatives responded to a request from Galston Youth Football Club to assist with grass cutting ahead of their 26th annual youth football festival. The festival welcomes youth teams from all over Scotland for a full weekend of football matches ranging from Fun Fours up to Seven-A-Side. Volunteers at the club had recently struggled to keep the pitches maintained and manageable ahead of the festival and a team of Amey operatives were more than happy to help. The grass was mown on Friday 17th May 2024, supporting the club's volunteers to ensure their facilities are ready for the teams.



Summer Structural Cyclical Maintenance **BEGINS!**



The summer months bring the return of our structural cyclical maintenance programme on Scotland's South-West Trunk Roads. This maintenance, performed twice a year, includes sweeping, drainage improvements, and the cleaning of the 1,666 structures across the road network.

Following a fire at Ayr station, the temporary suspension of train services along the route meant that extensive vegetation clearance could be carried out on the A75 at the London Road rail bridge in Stranraer. The stonework of the bridge is now exposed with all vegetation cleared for the first time in several years. An exceptional job was done by our Cyclic Maintenance team who carried out these works with thanks to all who were involved and to Derek Cunningham and Colin Stewart for their organisational efforts.

Colleagues from Amey South-West Trunk Roads have continued to build relationships and work alongside VASA (Voluntary Action South Ayrshire) and the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit (SVRU) to complete improvements to Wallacetown Community Garden in Ayr. The SVRU use a public health approach to policing which focuses on prevention work with officers working within communities to support wellbeing and safety projects.



Wallacetown **PHASE 2**

Following the first phase of work in 2022, our team removed grass and dirt to create footways, cleared existing raised beds, and installed a new community picnic area. The garden is now complete with brand new raised beds, accessible access, and a picnic bench donated by Glaston's. The area will allow members of the community to gather and socialise and plant flowers in the new raised beds.

Liz Brady, from Scottish Fire & Rescue's Community Action Team said: "Thanks to your team who came along to the Wallacetown area and upgraded the raised bed area. They put a lot of work into it, and we really appreciate it. The area has been totally transformed and is looking good. It will now be a pleasure for people to walk past instead of looking at weeds and discarded bottles and rubbish."

We are very grateful to HSS Plant Hire, Glaston's and Chris Weir, Stefan Clark, Jim Hepburn, Ricky Bews, Gordon Seaman, and Robert Millar from the Amey Ayr depot. Your hard work on this project is greatly appreciated and has made a huge difference in the community.





Easter Raffle

On Tuesday 26th March 2024, the Amey South-West NMC held an Easter Hamper Raffle in the Polmadie depot in aid of The People's Pantry.

The People's Pantry is a membership-led grocery shop in the southside of Glasgow, providing the community with access to affordable, nutritious and culturally appropriate food and household essentials. It is open to anyone living in the G41/G42 postcode area and offers memberships for as little as £6 a year.

Staff members at the Polmadie depot were able to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win a luxury Fortnum & Mason Easter Hamper packed with treats. Thanks to all staff at the Polmadie depot who helped us to raise £90 on the day and congratulations to our winner Kyle Mitchell!





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Closure of Cornwall Street and Kirkwood Street Footbridges from Monday 1st July 2024

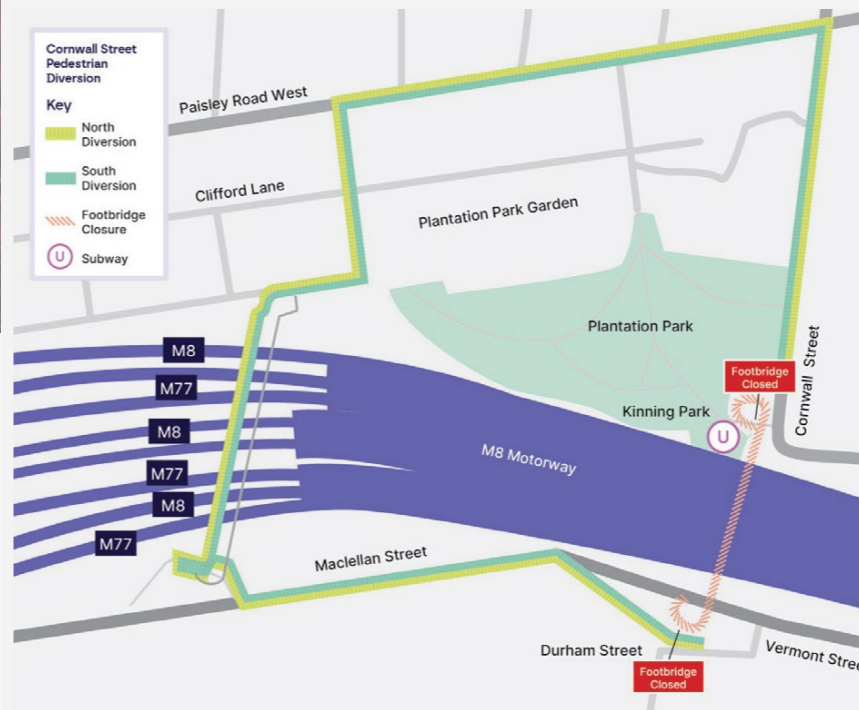
Amey, on behalf of Transport Scotland, is undertaking essential refurbishments of the Cornwall Street and Kirkwood Street footbridges, which span the M8 between Junctions 21 and 23, south-west of Glasgow City Centre from **Monday 1st July** until **Friday 20th December 2024**.

A programme of maintenance is required to ensure these 50-year-old structures continue to operate safely and efficiently and will include:

- Waterproofing and resurfacing of each bridge deck;
- Replacement of all expansion joints;
- Pedestrian parapet replacement;
- Concrete repairs including installation of cathodic corrosion protection;
- Strengthening at half joint locations;
- Bearing replacements;
- Vehicle restraint system upgrades to provide column protection;
- Drainage upgrades.

To ensure the safety of the public, our roadworkers, and the site, a complete closure of Cornwall Street and Kirkwood Street footbridges will be implemented for **25 weeks** from Monday 1st July 2024. There will be no pedestrian or cyclist access and those intending to use either footbridge during the closure period will be diverted to use the nearby Percy Street and Beech Avenue footbridges, approximately 200m away.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused while these essential refurbishments take place.



Cornwall Street Pedestrian Diversion Map



Kirkwood Street Pedestrian Diversion Map

M8 Footbridges Refurbishment Programme

This maintenance project will refurbish all four footbridges over the M8 at this location and will be undertaken in two phases:

- **Phase 1** takes place from **Monday 1st July 2024** for approximately 25 weeks and encompasses the refurbishment of the Cornwall Street and Kirkwood Street footbridges.
- **Phase 2** is being considered to take place in Spring/Summer 2025 and will encompass the refurbishment of the Percy Street and Beech Avenue footbridges. Further details will be issued following completion of Phase 1.

Full details of this project, including traffic management plans and diversion routes, are available via our website: swtrunkroads.scot

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The demand for foodbanks across the UK as an aid to helping families has increased dramatically over recent years. Almost 260,000 food parcels were given in Scotland by The Trussell Trust between 2022/23, a 30% increase on 2021/22.

NAJRA Helping Hands are a local registered charity helping those within the north Glasgow community with the aim to reduce poverty. They help through offering a community food cupboard and working with partners to provide education on health and well-being.

Throughout March 2024, we worked with our subcontractors on the M8 Woodside Viaducts project to collect foodbank donations. We collected donations that included toiletries, tins, pasta sauces, cereals, pet foods, toys, and more.

Donating these to NAJRA Helping Hands has greatly benefited the charity and their community.



M8 WOODSIDE VIADUCTS

NAJRA Helping Hands

“ I’m really proud of all the Amey staff, subcontractors, and Transport Scotland staff who helped with our first Foodbank Drive for NAJRA Helping Hands. It was a fantastic effort and I’d like to thank everyone who donated and took part. It was also fantastic to meet Precious from the NAJRA team and see first-hand the amazing work her team do in helping the local community. In the current climate the demand for foodbanks has increased, and they are now a key support for families and individuals affected by the cost-of-living crisis and other social issues. To be able to help a charity like this is a privilege for all the Woodside Viaducts Team and we’ll continue to support the charity as long as we’re in the community and we aim to continue to contribute as much as possible going forward. ”

- Derek Stewart, Amey’s Principal Construction Manager on M8 Woodside Viaducts

Band of Builders Site Visit

Band of Builders is a charity focused on supporting members of the construction industry. The charity was formed in 2016 when their founder campaigned on social media to help his close friend. The incredible response encouraged the creation of Band of Builders, who now offer support to those within the industry who are facing challenges.

In April 2024, Gavin Crane from Band of Builders spoke with our construction team about how the charity was formed, who they have helped, and shared stories about mental health within the construction industry, emphasising the importance of talking and speaking out. Gavin discussed how their charity helps men struggling with mental health issues and highlighted avenues for seeking help and advice.

From this session, colleagues from our construction team signed-up as volunteers for the charity, offering their services to help Band of Builders at events.



M8 WOODSIDE VIADUCTS

Bronze Considerate Constructor Award

The Considerate Constructor Scheme (CCS) assesses site conformance to the Code of Considerate Practice and highlights areas for improvement, supporting the rise of standards within the construction industry. CCS monitoring observes the achievements of a construction site in three key areas: Community, Workforce, and Environment.

Over the past year our team and subcontractors at the M8 Woodside Viaducts project have visited primary schools within the community, helped local charities, and supported foodbanks near our site with donations. We have also worked to support and develop our workforce through offering services such as mental health presentations from Band of Builders. Alongside this, we have performed local litter sweeps and utilised our resources to improve the conditions around Braid Square through footpath maintenance and de-vegetation. These are efforts we aim to carry on throughout 2024 to continue to help our local community, our workforce, and our environment.

With the hard work of our teams and subcontractors on site at Woodside, we achieved the Bronze Considerate Constructor National Site Award of 2024.

The Executive Chairman of CCS, Amit Oberoi says "Winning a CCS National Site Award is the mark of the highest levels of performance in the three areas of our Code of Considerate Practice: Respect the Community, Care for the Environment, Value the Workforce.

Our Awards are very selective, and the bar was set extremely high. Only the top performing sites of the UK have been receiving an Award."



M8 WOODSIDE VIADUCTS

St Joseph's Primary School

In May 2024, two Amey colleagues from M8 Woodside Viaducts, Mog and Michael, visited St Joseph's Primary School to deliver a STEM workshop.

The workshop started with Mog and Michael sharing an interactive presentation with the pupils, explaining what engineers do, and some information about the Woodside Viaducts projects. The children were engaged, helping to confirm the purpose of PPE, naming machinery, and types of bridges.

Afterwards, the children worked in groups to build their own truss bridges with Mog and Michael's help. When their bridges were successfully built, they tested their bridge's strength by balancing a toy car on the bridge deck. The final activity required the pupils to connect all their bridges to create one long bridge and each took turns racing the cars along the bridge.



THE PUPILS ENJOYED THEIR DAY WITH OUR ENGINEERS, SHARING THE FOLLOWING FROM THE DAY:

I enjoyed building the bridge and then using what I had built.
- Frankie P3/2

I had fun because we had a competition with objects we had built.
- Ariana P3/2

I loved hearing about the work Michael does, I would like to be an engineer when I grow up.
- Thomas P3/2



We learned about different jobs we could do when we grow up and what clothes we would need to wear to make sure we are safe.

- Tanisha P3/2

I learned that bridges are made of stone and concrete.

- Aleem P3/2

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.

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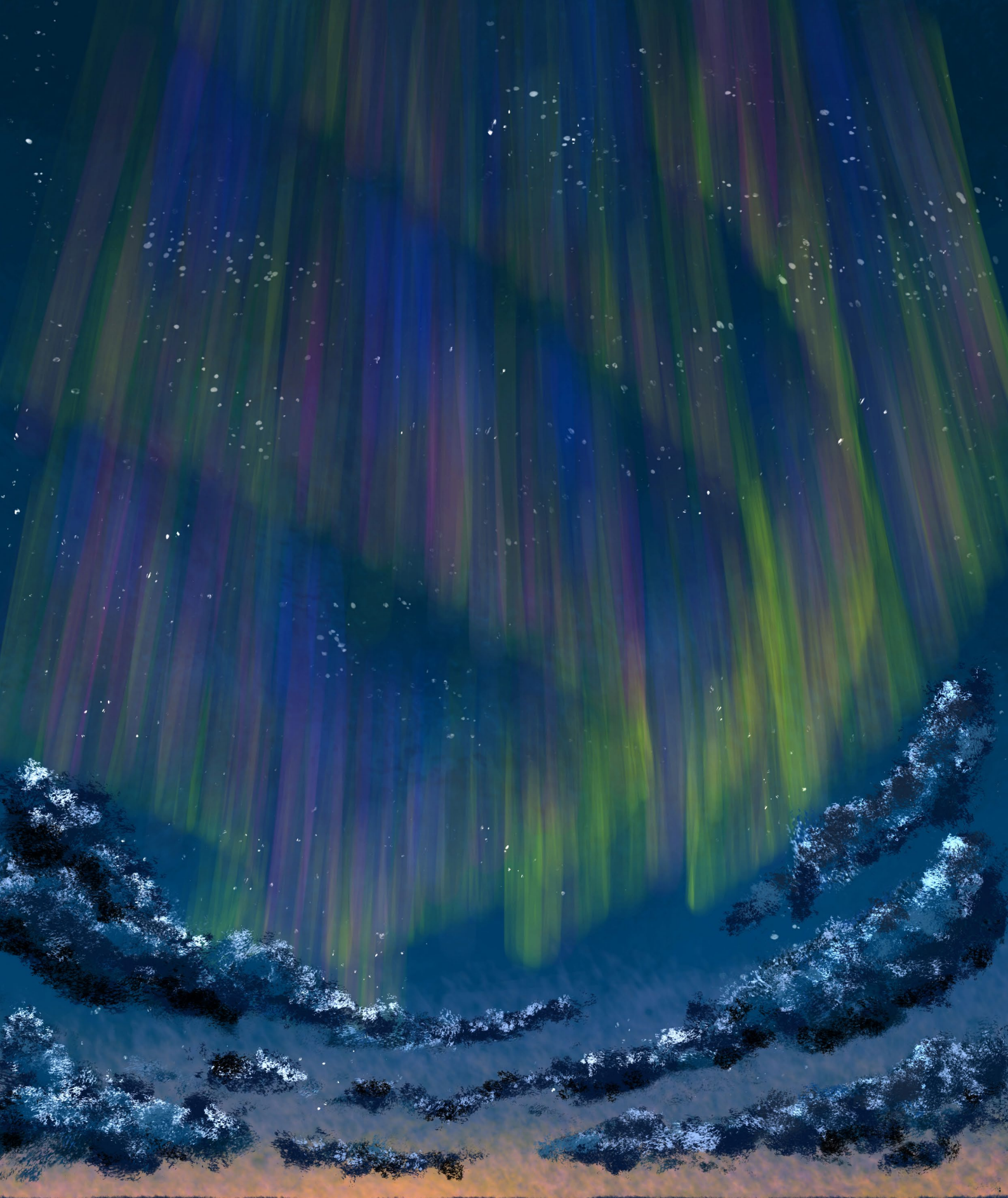
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