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## Chloe joins AJ Engineering team for work experience

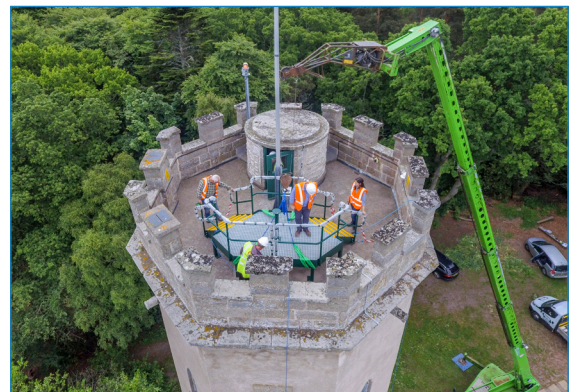
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# HI-VIZ!



The mobile crane was small enough to navigate the narrow pathway up to the tower, and tall enough to lift the platform over the parapet.

## New raised platform allows uninterrupted views over Forres



Visitors to a historic landmark which looks out across the Moray Firth will now get an even better view thanks to a new steel viewing platform and the donation of a set of binoculars.

The new installation at Nelson's Tower was created following a collaboration between Forres Heritage Trust who care for the monument, Forres Events Limited who donated the binoculars, LDN Architects, and AJ Engineering who designed and fabricated the platform, and Highland Galvanisers.

The platform will enable people to get an even better view over the parapet of the tower.

Graham Alexander, general manager of AJ Engineering, who oversaw the installation said he was pleased with how the project has gone.

He said: "We could not have asked for better conditions when the platform was installed. It involved lifting into place the steel and glass-reinforced plastic platform.

"It's great that our company has been able to work with Forres Heritage Trust who do such good work in maintaining the iconic tower and ensure that it has a team of volunteers who work tirelessly through the season to keep the tower open to the public. The platform will allow people to have an uninterrupted view and also enable children to see over the parapet without having to be lifted up. Even if people have been in the past, this platform will make a visit to the tower even better."

# AJE sets challenge for S5 induction

AJ Engineering has given young people an insight into the world of work by setting them the task of creating mini replicas of the Forres Railway pedestrian bridge.

Over 100 pupils from Forres Academy were set the task of building an exact copy of the bridge.

The challenge, which saw them having to read plans, fabricate parts to exact measurements and build the bridge in cardboard was set for the induction of S5 pupils at the Academy.

Jazmin Kellas, quality manager for AJ Engineering took the lead on the task and said it was great to see how the pupils handled it.

She said: "We have a close relationship with Forres Academy and were delighted when they approached us to see if we could help with the S5 induction day. The brief was to set a challenge which made the pupils think about what future roles they may take on when they eventually get started in the world of work themselves.

"We decided on using the footbridge as firstly it's a real project that is tangible



Jazmin Kellas, our quality manager assisting the pupils with their bridge.

manager for the footbridge Gary Moyes.

Jazmin added: "We ran three workshops throughout the day and the pupils were split into two teams. We showed them the actual drawings we worked to and explained how the process worked, then it was over to them to organise how they handled the challenge. It was fascinating seeing how differently each group approached it."

Depute head teacher Sandra McCulloch said the workshops were a huge success: "We are very grateful to AJ Engineering who put together an insightful and challenging workshop which truly gave the pupils an insight into the workplace and the different roles and skills that are required.

"It highlighted a number of core skills such as leadership, communication, problem-solving and responsibility to name but a few."

for the young people and whilst we wanted to make it achievable, we also needed to make sure there was a very real challenge for the young people. The design itself is fairly basic, but there are quirky design features, so we thought it would be interesting to see how many of the youngsters picked up on those and made sure everything was put in the correct place and the right way round.

Jazmin was assisted by graduate apprentice Laura Mair and the project

## AJE people get involved in the heart of the community



The High Striker at the Toun Mercat was a big hit with young pipers and drummers from Forres and District Pipe Band. AJ Engineering made the device to raise funds for the band's youth corps, represented here by (left to right) Aiden Phimister, Elle Murdoch and Claire Harris. The High Striker raised £125 for the band.



MD Alan James was recently given the honour of becoming a Burgess, a privilege bestowed on those who have contributed to the town.

Alan was recognised for his commitment to Forres not only as a businessman but also for his enthusiasm for supporting the local community.

Speaking at the event where five others were also given the title, the Major General Seymour Monro who presented the scrolls said: "The honour of being made a Burgess is a particular accolade because they have been selected by their peers out of respect for what they have done for Forres.

"These new Burgesses have contributed enormously to Forres' heritage and to the wide variety of activities held throughout the year for the benefit and enjoyment of everyone in our community and for many visitors."

**SAY  
HELLO TO  
CHLOE**

AJE was delighted to welcome 20-year-old Chloe Newlands who is studying mechanical engineering at Edinburgh University for work experience.

Chloe, who is in her third year, said she particularly enjoyed learning about the practical side.

"It's been great. I have been working in the office, but I have

also been getting out on site a lot which has been a really useful experience. It's been great experiencing the practical side of the industry as the degree is quite theoretical, so being able to apply the knowledge I have acquired at university, in an actual site environment, has been so worthwhile."

