

# The Micron



The staff newsletter of AJ Engineering and NEWCo

## AWARD FOR WIND FARM SUBSTATION

**A project which heavily involved the expertise of AJ Engineering has scooped a top award and is in the running for another.**

The AJE team fabricated and installed the structural steel and cladding for the Stronelairg substation and we are delighted to learn the building won the Sustainability and Resilience Award at the 2019 Scottish Civil Engineering Awards.

And the substation has also been nominated in the Institute of Civil Engineers Peoples' Choice Awards.

AJ Engineering was awarded the contract in May 2017. It was secured through Global Infrastructure. Stronelairg is a 66-turbine wind farm on the Garrogie Estate, South East of Fort Augustus. It has an installed capacity of up to 228MW and sits in the Monadhliath Mountain range.

Graham Alexander, AJE's general manager said: "This was a significant project for us and we are delighted to see it has won an award and that we were mentioned as part of that win. It's great to see that it is up for a second award too."

Graham added: "The building had to be built over 2000 feet above sea level in a very exposed location, so this made construction more challenging and meant the weather played a significant role in the movement of resources to the site. However, because the location is so exposed to the elements and it's located in such an inhospitable environment there was no question the structure had to be fabricated using only the best products and engineering techniques to ensure its longevity."

Another project that we were involved with was also a winner at the 2019 Scottish Civil Engineering Awards. Taking home the Infrastructure Award (Road) was the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route. AJ Engineering designed, fabricated and installed a number of access staircases within the bridges crossing the River Don and River Dee.



### A JOB WITH A VIEW

**Neil, the general manager of NEWCo has been out and about and shared these great pictures of some of the stunning locations our teams get to work in.**

He's been out in the hills of the Corrou Estate, Kinlochteacus Estate, Glen Buck, Fort Augustus and Munerigie, Invergarry surveying some Hydro Intakes for safety walkways and ladders.



### NEW CERT FOR NEWCO

**September was an exciting time for NEWCo as its Management Systems now conform to Quality Standard System standard ISO 9001: 2015.**

The certificate is valid for the following scope: The design, manufacture and

erection of metal fabrications, including structural steelwork, to customer specifications and other mechanical engineering and repair work. Provision of design, precision machining and engineering services.



## SUCCESS FOR DOORS OPEN DAY CELEBRATION

**Around 200 people enjoyed our Doors Open Day where visitors got an insight into the company.**

The event was held as part of a national campaign which celebrates heritage and the built environment.

AJ Engineering decided to take part in this year's Moray Doors open Day as part of its celebrations to mark its 20th year in business.

Working alongside the T-Exchange who provided several hands-on STEM activities, the AJE team also offered the chance to use the press, tour the premises, sit on some of the equipment and also enjoy a bouncy castle, face

painter and BBQ.

We had representatives from the three charities the company is raising money for this year – Marie Curie in Moray, Diabetes Scotland (Moray branch) and Star for Harris our Fort William-based cause.

MD Alan James said: "We are absolutely thrilled with the turnout. This was an ideal opportunity for us to showcase what we do to the public and to invite people in and we were very pleased that people, particularly younger members of our community were keen to see what we do. It was great that we had lots of young families attending.

"The activities that the T-Exchange provided were non-stop with children willing to have a go and find out more and there was a thirst from the public to find out about what AJ Engineering does."

Alan added: "However, this was also a celebration of the company and we were glad to see people enjoying the bouncy castle, bbq and face painter. We had a number of staff members come along with their families but there were lots of new faces too.

"Grateful thanks to all the staff for promoting, supporting and attending the event which also raised £328.23 for our nominated charities."

