

The staff newsletter of AJ Engineering and NEWCo

CAR WASH FOR TRIP CASH



From left to right: Jack Souter, Aaron Barber, Captain Graeme Ferguson, Elliot Wilson, AJE director Graham, Alexander, Harry Wilson, Ewan Coulby, Callum Machray.



Ewan Coulby



Callum Machray



Elliot Wilson



Aaron Barber

A group of youngsters attending the Trooping of the Colour in London have washed a number of the AJ Engineering vehicles in exchange for some financial support towards their trip.

Six youngsters from the 2nd Forres Boys' Brigade cleaned a fleet of vans as a thank you for a donation towards their visit which will take place in June.

The group received an invitation to attend the Parade which takes place in the presence of His Majesty The King on June 8, but with the trip costing £3,000, they reached out to local businesses for sponsorship and support.

Graeme Ferguson, Moray Battalion president and captain of the 2nd Forres Boys' Brigade which is this year celebrating 10 years, said: "We have been absolutely overwhelmed with the support that we have received. We have been very lucky. In our 10-year history, this is the first time we have had to do any formal fundraising like this, and the local community and businesses have

been so supportive."

He added: "We approached AJ Engineering and it was suggested that the boys could do a bit of graft in exchange for a donation and they were more than happy to oblige. We cannot thank them enough."

Graeme, who was integral in setting up the group which is now attended by 30 youngsters with the numbers growing, added: "We are really looking forward to the trip to London. The Boys' Brigade have a stand there and we were invited to put our name in the ballot to attend and were successful.

"As well as attending the Trooping of the Colour, we hope to have a bit of down time too and organise maybe an open top bus ride, but it's a flying visit so we will be cramming it all in."

The lads attended the AJ Engineering HQ on Saturday, April 13 under the watchful eye of Graham Alexander.

Graham said: "It was great to welcome the boys to our yard and to put them to work in exchange for a donation for their

trip. This sounds like a worthwhile trip and AJ Engineering is pleased to help towards the cost. It was great to hear how excited the youngsters are about the visit and it's always nice to see a group with a good work ethic.

"The boys worked hard and did a great job of cleaning some of our fleet. I can report that the employees who use the vehicles, were very pleased when they returned to work at the start of the week."

The Boys' Brigade organisation as a whole, is celebrating 140 years. Last month, the group took part in a national baton handover to mark the occasion.

They were handed a brass baton, containing a message from HM King Charles III by the Burghead Boys' Brigade. The official handover took part at the top of Nelson's Tower. His Majesty is the patron of the Boys' Brigade.

The following week, 2nd Forres Boys' Brigade cycled out to Brodie Castle to hand the baton over to 1st Nairn Boys' Brigade as it continued on its journey around the country.

AJ HEAD TO THE ISLANDS (again)

The strong relationship with ESD continues with AJ Engineering heading to the remote Orkney Island of Sanday to provide mechanical support for various upgrades to the island's Water Treatment Works.

The AJE team will undertake numerous scopes throughout the works while it remains in full operation using a wide range of materials including stainless steel, ductile and PVC pipework & valves.

Lead by project engineer Stuart Munro, he said: "Working on the islands poses its own set of project challenges which are mainly logistics for personnel and materials, however AJE is more than capable, given its track record in delivering similar projects in the water industry."

He added: "Starting this month, we anticipate the works will last approximately 10 weeks. There will be two of the team on site where Scottish Water are doing various upgrades including: Provision of a new sodium hypochlorite system, replacement of existing emergency showers in the hypochlorite room and the chemical room, provision of limited improvements to DAFs and provision of temporary sodium hypochlorite dosing."

CONGRATULATIONS!

The AJE and NEWCo teams would like to wish NEWCo general manager Neil and his partner Lorraine, huge congratulations after they got married at the end of last month. All the best for the future.



Current and past apprentices at AJE

FOURTH GRAD APPRENTICE FOR AJE

AJ Engineering is looking to recruit its fourth Graduate Apprentice.

The firm is advertising for a graduate apprentice in BEng (hons) Engineering: Design and Manufacture.

The course includes a thorough grounding in engineering principles, concepts and theories while appreciating the complexity and interaction of managerial, technical and environmental issues in the modern workplace.

Once in post, the new employee, will be the fourth graduate apprentice that AJ Engineering has supported.

In 2017, the engineering and construction company became one of the first in the north to take on an engineering graduate apprentice when the scheme was first launched.

In February, we celebrated the achievements of Jack Lowes, who completed a graduate apprenticeship degree in Design and Manufacturing with Robert Gordons University, finishing with a first-class honours and top of his class.

And Quality Manager, Jazmin Kellas is due to complete her Graduate Apprenticeship in Business Management, later this year.

The candidate for the latest graduate apprenticeship will have SQA Higher: BBBB to include maths and either engineering science, physics or technological studies, English at National 5 grade C or above is required if not held at Higher.

The candidate will study at Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen through a mixture of work-based learning, distance learning and day release at University.

NEW ACCREDITATION FOR AJE

AJE has received a new accreditation.

The company was successful in attaining the NHSS 20. The National Highways Sector Schemes are bespoke integrated quality management schemes for organisations working on the UK's road network.

The accreditation allows AJE to further demonstrate competency when working on transportation infrastructure.

Steel Construction Certification Scheme

Certificate of Registration

This is to certify that the Quality Management System of

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complies with the requirements of ISO 9001:2015 and National Highways Sector Scheme 20

The Scope of Registration is:

The Execution of Steelwork for Steel Structures in Transportation Infrastructure Assets to include the following activities: Fabrication, Erection, Welding & Pre-Loaded Bolting

For Workshop as per attached Schedule

Certificate number: 20 - 0280

Initial registration: 09 April 2024

Latest issue: 09 April 2024

Expiry date: 08 April 2027

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