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# The Micron



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Another key part of the Forres railway development has been completed after the footbridge walkway was installed at the end of August.

AJ Engineering has the contract to design, fabricate and install the new multi-million pound station and footbridge and the project is starting to take shape.

Bam Nuttall has appointed AJ Engineering to handle the new footbridge. Pictured is the new walkway being craned into place on August 28.

## ...and here's one we made earlier

Did you know that AJ Engineering was involved with the development of the Queensferry Crossing?

Our firm supplied the south tower support frames, starter bar frames, tie beam support frames and helped with labour. We are thrilled to have been involved with such an iconic structure.

The new £1.35bn Queensferry Crossing is 1.7 miles long and will be officially opened by the Queen on September 4.

The current Forth Road Bridge opened in 1964 but a serious problem was found with corrosion inside its cables not long after its 40th birthday.

The corrosion meant that the cables had already lost about 10% of their strength and it was forecast that it might not be able to take the heavy loads for much more than a decade.

The decision to replace it was taken in 2007, with construction of the new crossing beginning in September 2011.

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## Andrew pedals Great Glen with wife Yvonne

Project manager Andrew Morrison recently completed the Great Glen Way in a day and all in honour of his wife Yvonne who wanted to take on the challenge to mark her 40th birthday.

The couple cycled the whole 79 miles between Fort William and Inverness in one day, stopping only for a poke of chips in Fort Augustus.

Andrew said: "It was a long and tiring day, but I wanted to support Yvonne. The weather was mixed but the scenery was sensational. We had previously walked the Great Glen Way over five days, but we completed this on our bikes in 13 hours!"

Andrew added that that whilst he was pleased to help Yvonne celebrate her birthday, he had no such plans when his own 40th comes around! Andrew is pictured here with wife Yvonne.

## We're backing the Tattoo



**HIGHLAND  
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TATTOO**

AJ Engineering is giving its salute to the Highland Military Tattoo by taking on Silver Sponsorship of the event which takes place between 8-10 September.

Set inside the magnificent ramparts of Fort George, this spectacular military ceremony always impresses and enthral its audiences. From the roar of jets to the magical sound of the massed pipes and drums, from Highland dancing to fiercely contested competitions, from contemporary music to historical re-enactments, and climaxing with the Lone Piper ceremony and the terrific fireworks display, spectators always enjoy this fantastic show.

Being involved in the event shows the commitment that AJ Engineering has to supporting local activities. This year we have also been involved in supporting the Forres Highland Games and Piping At Forres, the European Pipe Band Championships.

## Hearth Vader!

This impressive chiminea was made at NEWCo and sold for £500 in a charity auction

In a galaxy far, far away... well in our depot in Fort William, Mark Frances from the NEWCo team fabricated this amazing Star Wars themed chiminea which was auctioned off to raise money for the Star For Harris charity.

The charity was set up in memory of Lochaber baby Harris Ross who lost his battle with an inoperable brain tumour aged just 16 months in 2010.

The chiminea was auctioned off at the charity's annual golf day where we also had two NEWCo teams competing.

The chiminea raised a whopping £500 and the whole event raised over £6,000.

