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# The Micron



The staff newsletter of AJ Engineering and NEWCo



From left: Louise Stewart, Director of Communications at FSB, our MD Alan James and Helen Robertson, Skills Development Scotland-award sponsor.

## AJE REACHES NATIONAL FINAL OF BUSINESS AWARDS

**AJ Engineering has been crowned Employer of the Year at a glittering award ceremony held in Edinburgh.**

The company scooped the award at the 2019 Federation of Small Business (FSB) Celebrating Small Business Scottish Awards held in The Old College in the Scottish capital.

AJ Engineering impressed judges with their continued investment in their employees and programme for developing and retaining staff.

Alan James who attended the award ceremony said: "I am absolutely thrilled. There was such a high calibre of businesses in the Employer of the Year category, that we were just delighted to be nominated. I want to acknowledge the staff, this award if for all of them and the apprentices who put so much in to the company and really do make it what it is. The FSB has recognised that as a company we are passionate and committed to investing in our workforce."

He added: "I want to thank the FSB who saw fit to award us with the title and also who put on a superb ceremony. It was a fantastic day out."

David Groundwater, FSB Development Manager said: "Right across Scotland there are thousands of small local businesses driving local growth, sustaining communities and creating jobs. AJ Engineering is a great example of a small local business doing not one but all of those things, year-on-year.

"This year's awards attracted a record number of applications and were reflective of the vibrancy, innovation and tenacity that makes up the small business community across Scotland. It's been great to see so many businesses play such an enthusiastic role in our awards from such a diverse background and from every corner of the country and I wish Alan and the team, all the best in their celebratory year and of course for the UK national Awards final in May."

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## James having a 'wheely' good time in the CNC shop

### Have you done your stint yet?

James from the CNC workshop has started his campaign to help the AJE team clock up 21,000 to raise money for our three charities as part of the company's 20-year celebrations.

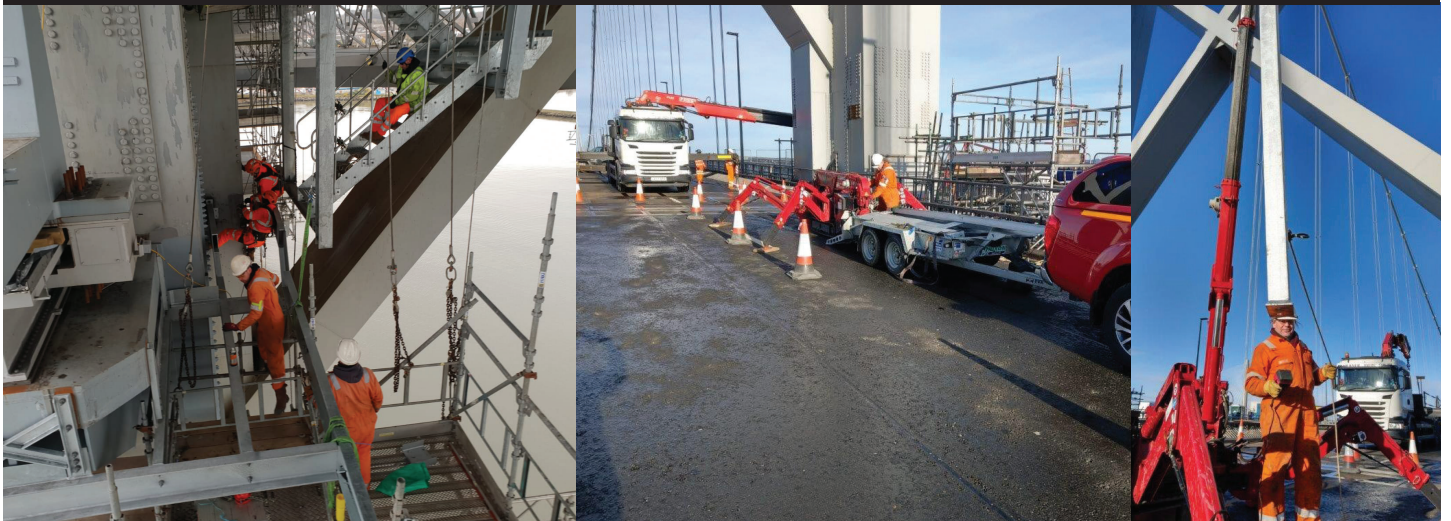
Staff are being encouraged to take part in the sponsored cycle and money raised will be split equally between Star for Harris, Marie Curie in Moray and Diabetes Scotland (Moray branch).

There is now a dedicated fundraising page which can be found at [www.sponsorme.co.uk/ajengineering](http://www.sponsorme.co.uk/ajengineering).

We also welcome support from our customers, who are more than welcome to come and have a shot. Sarah Medcraf, chief executive of Moray Chamber of Commerce which AJE is a member of will be joining us on March 13 to take part.

The bike will also be heading down to NEWCo where again we hope to entice the team there to get pedalling.

## £300K bridge job completed



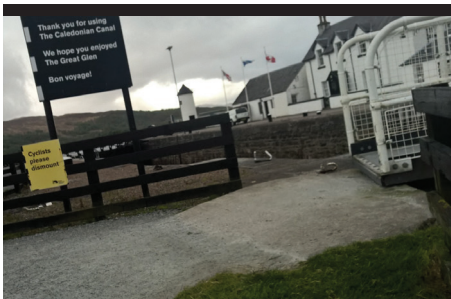
Work on the Forth Road Bridge which involved AJE fabricating three sets of stairs for seven new access platforms worth around £300k is now complete.

The project with The Spencer Group was lead by Wilson Burnett. It was the second

time that AJE had secured work on the Forth Road Bridge with The Spencer Group.

The project also meant that new equipment that AJE invested in last May also came to good use as the new

UNIC Spider Crane was deployed for the bridge project. The Spider Crane which can fit through standard door openings, is capable of lifting 3T and has a lifting height of 9m.



## Canal now accessible to all

**NEWCo has completed works for Scottish Canals at its lock gates at Corpach which saw them engineering the project from concept, to fabrication, to installation.**

The NEWCo team was tasked with modifying the canal crossing to ensure that they are accessible for people with mobility issues.

Alan Stewart who coordinated the project explained: "The canal crossing at Corpach is part of the West Highland Way, a route which is accessible to all users. However, a significant 'step up' onto the Canal Lock Gates were too high for an individual with mobility issues. A number of other lock

gates across Scotland had already been modified to resolve this issue however Corpach hadn't, so we were asked to submit a suggested solution and costs to rectify the access issue."

He added: "Once an order had been secured, armed with a brief scope and design our experienced fabricators carried out a full site survey taking into account the various obstacles to overcome (lack of foundations/off-level lock gates/rotation of the gates). A number of templates followed with a full trial assembly prior to installation."

Top: Before the new ramp installation Bottom: The canal crossing after the modification