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STANDING STONES PROJECT FOR AJE



A project for an existing client on an exciting and interesting package in the Outer Hebrides is almost complete.

Working on behalf of Lewis Builders, AJE has supplied the steel and installation for an extension to The Calanais Visitor Centre.

The Calanais Visitor Centre project has been in the making since 2010 and is run by the Charity Urras Nan Tursachan (Standing Stones Trust).

Last May, planning permission was granted for the major redevelopment of the visitor centre which is the most visited landmark on the Isle of Lewis.

Calanais, also known as Calanais Standing Stones are 5,000 years old, predating Stonehenge and were used for rituals for about 2000 years.

James Attridge, project manager said: "We are expecting that our involvement in this project will be complete by the end of this month. There are two parts

to the extension – the function suite and the cottage and we are halfway through what we need to get done. Touch wood, we have so far been blessed with idyllic weather which has no doubt helped the team progress quickly."

AJE has supplied around 25 tonnes of primer coated structural steelwork for the project. Whilst the project itself is not very big in terms of tonnage, it is another remote and challenging location which AJE is now renowned for tackling.



The project at Calanais is almost complete. Photos: Ross Gardner

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Kyle with his car

NEWCO HELPS APPRENTICE GET IN GEAR

THE NEWCO team has bid huge congratulations to one of their own after he won his first race of the season.

Kyle Roberts has a passion for stock car racing and recently scooped first place at the HRP Lochgelly Raceway in Fife.

NEWCO is one of Kyle's sponsors and helps him with materials to maintain and race his 1300 Saloon.

Kyle's next big contest will be the British Championships on May 10 and 11, which also happens to fall on the weekend of his 21st birthday.

Kyle said: "I am hugely grateful to the support that my colleagues and the company have given to me. It's fantastic

and it means a lot."

Speaking of his race he said: "The season started in March, but I missed the first two races as the engine was getting work done on it. We had some pretty bad luck with parts and things going wrong so to scoop this win was a real boost."

He added: "It was a good race. I was actually a wee bit back and then at the halfway flag I had come up to fifth or fourth place. At that point I was thinking I could come in the top three, but I managed to get through and win. The Scottish champion hit another car into me on the last corner. He was trying to be tactical, but I managed to get by."

WORK PARTNERSHIP GALVANISED

AJE is continuing its relationship with Highland Galvanisers at their Cumbernauld facility.

Our project manager is Allan Martin and he successfully supervised the Elgin refurbishment project for Highland Galvanisers. At Cumbernauld he said that we will be carrying out work to strip and replace approximately 1300 sqm of roofing as part of an ongoing investment

to upgrade their facilities.

Allan confirmed that due to the nature of the work, it's important that there is as little disruption as possible, so the works are planned to be done quickly and efficiently as at Elgin back in 2024. Allan said that AJE were delighted that Highland Galvanisers have asked us back to another of their facilities to carry out further upgrades.



Last year, AJE embarked on a project to replace the rails, purlins, roof and wall cladding on Highland Galvanisers Elgin building



WORKS UNDERWAY AT CNOC SOILLEIR

An AJE team have begun working on a project which will see a music and art centre feature a new auditorium and sprung-floor dance studios.

Last month we told how a team would be travelling to Daliburgh, South Uist to work on Phase Two of the Cnoc Soilleir music and art centre on behalf of builders MacInnes Bros.

The team is now on location and the job which is erecting the steel framework for the new hall, is expected to finish by the end of this week.