

MSM stand down “Aiming for Zero”

On Friday 18 September the whole of MSM project (a collaborative partnership between: Balfour Beatty; Carillion; BAM Nuttall; Morgan Sindall and Costain) came together at the AJ Bell Stadium for an interactive Health and Safety stand down day. In total there were 375 workforce attendees and 1100 hours of safety training delivered. Those present at the event visited six informative and engaging Fatal Risk seminars which identified the relevant risks on the project and the methods being incorporated to keep people safe from harm and ill health.

Additional seminars on the local environment, public liaison and workforce wellbeing were delivered and fundraising for local charity was maximised with over £2500 raised on the day



Personal wellbeing

Thank you to all who have embraced the personal wellbeing campaign over the last month, we have seen great competition between the contracts in the Highways England Pedometer Challenge – at the time of writing it is too early for the results but we'll let you know soon!

Looking ahead to October it is European Health and Safety Week 19-25th October. This year the focus is on raising awareness of managing stress and psychosocial risks at work. There are resources available as part of the September personal wellbeing campaign these will remain on the microsite

www.highwayssafetyhub.com/occupational-health--wellbeing

During October we aim to focus on Dust and Noise. The microsite provides links to resources (posters and toolbox talks) on these topics. Please plan ahead involve manufacturers and the supply chain to find innovative ways to Eliminate, Minimise or Mitigate the generation of noise and dust.

Highways England alerts:

There are 2 new alerts this month;

<http://www.highwayssafetyhub.com/alerts.html>

Previous Safety Alerts can be found here

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/highways-agency-safety-alerts>

Supply chain health and safety incident reporting – IAN128/15/A Updated Effective from 1 September 2015

The updated document provides clear expectations on reporting requirements, defines what to report and when, identifies requirements for contractors and Highways England employees and gives information on accessing and the use of AIRSweb. Sample fundamental changes are highlighted below:-

- The reporting of lost time injuries (LTIs) extends to all 1 day and over
- Initial investigation report required by working day 3 for all RIDDOR incidents
- Final Investigation reports, supporting information and safety alerts required within 14 working days of incident
- Legal privilege addressed with Highways England's expectations clearer
- Facilities Management suppliers are required to report incidents on AIRSweb

Further details can be found on the microsite or

<http://www.standardsforhighways.co.uk/ha/standards/ians/index.htm>

Road Expo 2015

This years Road Expo event being held at the Edinburgh Royal Highland Centre on the 4th and 5th November looks set to welcome over 1200 Scottish road professionals to the largest gathering of road maintenance and traffic management professionals and suppliers.

The event which is free to attend will feature:-

- An exhibition with over 100 Scottish road maintenance product and service suppliers
- A two-day, Transport Scotland and SCOTS curated conference
- A large demonstration area with large plant and equipment

Further details and free registration information can be found at:

www.road-expo.com



Remote access readi-guard developed to protect highway workers



A new system to protect highways teams at work access points has been successfully launched.

Devised by Colas and development partners Solar and Electric Gates Ltd (S&EG), the new Read-i-Guard system opens access gates to work areas remotely removing the need for manual operation.

The remote system helps protect workers from motorists and other road users who attempt to breach barriers and enter work zones. The system is suitable for both long and short term works and removes the road worker from exposure to errant vehicles, confrontation from members of the public and creates a safer working environment. The system has been successfully launched and trialled in the East Midlands and is now being deployed across the UK.

Freshwater invertebrate investigation gives indicators of water quality



The M3 Smart Motorway project is pioneering, a freshwater invertebrate study using freshwater invertebrate assemblages and pollution index's to determine the water quality of water surrounding the work locations and compounds.

The study aims to provide information on the quality of water-bodies surrounding the M3. This will enable;

- An insight in to the water quality surrounding the project.
- Allow controls to be implemented if necessary.
- Potential to improve the water courses at the end of the project therefore enhancing local biodiversity.

The M3 is the first Highways Project to participate in this study which will enable the gathering of in depth information that will allow continuous monitoring of the local water systems and use on future projects.

Further details can be found at:
www.landcareresearch.co.nz

Raising the bar: managing temporary traffic management incursions launched September 2015



This document sets out current best practice and is a means of sharing and defining the expected standard for our work sites. The document identifies the issues regarding incursions, a four step approach to prevent incursions and also includes details on guidance for designers, operational information and the best uses of enhanced technology.

Visual aids are provided to identify typical problems and best practice solutions.

Further details can be found on the microsite or <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-and-safety-for-major-road-schemes-managing-temporary-traffic-management-incursions>

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