

# Keeping You Posted

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## National Rail Awards Infrastructure Maintenance Team of the Year

**For repeatedly delivering quality work in the maintenance of cuttings, bridges, stations and boundaries on time, to budget, without touching the service, the worthy Infrastructure Maintenance Team of the Year is Amco.**

*"Good companies do everything well. And the performance of this team across the whole range of performance indicators truly puts it in a league above the rest".*

These were the Judges comments as they presented the Infrastructure Maintenance Team of the Year Award to Amco Rail's LNE Asset Management Minor Works Team at a ceremony in London on Thursday 15 September 2011.

Construction Manager **Steve Rowbotham** (3rd left) is pictured here receiving the award from **Michael Burke**, along with Contracts Manager **Iffy Ahmed** (2nd left) and Network Rail Project Manager **Olivia Piercy** (4th left).

Selected from over 200 entrants in this category Amco were able to demonstrate the highest levels of performance which were clearly reflected in the exceptional KPI scores achieved throughout the year across Health and Safety – 100%, Quality – 100%, Programme Administration – 100% and 97% for Estimating and Contractual documentation.

**Iffy Ahmed** commented

*"To win this award from that field of entrants is an immense achievement and is a reflection of all of the hard work and dedication shown by everyone in the team, not just in the last year but over a number of years. I would like to thank each and every one of the team for all of their efforts".*

Managing Director

**Richard Instone** added that *"This award is a significant achievement and is testament to the outstanding capability of Amco and its employees, as well as recognition for 15 years cumulative hard work".*



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# Amco Behavioural Safety Process

**As part of a commitment to improving the safety, Amco is embarking on a partnership Behaviour Based Safety (BBS) process with external consultants, Ryder Marsh Safety Ltd. The aim of this process is to make everyday working life with Amco safer by reducing the likelihood of injury.**

In order to do this, the process is currently being run by a small group of Amco employees who wanted to make a real difference. You may see them coming round to talk to you about the reality of day to day health and safety within Amco – real health and safety, not textbook health and safety.

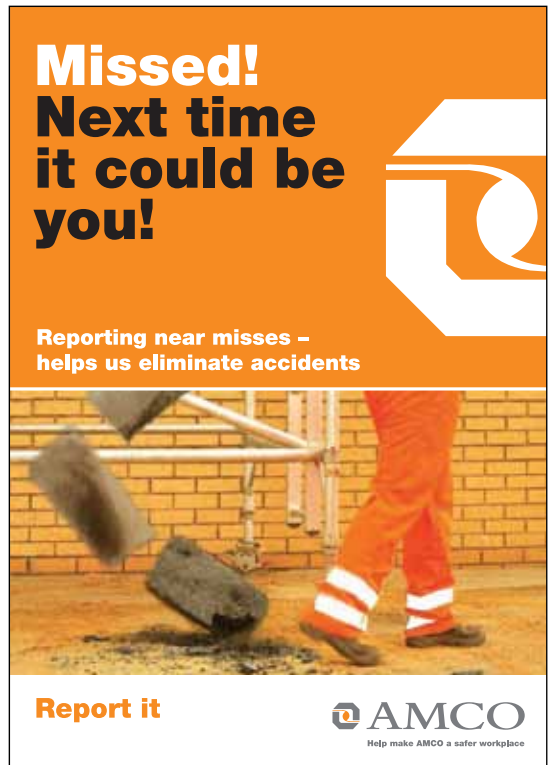
The BBS volunteers may ask for your help to make work life safer through discussing issues and ideas for solutions. They will do this by:

- Objectively measuring safety.
- Giving positive feedback for safe situations.

- Analysing why things may be unsafe (for that they may ask for help from you).
- Develop practical solutions to make the safe way easier (they will need your help to develop good ideas).

The BBS process has been given official backing to director level so you have their permission to stop and have these discussions, but it won't work without your input.

So, if you encounter any of the BBS volunteers, please help them to help you!



**Missed!**  
**Next time it could be you!**

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## Well Done.

### Congratulations

To **Matthew Lane** and his partner **Caroline** on the birth of their daughter **Martha Rose** on Saturday 14 May 2011.

To **Mark Lowery** and his partner **Natasha** on the birth of their son **Harry James** on Saturday 4 June 2011.

To **Nicola Tremayne** (nee **Rocke**) who was married to **Christopher** in September 2011.

To **Nicola Thorne** (nee **Gough**) who was married to **Jon** in September 2011.

### Promotions

Congratulations to the following employees who have recently been promoted:

**John Westmoreland** promoted to **Senior Health & Safety Advisor** on 1 May 2011.

**John Young** promoted to **Health & Safety Advisor** on 1 May 2011.

**Russell Hardwicke** promoted to **Site Agent** on 1 June 2011.

**Ian Watson** promoted to

**Contracts Manager** on 1 June 2011.

**Dave Thomas** promoted to **Project Manager** on 1 June 2011.

**Simon Loosemore** promoted to **Project Manager** on 1 June 2011.

**Alain White** promoted to **Senior Agent** on 1 June 2011.

Congratulations to **Andries Liebenberg**, Rail Director on his recent appointment to the **Board of Amalgamated Construction Ltd.**

### Retirements

A fond farewell and thank you to the following employees who have recently retired:

**Ian White** Civils Operative, Rail North on 30 April 2011.

**Bev Alexander** Contracts Engineer, Engineering Maintenance on 1 May 2011.

**David Knight** Fm Electrician, Engineering Maintenance on 5 June 2011.

**Arthur Drake** Electricians Mate, Engineering Maintenance on 31 July 2011.

**John Owen** Contracts Engineer, Engineering Maintenance on 8 August 2011.

**Brian Dickinson** Labourer, Engineering Maintenance on 14 September 2011.

**Jack Chadburn** Civils Operative, Rail North on 7 October 2011.

Welcome  
to Amco.

### May

**Jamie Reid** Authorising Engineer, Engineering Maintenance.

**Scott Rennie** Authorised Technician, Engineering Maintenance.

**Steve Nicol** Agent, Rail South.

**Robbie Mewton** Graduate Electrical Engineer, Engineering Contracting.

### June

**James Cundhill** Project Manager, Rail South.

**Jessica Tebay** Administrator, Rail North.

### July

**Tim Gregory** General Foreman, Amco South East.

**Andy Tempest** Possession Planner, Amco South East.

### August

**Kit Wong** Contracts Manager, Rail South.

**Jon Petherick** Project Manager, Rail South.

**Craig Westmorland** Senior Agent, Rail North.

### September

**Harry Myatt** Sub Agent, Engineering Contracting.

**Dale Smith** Site Agent, Rail North.

### October

**Phil Price** Health & Safety Advisor, SHEQ.

**Shvinder Kainth** Graduate Engineer, Amco South East

**Chris Winder** Technical Clerk, Engineering Contracting.

**Neil Davies** Senior Planner, Rail South.

**Kevin Simons** Contracts Director, Rail North.

# Altmouth Pumping Station - Refurbishment of Penstocks Phase 2

**Amco Engineering Contracting has recently completed Phase 2 of the works to refurbish the Penstocks at Altmouth Pumping Station on behalf of the Environment Agency.**

The project consisted of the complete removal and refurbishment of four storm pump outer penstocks, the inspection and repair of built in parts for storm pump inner and outer penstocks one and four, the provision of a new drive system incorporating electric actuators for each of the four storm pump outer penstocks and the removal and refurbishment of two pairs of inner and outer gravity flow penstocks.

The Project Team led by Project Manager **Mick Houghton**, Site Manager **Nigel Tindle** and **Kevin Bird** had to manage a complexity of risks to carry out these works safely and to the client's satisfaction. The associated risks included diving operations and working in a tidal water course, working and welding in confined spaces, multiple crane lifts and the protection of the water course from potential pollution hazards.

The successful completion of these works in a

safe manner again highlights the highest levels of engineering competence and our ability to develop efficient workable solutions to complex engineering problems.



# YJLi's Managed Station Security Project (MSSP)

**The terrorist attack at Glasgow International Airport in June 2007 alerted Network Rail to the potential of similar attacks on the nation's railway terminals and as a result undertook to provide physical security measures, similar to those which lessened the impact of the attack at the airport.**

YJLi were subsequently appointed by Network Rail to carry out the first phase of this security project at some of the nation's key managed stations which were deemed a potential high target risk. The £1.8million, 10 month

programme across four Major Stations – London Paddington, London Waterloo, London Victoria and Manchester Piccadilly commenced in February 2010.

The security measures consisted of a mixture of standard security bollards, automatic rising bollards, V-gates and collision resistant barriers all of which were linked into the stations communications and control system. The first phase of the scheme was successfully delivered in December of 2010.

Such was the success of the first phase, YJLi negotiated under a single tender action a further £1.4m project to provide similar

installations at Glasgow Central, Glasgow Queen Street, Liverpool Lime Street, Manchester Piccadilly, London Paddington and London Euston.

This five month project was completed in September 2011 to great applause from Network Rail project staff together with station and Train Operating Company management. One Network Rail Station Manager said "YJLi has been a diamond throughout this project, we wish all were so professional".

Further schemes are already under discussion.



## Welcome to YJLi Staff

**YJLi and Amco Rail South East formally combined together on 1 October 2011 to create a new Business Unit – Amco South East.**

The Business Unit will operate under the leadership and guidance of Contracts Director **Brian Shepherd** with a regional office at 39 Cornhill in central London and an operating depot at Shipley Bridge in Crawley.

The skills and operating capabilities of both Amco and YJLi are complimentary and the integration provides significant opportunity to develop and deliver new work across the Rail Infrastructure.

An example of the type work carried out by YJLi is included in this issue of Keeping You Posted.

We would all like to express a sincere warm welcome to all of the following YJLi staff as they become an integral part of the Amco Team:

**John Aitken**  
Project Manager

**Atif Ajazi**  
Assistant Project Manager

**Mike Arnold**  
Senior Quantity Surveyor

**Andy Brice**  
Senior Estimator

**Phil Brown**  
Handyman

**Jason Dosaj**  
Tender Planner

**Geoff Heap**  
Contracts Manager

**Peter Hindle**  
Managing Quantity Surveyor

**Trevor Hollick**  
Senior Site Manager

**Neill Johnson**  
Senior Planning Engineer

**Malcolm Judge**  
Handyman

**Steve King**  
Rail Engineering Manager

**Andy Koniotes**  
Contracts Manager

**Valerie Martin**  
Office Manager

**Phil McCabe**  
Business Development Manager

**Lewis McNeice**  
Assistant Quantity Surveyor

**Tim Nicholls**  
Project Manager

**Virginia Pilborough**  
Commercial Assistant

**Alan Rickerty**  
Senior Quantity Surveyor

**Tony Roche**  
Senior Commercial Manager

**Steve Selves**  
Senior Quantity Surveyor

**Brian Shepherd**  
Contracts Director

**Lara Slater**  
Administrator

**John Squires**  
Senior Site Manager

**Nicola Tremayne**  
Assistant Project Manager

**Jim Todd**  
Senior Site Manager

**Joanne Treacy**  
Buyer

# Blackburn Railway Station Access For All (AFA) and Station Improvement Programme

**Amco is currently approaching the end of a Contract to transform Platform 4 at Blackburn Railway Station as part of Network Rail's Access For All (AFA) and National Stations Improvement Programme (NSIP).**

The existing platform was windswept, uninviting and inaccessible to disabled railway users with little to provide shelter from the weather typically experienced in a Lancashire town. Amco were engaged by Network Rail to provide a new elevator between the platform and the pedestrian subway below and a new canopy roof, supported on structural steelwork. Numerous additional works, including provision of a heated waiting shelter with automatic doors and a complete resurfacing of the platform in concrete paving were instructed, all to be completed before the original milestone completion date of 21 October 2011. Other works include updating of CCTV, Customer Information Systems, lighting, windbreak fencing and the alteration to a stainless steel artwork mural, depicting important people with links to the town – a prominent feature of the station.

Particular challenges to meeting this date included a complete

re-design of the structural steelwork piling arrangement and lift shaft design due to the discovery of unforeseen buried station buildings dating from its demolition in the 70's, also within the Contract period. A re-design of the roof configuration, at Network Rail's request, was also required to better match the installations on the other platforms and improve the ambient light.

The scheme is being funded by Network Rail, Northern Rail and also partly by Blackburn with Darwen Council. Consequently, the long standing MP for the constituency, the **Rt. Hon Jack Straw** is a strong promoter of this high profile scheme for the town and attended a turf cutting ceremony at its commencement and will also be performing a ribbon-cutting opening ceremony on completion of the works.

**Mr Straw** is seen here pictured with Amco employee **Matt Yellop**, Civils Operative.



# Engineering Contracting Secure Network Rail Partnership Award

The company's heartiest congratulations are extended to **Graham Vodden** Contracts Director, **James Chappell** Project Manager and their team on being awarded the 2011 Network Rail Partnership Award for the Best Small Project.

The award was presented at a ceremony in London for the best project below £3m; for our works on the Eglinton Feeder Station Renewal in Glasgow earlier this year.

**James** is pictured opposite holding the award along with

**Graham** (3rd left).

Managing Director **Richard Instone** commented that *"This award represents a significant achievement for the business and a step change in the perception of our engineering capability within Network Rail"*.



## Recent Contract Awards.

### Amco South East

#### Network Rail

Earthworks at West Clandon Cutting.

Marsh Gate Lane, refurbishment of four bridges in Olympic Village.

Tilbury Station, provision of access for all.

Ore Tunnel, Phase 2 tunnel repairs.

Audley End Cutting, installation of new fencing and cess walkway.

South East & Anglia, tunnel maintenance.

### Engineering Contracting

#### Morrison Construction Ltd

Brunswick Dock, remedial works to Lock Gates.

#### National Coal Mining Museum

Caphouse Colliery, construction of glass cover to furnace shaft.

#### Network Rail

Newton, renewal of K11 oil filled switchgear.

Acton Lane, replacement of ring main unit and faulty cable.

Renewal, upgrading or replacement of 19no DNO supplies in Scotland.

E & P Framework, partial discharge testing of traction oil filled circuit breakers.

E & P Framework, Crewe Tower lighting removal works.

E & P Framework, Willesden substation 650V DC feeder cable renewal.

E & P Framework, Staffordshire PSP renewals – Rugeley Trent Valley and Colwich.

E & P Framework, Richmond to Gunnersbury air line renewal.

### Scottish & Southern Energy Plc

SSE Tunnel Repair Framework 2011.

### Engineering Maintenance

#### Magnox Plc

Dungeness 'A' Power Station, electrical overlay scheme.

Sizewell 'A' Power Station, electrical overlay scheme.

### Scottish & Southern Energy Plc

Aldbrough gas storage, relocation of site support staff – stage 1 feasibility study.

### Scottish Power Energy Networks

Glenrothes, primary substation extension to facilitate connection of Biomass Plant.

### Rail North

#### Chiltern Railways Co Ltd

Wing Yip, Yard Resurfacing.

### Environmental Scientifics Group

Site Investigations at Bowshanks and Torwoodlee Tunnel.

### Network Rail

Broughty Ferry, Detailed design for station works.

White Gate Farm, reconstruction of Underbridge Arch.

Anderson Tunnel, tunnel survey works.

Piccadilly Station, waterproofing and reinstatement works to north deck of car park.

Aycliffe, strengthening of underbridge.

### Rail South

#### Network Rail

Stanford Brook drainage, embankment and scour protection works.

Withy Beds, earthworks stabilisation.

Cardiff area signal renewals, advanced signal structures.

Gover, ancient mine shaft infill/cap.

North West parapets, raising of parapets to 11 overbridges.