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The staff newsletter of AJ Engineering and NEWCo

PROMOTION FOR LEE

An AJE employee has been given a promotion to a newly created position within the company.

Lee Binks who began working with AJ Engineering just over six years ago has been promoted in recognition of his hard work and dedication.

Lee, who in 2022 relocated to London with a view to securing new works, particularly in England has been given the role of Pre-Construction Manager.

His role involves managing and co-ordinating the large scale bids on behalf of AJ Engineering.

Graham Alexander, director and general manager of AJE said: "In recognition of the hard work and success he has had in sourcing project opportunities, and assisting greatly in turning them into contracts, Lee Binks has been promoted to the position of Pre-construction Manager with AJE. This role will see Lee lead all aspects of large-scale bids and develop our strategies for winning work and developing links with key clients. This is a completely new senior position and role within the company."

Speaking about his role, Lee said that one of the most rewarding aspects of the job was getting return customers due to the professional service we provide and being able to work on a variety of projects, no project is the same»

Lee said: "I'm absolutely delighted and the promotion came as a complete surprise, I really wasn't expecting it. I love my role within the company. I like building the relationships with our customers, getting to travel the country, giving our clients old and new presentations and attending industry events."

He added: "I joined the company in 2018 as the business development representative. Over that time, I have built up my relationship with many of AJE's existing customers. My role has grown, and I have taken on a lot of the larger bids and have been navigating them to secure them for the company. It's very nice that this hard work has been recognised."



Lee Binks, Pre-Construction Manager

AJE WEAVES ITS WAY TO SUPPORT HERITAGE BUSINESS

AJE has been weaving its magic for the manufacturer of Harris Tweed.

Harris Tweed Hebrides is embarking on a 16m x 46 m extension of an existing building on its Shawbost site on the west coast of the Isle of Lewis to provide more storage space for its precious wools.

Over the last decade there has been a massive upsurge in the popularity of the fabric.

In 2015, the company created 10 new jobs and expanded its mill in a £1.8million project to meet the demands of the industry.

Alan James said: "This is a good news story. We are able to assist with this extension to help Harris Tweed Hebrides meet the demands of their growing industry both here and abroad.

"We feel very lucky to be working with Lewis-based Alex Murray Construction on this fantastic project for one of Scotland's leading heritage and traditional businesses."

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NEWCO PLAYS PART IN £8K FUNDRAISER

The NEWCo team joined 25 other local businesses last month to battle it out in a pétanque competition and raising over £8K for three local charities.

The NEWCo team, Neil Worsdall, Willie Lawrie and Tom MacKay made it to the final of the contest run by Twin Deer Law

but lost out to BSW Timber. It was the first time that TDL has hosted the competition since 2018. The money raised by all of the businesses involved will be donated to Fort William Bike Park to purchase adaptive bikes for students in the additional support needs base (Glencoe House at Lochaber High School) and The Lochaber branch

of Alzheimer Scotland, Wild & Woolly - Lochaber': to purchase essential supplies to assist in the operation of their support centre at An Drochaid. Contest winners, BSW Timber donated their share of the proceeds raised to their chosen charity, Lochaber Hope.



Tom MacKay, Neil Worsdall and Willie Lawrie



Over 25 businesses took part in the pétanque competition

SCOUTS GET LOOK AT MUSEUM PLANS



The Scapa Flow Museum on Orkney

The 1st Forres Scout Group visited the AJE HQ ahead of a trip to Orkney to see how a project at Lyness involved the Forres firm.

The group will be visiting the Scapa Flow Museum as part of their summer trip.

Back in 2020, AJ Engineering and its Fort William-based sister company NEWCo, secured a contract to work on the historic visitor centre.

The project involved the restoration of the historic buildings, the enhancement of interpretation and displays, and the creation of a building to house an exhibition space, café, toilet facilities and information areas. The NEWCo team also repaired one of the significant chimneys and made a replica of a second one which could not be restored.

Graham Alexander, said: "It was pleasure to show the scouts around the AJE HQ and to give them an insight into the Scapa Flow Museum project. It will be great for them to have a local connection to the centre when they visit. It was also great to give them a general insight into what we do here at AJ Engineering and who knows maybe we have inspired some future engineers."

Giant crane for water project

A 250 tonne crane will be used to install a large pipe bridge which is being fabricated as part of the Northumbrian Water and Tees Valley Pipeline Project.

The project is to provide a resilient supply of clean and clear water to customers for decades to come.

Fabrication of the 25m long x 4.5m wide pipe bridge began last month. The structure is being fabricated in two sections due to its length to allow for transport and will be assembled on

site at Alwent Beck on the River Tees. Northumbrian Water is improving the underground network of water pipes in a £100m project.

In total, 34km of new pipe will be installed. This project will have an integral role in providing resilience in the water supply in England.

It is the second notable project that AJ Engineering has done with Northumbrian Water being the end client, continuing our work in the UK wide water sector.



Access steelwork has also formed part of this project