

A9 Dualling

Luncarty to Pass of Birnam
Project newsletter

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Works complete...

We wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on the journey we have all been part of to upgrade this key trunk road north of Perth from single to dual carriageway. We are proud to have completed the design and construction of the new dual carriageway to allow the improved safety, connectivity and journey time reliability objectives to be delivered.

From day one, our top priority has been to keep road users and project staff safe whilst keeping this vital route open to traffic. We are extremely grateful for the patience and cooperation of the local communities and road users throughout the construction process.

As impressive as the new road is, not least the significant benefits it will bring, it is the outstanding range of community benefits delivered, and the willingness of the local communities to engage with the project team, that have also contributed to setting this project apart.

Together, we have overcome the challenges presented by the pandemic and in doing so we developed strong partnerships with the communities which surround the project. We have been privileged to work with fantastic organisations and truly inspirational people that have helped us achieve our ambition of leaving a legacy for the people of Perthshire.

Our thanks go to the committed team of planners, designers, engineers and construction professionals for the hundreds of thousands of hours of hard work and the knowledge and skills that they have handed on to the next generation through the many educational and employment initiatives developed on site.

Lastly, but most importantly, our thanks go to you as members of the community for your support in resetting the benchmark for social value and generating our most enduring memories of this project. We wanted to highlight a few of these achievements and some interesting facts that demonstrate just how big an undertaking the project has been.

£34.6m spent with local businesses (within 60 miles)



1,800 days worked by apprentices



57,000 litres of paint for 70km of white lining



4,046 pupils and students engaged

20 local students completed virtual work placements

28 local students achieved Industrial Cadets certificates

"Our collaboration with Balfour Beatty and Transport Scotland through the A9 Dualling: Luncarty to Pass of Birnam project has transformed the level of understanding of community benefits within our school communities and reset the expectations and aspirations of what can be achieved through meaningful engagement with industry."
John Robertson, Employer Advisor, Developing the Young Workforce, Perth and Kinross

77 engagements with schools, colleges and universities

45/45 Considerate Constructors Scheme score + innovation points



2,700 health and safety briefings

655,096 hours worked

We've worked hard all year during lockdown and subsequent restrictions to keep in touch with lunch club participants. It was such a pity that we couldn't all get together again this Christmas but thanks to Balfour Beatty's generosity and flexibility we were able to mark the end of a difficult year with some festive fayre and cheer.
Laura Baird, Care and Wellbeing Coordinator, Stanley Development Trust

20,350 cups of tea

59 precast concrete beams installed

57,000 trees planted

200+ meals provided to Stanley Lunch Club

60 days of placements for veterans

2 job offers made to veterans following placement

more than £17,000 of cash and BIK donations

4,521 traffic cones

50 volunteering days in the local community

65 new jobs created

These achievements have in no small part been facilitated by Balfour Beatty across Scotland who have provided hundreds of hours of work trials on the A9 Dualling project, over 90 hours of presentations on our courses as well as ongoing mentoring and support. Together we have been able to provide a robust pathway into the construction industry for service leavers across the whole of the U.K.
Laurence Moore, Operations Director, Project RECCE

65 work placements delivered

60,000T of materials sourced from on-site quarry

8,223 items of personal protective equipment provided to project staff



Season's greetings!

As 2021 draws to a close and we look towards a new year, we would like to thank road users and members of the local communities for their support and patience over the past three years as we worked to complete this vital infrastructure project.

The site offices will close from 23 December 2021, to 6 January 2022.

From everyone in the project team, we hope you look forward to enjoying the benefits of the new A9 dual carriageway over the festive period and for many years thereafter. We would also like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.



The completed Stanley/Tullybelton junction

Contacting the project

As the construction phase comes to an end, the Balfour Beatty freephone project enquiries line and project email inbox will close at the end of December 2021.

Should you need to speak to anyone about the project, you can contact Transport Scotland directly at A9Dualling@transport.gov.scot.

BEAR Scotland on behalf of Transport Scotland, is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the A9. Should you have any queries regarding the trunk road network, you can contact BEAR Scotland on 01738 448 600 or email: enquiries@bearsotland.co.uk.



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