

# The Micron



The staff newsletter of AJ Engineering and NEWCo

## REAL LIFE PROJECT GIVES REAL-TIME EXPERIENCE TO FIRE CREWS



**A job at a waste water site turned into a training exercise for three local fire crews thanks to AJ Engineering.**

Site supervisor Grant Mitchell invited firefighters from Elgin, Fochabers and Keith to the project at Fochabers Waste Water Treatment Plant to carry out simulated rescue training.

Wilson Burnett is managing the project for Efficient Service Delivery (ESD) and Scottish Water.

The job is to refurbish a tank which involves carrying out mechanical, steel works and civil works.

The project will not be completed until next year as the workers can only get access to one area at a time, but Grant and Wilson who have a team of six at the site saw the benefit in allowing the local fire crews to train.

Wilson said: "It just seemed like a great opportunity to ask the fire crews along to give them some training at the site. The crews took part in practising the rescue of a person from inside the tank. They were on site for about two hours and it gave them valuable training and practice in rope access."

The job at Fochabers is one of three projects on the go with ESD for Scottish Water.





## Numbers add up for accounts team



From left: Yvonne McKenzie, Jackie McRae and Sandra Laing

**Three is the magic number for AJE's accounts department which not only has a crack team of number crunchers but has been lucky enough to have a team member with a background in engineering.**

Yvonne McKenzie has been supporting the department as a purchasing assistant since August. However, she also has a background in project management and engineering in subsea construction. Yvonne is about to return to Aberdeen University to complete her PGDE in primary school teaching.

Sandra Laing is the company's assistant accountant. Sandra has many years' experience and amongst other things is responsible for the company's payroll.

The team also includes Jackie who handles the sales invoices, new contracts and general accounts administrations.

## Forres Area Credit Union

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## Saving made easier with company collaboration

**Forres Area Credit Union was delighted to recently welcome AJ Engineering to their 'Workplace Savings' scheme.**

The scheme allows all employees a chance to join with £1 and have savings taken from their wages each payday so that there is a 'nest egg' built up for the future.

General manager, Graham Alexander invited volunteers from the Credit Union to speak with staff to get the ball rolling.

Heather Shaw, a Credit Union volunteer explained the benefits:

"The savings and loans co-operative has been running since the mid 90s and is now making it easier for people to save via their employer where it benefits everyone. It takes the stress out of the costs of that unexpected bill, the festive season or can allow for planning that much needed holiday.

Employers can support their staff to join and see them being more productive with less absenteeism if the worries of potential debts are not affecting them. That all adds to a happier workplace."

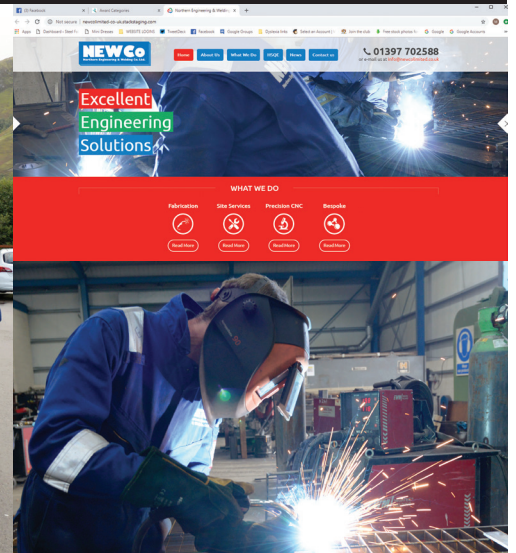
Already in its first year of operating from our new premises on Forres High Street, 195 people have joined showing that the 'best kept secret' is now getting out to the community. The service is also expanding a similar scheme within the local schools.

Heather added: "This new opportunity working with employers is a great boost for us as the regular agreed amounts from pay packets are not missed and go directly into the customer's account.

"This has been a long time in the planning, so we are excited about AJ Engineering being our first local employer to join the Workplace Savings Scheme. We sincerely hope the first of many."

For further information, contact the Credit Union on 01309 676735.

## New website for NEWCo



**NEWCo now has a brand-new website to promote its services which also brings it in line with the style of the AJE site.**

The Fort William-based team also took part in a recent photoshoot and their pictures can now be seen on the new website at [www.newcolimited.co.uk](http://www.newcolimited.co.uk).

The new website has more information about each of its services, the team, and includes a vibrant news section.

Claire who supports both companies with publicity both in the media, trade press, the websites and social media platforms is always looking for news to share.

If you have a work-related story or are doing something in your free time, please feel free to share it with us.

Publicising the wide range of projects we work on via the websites, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn accounts is one small way we can secure future projects.

The Micron, is also now well established and is a great way for everyone to keep up to date with what's going on between the two depots.

**If you have an idea either email Claire at [claire@clairedoughtypublicity.uk](mailto:claire@clairedoughtypublicity.uk) or call her on 07846 145050.**

**Claire is also often in the AJE building every Friday between 11-midday.**