

## A MESSAGE FROM BEN MCCLUSKEY, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CHAIN DIRECTOR

Welcome to the latest edition of our procurement and supply chain news.

In this issue, we'll reflect on some of the highlights for 2023 and look ahead to our plans for the coming months.

We have many successes to be proud of but the most significant for me is the Coast-to-Coast bike ride that we did in October. The 105-mile trek raised almost £20,000 in memory of our colleague Peter Ritchie. We put together a formidable team of AmcoGiffen colleagues with volunteers from Flannery and Speedy and rider support from Nixon and Keyline throughout the week. Together, we battled the elements through storm Babet and were delighted to see Peter's wife and children welcome us over the finish line. A difficult and emotional week but one of the best experiences and we're all very proud of our achievement.



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## BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

During 2023 we attended RIN events in Derby, York and London, embracing the opportunity to meet supply partners both old and new and we participated in the annual Rail Live event.

Once again, we ended the year on a high with our Santa Social supply chain exhibition and networking event at our HQ in Barnsley building supply chain relationships and making excellent progress on our procurement strategy. #StrongerTogether

In 2024 we are planning to support all the RIN events and we're partnering with Morson Group (Vital and Anders Elite) our managed service providers demonstrating collaboration. We encourage new and existing supply chain partners to speak to us at these events - look out for invitations from the organisers throughout the year to book your place. Following on from our winter social event we're now looking at the potential for a summer version - we'll keep you updated.



## SUPPLIER SPOTLIGHT



VJT is a market leader in manufacturing and distributing fixings, fasteners and building consumables to the construction and infrastructure sector.

In 2023 the company launched VJ iStore® - a first-of-its-kind, next-generation procurement solution that ensures fast-paced infrastructure projects are fed a constant supply of their most used products that can be clicked and collected in a matter of minutes, directly on-site at the point of need. Products are stored on-site in a container and are available 24/7, which in turn significantly increases productivity, with a positive impact on cash flow and up to 70% reduction in carbon emissions otherwise caused by daily deliveries to the site.

Last year, we asked VJT for their expert advice to help us find an alternative product for a project at Caerphilly Tunnel.

Following some detailed project research, the VJT technical department recommended the Fischer FAS Resin with the VJT studding nuts and washer which was fully compliant and provided significant cost-savings.



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## SHEQ STRATEGY 2023 - 2026

AmcoGiffen is proud to confirm that we've launched a new three-year SHEQ 24/7 Together Strategy. This strategy sets out our ambitions for 2023-2026 supporting our colleagues and partners to succeed and reach our SHEQ vision of **'Everyone home safe and healthy every day'**.

The strategy includes six key focus areas all designed to build on the excellent foundations we've already made for SHEQ and essential for us to continue improving SHEQ for our colleagues, our customers and our supply chain partners.

### How can you help?

We look to our supply partners as colleagues who can directly influence and support us in achieving our objectives at every stage. Please scan the QR code to read the strategy in full and familiarise yourself with our objectives.



# What's 'Occurring' in Wales?



In Wales, we continue to deliver safely and successfully with essential support from our procurement team and supply chain partners.

Major schemes for Transport for Wales such as the Ebbw Vale Frequency Enhancement scheme and Cardiff Bay, Butetown station both schemes required supply chain engagement and support for the work from civils and earthworks to platform construction.

Severn Estuary Earthworks required timely deliveries of fuel, water, grout and mesh during a three-week blockade in August 2023. Phase 2 continues with work due to finish in March. During the blockade, we used the opportunity to carry out work at Chepstow Bridge replacing a bridge abutment. This was supplied as a precast unit with our procurement and design team working together to sign off for just-in-time delivery to the site.

Our emergency team was called upon to work during the Christmas break on the complex junction at Shrewsbury station. The bridge repair works were planned, and materials were procured over a short three-week period to enable successful delivery.

In April 2024 we're due to start the Network Rail CP7 buildings and civils framework with the first scheme deliveries due to start in June 2024. We've already started engaging with suppliers to support delivery of the work.



In December we held our annual foodbank collection, using our community impact days to volunteer at the foodbank helping to sort and pack the donations.

We look forward to using more of our community impact days in 2024 on activities with our supply partners as we did in 2023 at Cannington School, Sprotborough Locks, and litter picking days.

