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This Week's Headlines

Company News

Linguists List

I am currently updating the linguists list within the company, which takes place once a year. If you would like to be on the list or you are a new member of staff and would like to be included, please let me know. This is a voluntary service.

The closing date is 22nd June. I will need your name, location and fluency in the language. You will be able to find the list on Unite under Directory.

Contact [Lusa Armstrong](#), Basingstoke

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Information/ Library News

IHS Technical Indexes

The main source for technical information in Scott Wilson is via our subscription to Technical Indexes (now called IHS). A new subscription to this service is starting on 29th May. It will still be accessed via Unite/Directory/Information Resources but you should no longer need to type in the user name and password.

Otherwise the information available should be the same as we have had for the last three years.

There will be another round of lunchtime training for IHS once the new web page for access is working but, in the meantime, if you have any problems with IHS or BS Online please let [Jacqui Grainger](#) and [Sue Silcocks](#) know

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Projects & Disciplines

Scott Wilson Transport Technology & Systems is kitted up!

We have recently acquired a range of equipment, which will facilitate data collection across the spectrum of our road traffic activities.

The equipment includes an Automatic Number-plate Recognition (ANPR) hardware/software system with which to measure section speeds and Origin/Destination movements, and a video based traffic dynamics measuring system, able to provide automated classified counts, speeds and headways. Both will compute and record traffic data lane by lane over any pre-defined

aggregation period which can be stored and sent in real time to a supervisory system or storage medium over various types of connections (serial, IP, wireless).

The video detection systems use image algorithms to automatically extract data from video feeds allowing for accurate data collection over a wide area with no limitation to the number of lanes or vehicle speed. The tracking technology is a major feature for accurate computation of flow and speed even in congested scenarios.

In addition we have an 'in car' video system with which we can collect driver behaviour data. The first usage of the equipment will be in a current HA R&D project where we are developing ideas about the usage of enforcement technology in roadworks.

With this equipment we will be able to facilitate a number of intelligence gathering functions, which form the basis for understanding a variety of issues and metrics associated with traffic.

Due to the cross-sector nature of our experience we will be able to advise in detail on how best to employ detection technology for:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urban, inter-urban and rural roads;• Airports;• Ports & ferries;• Bus stations; | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rail Stations;• Park & Ride sites;• Business development and retail sites;• Planning and design process indicators. |
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If you have any clients or forthcoming opportunities where we can utilise this in-house facility, then please contact [Jem McCluskey](#) or one of the SWTTS team.

There is some marketing material being published so that the above can be widely advertised – we will send copies to all SW offices.

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Route Monitor Kevin Roberts needed to check for infrastructure damage but was not allowed on to the incident scene until the wreckage had cooled.

Back at headquarters staff were faced with a vital decision – should they await developments and hope the road could be re-opened once the vehicles and debris had been cleared, or would the carriageway surface have to be replaced first?

Our supply chain partner, Tarmac had men and resurfacing equipment available. At 13:00 we agreed with the police and the Highways Agency that remedial works could be completed as an extension of the emergency closure. Work started, but our worst fears were confirmed at 16:00 as pieces of steel and other debris were welded into the surface.



The media was kept informed throughout with interviews carried out on BBC local radio drivetime programmes and the road was re-opened at 23:10.

Paul Cockell Highways Agency Area 7 Performance Manager said afterwards.

“ Can I add HA' s thanks to all involved for making all the right safety and people considerations, communications (including media) and actions to deal with this in the most appropriate way” .

Just another day at AMScott.....

AMScott, Scott Wilson' s joint venture with Alfred McAlpine, has been managing the Highways Agency' s Area 7 network in the East Midlands for over five years. We have a varied workload ranging from the design and delivery of maintenance schemes to daily safety patrols of the M1 and other routes.

Contact <mailto:Nigel.Richardson@amscott7.com?subject=Amscott>

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People

Welcome to **Nigel Richardson** who has joined AMScott in Mansfield as its new Communications Manager.

Nigel, who lives in Mansfield, joins AMScott from the Government News Network, where he spent seven years as a Senior Information Officer, working for Whitehall departments and agencies including the Highways Agency, Health and Safety Executive, Department for Transport and the Department for Trade and Industry.

While at GNN he also helped organise visits to the East Midlands by the Prime Minister and spent time on secondment at No10 Downing Street.

He previously worked as a press officer for Derbyshire County Council and a journalist with the Nottingham Evening Post.

Nigel said: " I have spent nearly 20 years in journalism and private sector PR and will be using that experience to boost the profile of AMScott and the Highways Agency in the East Midlands."

For further information please contact Nigel at <mailto:Nigel.Richardson@amscott7.com?subject=Amscott> or 01623 676562.

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Social and Community



The Mansfield Office would like to congratulate **Michael Timmins** and his wife Helen on the birth of their son **Oliver Mathew**.

Oliver was born on Good Friday (6th April) and is his big sister Jessica's new favourite toy!

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Mexican Sponsored Cycle Ride in Aid of the Scott Wilson Millennium Project

"I am currently in Ensenada, Mexico working as an ARE on one of the worlds tallest caisson breakwaters, seconded from the Scott Wilson coastal team to the Ports team," writes **Sam Watkin**, of Nottingham office.

"My site contract was supposed to finish in April and so I signed up to do the London/Blenheim Triathlon with the Scott Wilson team. However an extension to my contract out here has meant that I would miss out on this opportunity and let the team down. So I thought that a way to redeem

myself would be to raise some money for the Scott Wilson Millennium Project in the various events held out here. The first being the famous 50 mile Rosarito Ensenada bike race!!

The race is one of the largest cycling events in the world with 10,000 entrants. 5 people took part from the site office, only two of which were from Scott Wilson, myself and Martin Young. The course was more challenging than we expected with a lot of long gruelling hills. But with a lot of determination we both came in under 3.5hrs.

Hopefully my next event will be the Ensenada 1/2 marathon in June.

Thank you to all the Ensenada site team who sponsored the ride, raising \$160.00 for the Scott Wilson Millennium Project.

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York Ladies do Race for Life

This year some of the ladies from the York office have put together a Scott Wilson team to take part in the Race for Life on 27th June. The event is taking place at York Racecourse, so we get to run/walk the same route the horses do on race days. We want to stand out from the crowd and have decided to dress in PPE (Personal Protective Equipment (or high visibility clothing).

We are hoping that by then summer is well and truly here and we don't want to pass out with heat exhaustion caused by the very fashionable attire so we will be walking!!

For those of you who don't know, Race for Life raises money for Cancer Research and is an important way in which Cancer Research is able to fund its life-saving work into preventing, diagnosing and treating cancer. On that note we would like to beg you to sponsor us!!

You can donate online which is simple, fast and totally secure. Cancer Research will receive your money faster and, if you are a UK taxpayer, an extra 28% in tax will be added to your gift at no cost to you. PLEASE click on any of the links below and donate as much as you can for this worthwhile cause. It doesn't matter which form you donate on, it all goes to Cancer Research.

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www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/aliceandsarahrhodes
<http://www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/cdougherty>
<http://www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/wowen>

Alternatively, you can sponsor us the old fashioned way, please contact [Beckie Hardcastle](#), [Sally Barker](#) or [Kerry Sharples](#), who have paper sponsorship forms.

Thank you for your support!!

Sally Barker, Carolyn Dougherty, Beckie Hardcastle, Rachel Leary, Wendy Owen, Sarah Rhodes (and her daughter Alice), Kerry Sharples, Hiromi Try

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Wroughton Classic Car & Bike Show and Scrapheap Challenge

Wroughton Classic Car & Bike Show are looking for teams from businesses to take part in a ' Silent' Grand Prix at the Wroughton Science Museum, Swindon on the 4th & 5th August 2007 to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation. There will be a high exposure as ' Scrapheap Challenge' will be there and local newspapers, plus it's all in a good cause.

[Click here](#) for details

If you are interested in taking part please contact [Julia Moore](#), Swindon

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Jobs

- **Senior Geotechnical Engineer**, Ashford, 3.2/4.1 (job ref code C766)
- **Senior Environmental Scientist**, Ashford, 3.1 (job ref code C728)
- **Pavement Engineer**, Ashford, (job ref code C667)
- **Waste Planner**, Chesterfield/Nottingham, 3.1 (job ref code C737)
- **Waste Management Specialist/Environmental Scientist**, 2.2/3.1 (job ref code C736)
- **Principal Pollution Control Specialist/Process Engineer**, Waste Management, 4.1 (job ref code C740)
- **Civil / Structural Engineers** - Glasgow Job ref: SWR169
- **Project Engineer** – Glasgow.- Job ref: SWR187
- **Pway Principal / Senior Design Engineers** – Swindon. Job ref: SWR203
- **OLE Design Engineer** – Swindon. Job ref: SWR220
- **Project Manager** – London. Job ref: SWR214
- **Civil / Structural Engineer (Senior/Principal)** - London. Job ref: SWR225
- **Civil / Structural Engineer (Project/ Senior Assistant)** -
- **Senior Mechanical Building Services Engineer** to be placed in our Birmingham (Solihull) Office. Grade 3.2 Vacancy Reference Number UKS1226/07
- **Assistant Mechanical Engineer** to be placed in our Birmingham (Solihull) Office. Grade 2.2 Vacancy Reference Number UKS1227/07
- **Senior Electrical Building Services Engineer** to be placed in our Birmingham (Solihull) Office. Grade 3.2 Vacancy Reference Number UKS1228/07
- **Assistant Electrical Building Services Engineer** to be placed in our Birmingham (Solihull) Office. Grade 2.2 Vacancy Reference Number UKS1229/07
- **National Industrial Symbiosis Programme** - Practitioner to be placed in our Peterborough Office. Grade 3.2 Vacancy Reference Number UKS1330/07

To apply for any of the above positions, please to go to <http://careers.scottwilson.com/unite> or select the 'Jobs' option from the Menu Bar available on any page of Unite.

Here you can search for current opportunities and apply online. Where practicable, all vacancies will be advertised internally and publicised here for a period of 2 weeks. Applications from suitably qualified internal applicants are encouraged. If you wish to obtain further information about a position before applying, please contact the hiring manager (details shown on the vacancy description).

When formally applying for a vacancy, please ensure you inform your existing line manager.

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[Alex Pizzoferro](#), Basingstoke

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<mailto:Interchange@scottwilson.com&subject=%20New%20Interchange%20Article>

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The contact, e-mail, and job title of the contributor should be submitted with each article.

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