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The scheme represents an important strategic link in the trunk road network, linking the A68 with the Edinburgh City Bypass and in so doing providing safety and environmental benefits to the historic town of Dalkeith.



The Minister is seen here flanked by Ronnie Hunter (CEO), Alan Frew (Director), Dominic Murphy (Project Manager) and Graham Lamont (Designer's Site Representative) together with members of his site team.

We were joined by the local MSP, councillors and church minister, as well as representatives from Transport Scotland (Employer), Morgan Est (Contractor) and Fairhurst (Engineer).

The scheme consists of 5.2km of trunk road & 4.7km of associated side roads including a new grade-separated interchange on the Edinburgh City Bypass. The design comprised roadworks,

drainage, 12 structures including the 95m long River Esk Bridge, 750,000m³ of earthworks and consolidation of abandoned mineworkings.

The project has benefited from cross-divisional as well as cross discipline collaboration, with Central Division offering design input to the Scotland and Ireland led design. Within Glasgow alone, 3 MOU's provided discipline-specific input to the design.

Those who played a part in the scheme are too many to mention but my thanks go to all involved.

Following speeches by the Transport Minister, and Morgan Est managing director, Jag Paddam, the road was blessed by the local church minister and the first vehicle travelled down the newly completed section of the A68 trunk road.



[Dominic Murphy, Glasgow](#)

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SWBC success in Belgium

Scott Wilson Business Consultancy is delighted to announce that the consortium we supported for the Brabo 1 PPP tram project in Antwerp – Silvius - achieved Preferred Bidder status on 23 September. SWBC along with its local partners in the region, IV Infra, Ecorem and Ned Mobiel, will continue to work on this project until Financial Close, expected late October/early November 2008.

The Project

Silvius (formed of DG Infra +, Heijmans, Frateur de Pourcq and Franki Construct) was selected by the procuring authority De Lijn – the Public transport company for the Flemish Region, responsible for the oversight of the operation and maintenance of trams, buses and trolley buses – and BAM - responsible for the financing, implementation, management and operation of the traffic infrastructure in the Antwerp region



The project (**Brabo 1**) comprises the extension of two tram routes totalling approximately 6km along with comprehensive refurbishment of the streets along which they will run and the construction of a new covered depot. The project cost is estimated at around € 100 million. The concession period is up to 35 years.

The Silvius/Brabo connection

Code names generated for privately financed projects and bidding consortia sometimes provide interesting glimpses of local history. In this case, Silvius Brabo is a mythical Roman

soldier who is said to have killed a mythical giant called Antigoon. The giant exacted a toll from those crossing the River Scheldt and, for those who refused, he severed one of their hands and threw it into the River Scheldt. Eventually, the giant was slain by a young hero named Brabo, who cut off the giant's own hand and flung it into the river. The name Antwerp is derived from the words meaning hand and to throw. The consortium certainly knew their history!

Building our portfolio

We have a growing presence in the Dutch and Belgian markets. Last year a transaction for the € 500m Northern Diabolo rail project for a new link under Brussels Airport was successfully closed. Scott Wilson provided technical, revenue, paymech and contractual advice for this pioneering PPP project - the first of its kind in Belgium. The project is now under construction and is being monitored by Scott Wilson on behalf of the Lenders led by HSH Nordbank AG.

Our experience in the Dutch market includes a long-standing advisory role for the HSL-Zuid project and collaboration with local strategic partners, namely the Iv-Groep, Ecorem and Ned Mobiel.

For more project information contact [Alex Jan](#)

For details on our international project portfolio contact [Caroline Brock](#).

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Saving the Dolphin in Dorset!

London Transportation are delighted to be appointed by Grosvenor on a new commission in the historic south coast town of Poole in Dorset, providing a much-needed 'kick-start' to the town's major retail centre. This is a key commission by one of the major property developers in the UK, bringing together members of the London Transportation, Structures & Infrastructure teams. At this stage of the masterplanning process, we are developing viable transport solutions for the proposed re-development of the Dolphin Retail Centre. Lyons+Sleeman+Hoare are the appointed architects.





The project aims to provide a 'step-change' in Poole with regard to retail and leisure facilities along with an improved transport infrastructure for the benefit of local residents and tourist visitors. Scott Wilson addressed the key challenges facing the project, which, until recently, had been constraining the masterplanning process and threatening future viability of the scheme. By working closely with the Borough Council, scheme options have been developed to include a new bus station facility for the town and improved access/egress to car parking and servicing for the Dolphin Centre and other surrounding land uses.

Last week also saw the completion of a series of traffic surveys in which Scott Wilson used the latest ANPR technology (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) to record vehicle movements in the town centre. The surveys will provide valuable information on existing traffic volumes and traffic routing, enabling the development of the best possible transport solutions for the future of Poole.



It is intended that the future expanded Dolphin Centre includes a new bus station facility, public realm improvements, commercial offices, residential units, retail units including a 14,000m² department store and food store, cinema and extended parking facilities. Grosvenor intend submitting an outline planning application in 2009, following release of a preferred option and extensive stakeholder engagement.

For further information contact [Jamshid Soheili](#) or [David Seares](#).

(Pictured: The ANPR in action, and 'Hi-Vis' members of the SW team Matt McIntock, Charlotte Wintgens and David Seares.)

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People



Congratulations to **Rachel Shore** who recently passed her BREEAM Bespoke and International Competent Persons exam. Rachel is one of the first people to have become a BREEAM International assessor and is currently Scott Wilson's only Bespoke assessor.

BREEAM is the Building Research Establishment's Environmental Assessment Method, used to robustly assess the sustainability of new

and existing developments. By considering environmental sustainability from the outset and taking advice from an assessor, design teams can achieve desired ratings to meet planning requirements and to enhance the desirability of their buildings.

The new range of International Schemes are offered world wide with specific schemes for the Gulf and Europe, as well as BREEAM Bespoke International for more unique developments.

If you would like more details on the services that Rachel and her colleagues offer please call 01256 310241 or send Rachel an e-mail (rachel.shore@scottwilson.com)

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Robert Wynn



The Infrastructure team would like to extend a warm welcome to Robert Wynn who has recently joined our Ashford, Kent office as an Associate Director.

Having gained a wide range of experience in both the private and public sectors, Robert has developed extensive expertise in general infrastructure design and project delivery, including first class technical skills in highways and transportation, development led infrastructure and municipal engineering.

Throughout his 28 year career in the Kent area, Robert has achieved an excellent industry reputation for securing repeat client business as well as maintaining low staff turnover in his teams. As a result, he has a broad range of contacts and insider knowledge of the local issues in the East and Southeast of England. Robert has worked for developers, consultants and local authorities and has an intimate knowledge of the developer mindset. He led a number of projects for SEEDA for his previous employer and his knowledge of public sector led development will be especially useful in the current economic climate.

Robert will work closely with the Ashford and Chelmsford Infrastructure and Transport teams to extend our project and client base in the East and South-East regions.

For more information on Robert's background as well as the services that are provided from the Ashford and Chelmsford offices, please give Robert a call on 01233 658210 or via email on robert.wynn@scottwilson.com

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Matt McIntock

London office is delighted to welcome Matt McIntock to the Transportation & Infrastructure Planning team as a Consultant. Matt graduated recently from Southampton University with a 2:1 degree, and joins SW after a summer of back packing, travelling around South America. He is currently engaged on a number of Transport Assessments, in particular redevelopment proposals on the site of Colindale Hospital in north London.

In his spare time, Matt follows the Hammers and enjoys skiing and playing football.

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Welcome to Hardip Mann

Hardip recently joined Basingstoke's Environment Team having spent the last 9 years at the Building Research Establishment (BRE). His key strengths include:

- Leading Indoor Air Quality research at PhD level including:
 - Formaldehyde concentrations in cavity wall insulation;
 - Volatile Organic Compound concentrations from furniture and paints; and
 - Concentrations of carcinogenic car exhaust emissions in buildings.
- BRE Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) QA Manager, leading a team of 16 assessors, giving unique insight and knowledge in to the BREEAM process and delivering workshops to trainee assessors.



Initially in Scott Wilson, Hardip is exploring the potential to roll out a new capability in Energy Performance Certification in the commercial sector but is hoping to utilise his expertise and knowledge in all these areas (BREEAM QA, Indoor Air Quality and EPC) to Scott Wilson's advantage and would be keen to hear from anyone else in the business wanting to draw upon his skills.

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Zoe Jankel

Business Consultancy would like to welcome Zoe Jankel to its Business Economics and Strategy team.

Zoe graduated in July 2008 with a Masters of Public Administration from the London School of Economics where she gained extensive skills in economics, econometrics, public finance and local and regional economic policy issues. Her Masters thesis was an econometric analysis of the impact of the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund distributed by the UK Department for Communities and Local Government.

A qualified Chartered Accountant, Zoe spent five years working as a Financial Auditor in London and New York with a variety of clients in the property development and financial services industries for BDO Stoy Hayward. Zoe was responsible for managing teams of staff and ensuring client satisfaction at each stage of the audit process.

As a Senior Consultant, Zoe will be working on and managing a range of economics and project finance engagements with Business Consultancy and other parts of the firm.

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Congratulations to **Alessandro and Danka** on their engagement from all at the Oxford office

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Jobs

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With 20 years experience in this market, we have built an international team of over 900 staff to work in two joint ventures and four permanent offices across the country.

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To view the full list of vacancies please [click here](#)

For further information about any of the positions please contact [Carman Li](#) or [Jo Webb](#).

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Tip - when searching for the role on the website, do not select anything from the " drop down" boxes, simply type in the reference in the " Keywords" field and you will be directed straight to the vacancy. Alternatively, please use the links provided below. If you experience any problems please contact the relevant recruitment consultant.

A Selection of Current Vacancies

- **RE/LDN-DP/LISNP (PT) – London Industrial Symbiosis Network Project – Support Practitioner, London, Part-Time (2.5 days per week)**, this role is primarily office-based, providing non-technical telephone, e-mail and other support to the Regional Co-ordinator and team members, to apply please [click here](#)
- **RE/LDN-DP/LISP – London Industrial Symbiosis Network Project – Practitioner, London**, to apply please [click here](#)
- **SW/BE/118 – CDM Co-ordinator, Belfast**, to apply please [click here](#)
- **SW/BE/129 – Senior CAD Technician, Belfast**, to apply please [click here](#)
- **SW/BE/131 – Landscape Architect, Belfast**, to apply please [click here](#)
- **SW/BE/132 – Graduate Landscape Architect, Belfast**, to apply please [click here](#)
- **SW/BE/148 – Structural Engineer, Belfast**, to apply please [click here](#)
- **SW/DU/115 Architect/Urban Designer, Dublin**, to apply please [click here](#)
- **JW/BIR-MR/STE – Senior Tunnelling Engineer, Birmingham**, to apply please [click here](#)
- **JW/BIR-MR/PTE – Principal Tunnelling Engineer, Birmingham**, to apply please [click here](#)
- **JW/BAS-SH/PGE – Principal Geotechnical Engineer, Basingstoke**, to apply please [click here](#)
- **JW/BAS-JP/PCE – Principal Coastal Engineer, Basingstoke**, to apply please [click here](#)
- **C754 – Structural or Civil Engineer - Nuclear, Warrington**, to apply please [click here](#)
- **C825 – Principal or Senior Safety Consultants - Nuclear, Basingstoke, Manchester and Warrington**, to apply please [click here](#)
- **SWR405 – Assistant Construction Manager, Swindon**, to apply please [click here](#)

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If you are already working for Scott Wilson and you would like to apply for any of the above positions, please 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 relevant recruitment consultant. When formally applying for a vacancy, please ensure you inform your existing line manager.

** amount dependent on grade, bonus is paid after 3 months service. Please see Section 26 of the Employment Policy and Procedures Handbook available on the HR and Employment section of Unite to see the full Referral Scheme Policy.*

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Social and Community

Scott Wilson Railways Mainline ‘Rail’ Golf Competition 2008

On 11th September, players from across the country made the journey to Ogbourne Downs Golf Club near Swindon, to take part in the Scott Wilson Railways ‘Mainline Rail’ golf competition.

Colleagues from Nottingham, Manchester, Glasgow, Plymouth, Basingstoke, London and Swindon came together to take up the golfing challenge. The competition is now in its thirteenth year and for a change took place on a dry, sunny day!



Clive Scholefield took the first prize with 36 points and became only the second person to win the competition on more than one occasion. Karl Hatala yet again found himself on the podium in second place, after missing out on the title by one point. A costly four putt on one hole has been giving him nightmares ever since.



The full list of prize winners was as follows:

Clive Scholefield (Swindon) – First Prize
 Karl Hatala (Swindon) – Second Prize
 John Andrews (Basingstoke) - Third Prize
 Nick Hall (Basingstoke) – Hidden 9
 Peter Frankham (Basingstoke) – Nearest the Pin
 Peter Howe (Plymouth) – Longest Drive
 David Hubie (Swindon) – Putting
 Richard Evans (Swindon) – Longest Walk!

Many thanks to all those who attended the event, especially those who travelled a long way. It was

good to see several new faces as well as many familiar ones; we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Mark Hillyard, Swindon

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Athletico AMScott Rise To The Challenge

An energetic team from AMScott in Mansfield has raised nearly £3,000 for charity after completing the



gruelling Trans Peak Challenge in Derbyshire in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

Kevin Jones, Liza Broomfield, Simon Came, Ian Malkin, Gary Wilson and Emily Fenton started the challenge with an early morning 9km run from Langsett Barn Reservoir at 6.22am and ended the day with a race over

the horse trials course and water hazards in the grounds of Chatsworth House at 3.37pm.

In between were three biking stages, including an 11km ride along the banks of the Ladybower reservoir, more running and two orienteering stages on the Longshaw Estate and from Curbar Gap to Baslow.

The team, aided by driver Mike Mounfield, raised at least £2,800 in sponsorship, by selling cakes and raffle tickets and through generous donations from AMScott's supply chain.

The event raised over £20,000 for the British Heart Foundation.

All involved would like to thank everyone who took part, supported them on the day and sponsored the team.



Anyone who would still like to make a contribution can do so at www.justgiving.com/amscott

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Dual anti-dust system protects sensor during lens exchange

£225 ono plus postage if required.

Contact [Paul Conie](#), Basingstoke

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For Sale:

Electric guitar



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Epiphone Les Paul Standard electric guitar. Epiphone is licensed by Gibson to build more affordable versions of the top spec Les Paul guitar.

The guitar has a great rock/blues sound and a very nice "sunburst" finish which looks stunning. It is very well made, with a mahogany body and neck (22 frets) and rosewood fretboard.

I'm selling the guitar for **£130** with a 10watt practise amp, gig bag, strap and lead (essentially, everything you'll need to start playing and make a noise). I'll even show you a couple of chords if you need help to get started!

This guitar has been well looked after and is in mint condition. The current equivalent Epiphone retails at around £300, so this is a bit of a bargain.

If you are interested please contact [Joe Franklin](#) in Basingstoke on 01256 310 372.

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For Sale:

Microsoft Office Standard 2007 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook)

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As this is an academic license it is apparently for use at home by students (or parents of students). However it is a fully licensed and fully functional piece of Microsoft Office software.

£120 (RRP £349.99)

Please contact [Graham Hood](#), Basingstoke

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For Sale:

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Sold complete with over 12 months MOT and 9 months tax. Lots of kit as standard including Air conditioning (working perfectly), 3x3 point rear seat belts, trip computer, ABS, Factory fitted alarm/immobiliser (thatcham category 1), Remote central locking, Driver & passenger airbags, Alloy wheels with good tyres, Audio remote control with CD/radio stereo, Power steering with adjustable steering column/wheel, Electric sunroof and windows, Half leather fully adjustable sports seats with head restraints and lumbar support, Folding rear seats with head restraints, Front fog/driving spot lights, Electrically adjustable wing mirrors.

Service history (recent last service 4k miles ago), service book, all manuals and spare key. Good performance and economy - average 45mpg.

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£1895 o.n.o

Contact [Mike Padfield](#), Norwich

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Articles must be no longer than 300 words and all pictures should be in JPEG or similar format (not embedded in a document). The contact, e-mail, and job title of the contributor should be submitted with each article.

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