



# PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CHAIN NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!



I am a few months into my role at AmcoGiffen, and the team and I have really enjoyed meeting and interacting with you at several events during the summer, such as Rail Live and the Supply Chain Sustainability School summit.

A special thanks to our supply chain partners who attended the engagement event for the Eastern region in York. It was a fantastic day, and some very valuable outputs were taken from the workshops.

It is our intention to follow up this event with further sessions in other regions. We are passionate about long-term, meaningful engagement with our supply chain partners and working together to maximise resources and tackle the key issues facing our sector, such as Climate Change, Social Value, and Diversity and Inclusion.

We will issue this newsletter on a quarterly basis with the primary aim of communicating with you about key topics and initiatives from within AmcoGiffen and the industry. With this being our first edition, we would welcome some constructive feedback on other items you would like to include.

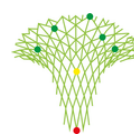
We look forward to hearing from you in the coming weeks!

*Ben McCuskey*

Procurement and Supply Chain Director

# WE'RE OUT AND ABOUT

We will be exhibiting at the RIN York event in November, if you are planning to attend, please do pop along to our table and say hello! Ahead of CP7, we're particularly interested in speaking to SMEs that can support AmcoGiffen with the delivery of our extensive programme of works over the next few years.



RAIL  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
NETWORKING



## CIPS ACCREDITATION

We are delighted to announce that as a team, the Procurement and Supply Chain department has attained its CIPS Ethical trademark. The entire team has conducted the CIPS Ethics test, keeping us all abreast with the latest risks and legislation in modern slavery, biodiversity and ABAC. This accreditation underlines our commitment to working with our supply chain in a transparent and equitable way.



## INNOVATION AND AMCOGIFFEN

People and innovation are at the core of our business at AmcoGiffen, our continuous improvement ethos means that we're always looking at projects with a lens of enhancement, particularly when it comes to projects which require the use of time-consuming, cumbersome equipment for our teams.

For example, when working in tunnels we are often required to clean thick layers of soot that clings to the linings for almost 50 years after commercial steam traction has ended, this is difficult work in difficult-to-access locations.

We worked closely with supplier, Foulstone Forge to design and build a bespoke tunnel cleaning attachment for road and rail vehicles, as a welcome alternative to the traditional methods of jet washing. The new attachment has won a National Rail Award for innovation.

However, while the equipment was revolutionary at the time, we continued to work on improvements. Subsequently creating a second version that had a bespoke attachment for a specific project we were working on. Feedback from our team was that this would work well when combined with the original tunnel cleaning machine which we had developed. So that's what we did!

# MEET THE TEAM!

Based in our head office in Barnsley, our growing team is currently made up of multiple members, split geographically between North and South England, Scotland and Wales. This set-up allows us to successfully build collaborative relationships with suppliers operating in different regions. As part of the procurement process, we work closely with our site agents and suppliers to ensure our clients' needs are consistently and efficiently fulfilled.



## Brandon Winter

Assistant Buyer

At AmcoGiffen since 2021

My dream holiday destination: Monaco Grand Prix

My favourite food and drink: Nando's and Mango Monster Energy Drink

I like to spend my spare time with my girlfriend and our 1-year-old maltipoo Arlo. I am a big F1 fan closely followed by Star Wars and Marvel. I play football 3 times a week.

## Lauren Appleyard

Assistant Buyer

At AmcoGiffen since 2019

My dream holiday destination: Route 66

My favourite food and drink: Salt and Pepper Chinese box, I'm also partial to a fruity cider

I like to spend time with family and my 3-year-old niece. When I am not spending time with them, I like a good true crime documentary or snuggling up with a book. I am a massive Harry Potter fan and have been to the Harry Potter studio tour in London.