



# social value case study

## our communities

### Saving St Bertram's Bridge

In October 2023 AmcoGiffen met with National Trust who approached us about a failed rope bridge that was damaged during storm Babet.

The land and monument are owned and managed by the National Trust which approached AmcoGiffen for help and advice about how to retrieve the damaged rope bridge to protect St Bertram's Bridge, the scheduled monument, further downstream.



### What does it mean?

Fallen trees and other debris had accumulated under and against the scheduled monument causing irreparable damage but it was still attached to footings and anchors at one end. This left the bridge blocking most of the river and catching everything that was washed downstream. The rope bridge had footings ripped across a 15-20 metre wide river which had risen approximately 3 metres.



The site team were on site from dusk till dawn for three full days and despite the horrendous weather conditions, they were able to complete the work safely and on time. The additional rainwater between the last planning visit and starting the work had increased the quantity of debris. The job was not straightforward with hidden debris not visible during the planning stage. This meant work had to stop until the team agreed on the best way forward and ensured all the necessary risks were assessed.

