

Welcome to our HAUC(UK) Newsletter

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A letter from the HAUC(UK) Co-Chairs.

Introducing Members from the Industry.....



Jack Darby
Head of
Streetworks
Policy and
Regulation



I began my Civil Service career supporting the Infected Blood Inquiry before moving into policy roles at Defra, where I worked on primary legislation. I later led stakeholder engagement and communications for the National Minimum Wage, helping to shape policy and improve compliance. Most recently, I contributed to the development of the Government's Animal Welfare Strategy.

In late June 2025, I took up the role of Head of Street works Policy and Regulation at the Department for Transport. I now lead on a range of regulatory and policy priorities, working closely with industry and local authorities to support effective delivery and innovation across the street works sector.

I'm excited to be part of the street works community and look forward to working closely with HAUC to support collaboration, share best practice, and help drive forward improvements across the sector.

Donna Cooper
Streetworks
Manager
Balfour Beatty
Living Places
Southampton
City Council
Partnership
SEJAG chair
SEHAUC co-chair



I currently hold the position of Streetworks Manager for Balfour Beatty Southampton City Council Partnership, previously I held the position of Network Manager at Colas Portsmouth City Council PFI from 2015 to 2022, prior to that was Streetworks Manager for Scottish and Southern Electric.

My highways journey started with seeing an advert in the newspaper. I have been working in the highways industry since 2005 my career started in National Highways, but back then it was known as "The Highways Agency" advertising for staff in the local newspaper. I was part of the first intake and commissioning/go-live of the South Mimms eastern regional control centre. Working predominantly with ex-police staff their mentoring and influence was invaluable not just for the job in question but for a life in highways industry. I remained on the motorways / highspeed network until 2012 working various roles across Area 5 and Area 3 maintenance contractors (Mouchel Parkman, Mouchel, Connect-Plus and Enterprise-Mouchel) until taking the plunge in 2012 and joining the world of Street Works at Scottish and Southern Electric

Rich Mudd
Coordination,
Licensing and
Compliance
Manager
City of Doncaster
Council
YJAG Chair
YHAUC Co-Chair



Rich has over 30 years in the Utility and Highway sectors. He began his career with the Regional Water Authority as an apprentice, training in Water Treatment, Sewerage Treatment, and Water Distribution over three years, before moving into the Repair and Maintenance section of the Distribution Network. Rich spent 13 years delivering Street Works activities at various operational levels for the Regional Water Authority or its service partners. The last 18 years have been at the City of Doncaster Council (CDC), where he's held roles across Highway Infrastructure disciplines including Drainage, Street Lighting, and Network Management, with most of his time in the Street Works department. Rich currently oversees Coordination, Licencing and Compliance within CDC's Highway Network Management. He is passionate about industry success and, with experience in both utility operations and highway network management, values a collaborative and progressive approach to meeting sector responsibilities.

Street works News:

News

- **NISTA launches 10-year infrastructure pipeline portal.** On 17th July 2025 the National Infrastructure and Service Transformation Authority (NISTA) published its first interactive 10-year Infrastructure Pipeline digital portal.
- **The JAG(UK) News Grab:** please email manager@jaguk.org for the latest edition
- **Transport for London (TfL)** approves 50% RAP for top layer of roads
- **The Department for Transport's** Street Manager governance group has released an updated Roadmap for Street Manager

For updates, news and information

Please follow us on LinkedIn:

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/hauc-uk/>

Introducing you to Fred HAUC on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61579195526817>

*Please note that the visuals we use for social media aren't intended to be real-life representations

DfT releases

- [DfT Street Manager Update - New Road Map](#)
- [DfT update - Directional traffic signs](#)
- [DfT Guidance How to reinstate a road after doing street works](#)
- [DfT issues warning about scam text messages asking people to pay fines.](#)
- [The Transport Select Committee: Managing the impact of street works](#)
- [DfT News Story - New Permanent Secretary at Department for Transport](#)

Consultations

- [Geospatial: Government Digital Service launch a public consultation on the first tranche of regulations for the National Underground Asset Register \(NUAR\)](#) Closing date 15th October 2025
- There are a Number of lane rentals in consultation. Please see our website for more details: <https://www.hauc-uk.org.uk/resources/lane-rental-scheme>

Vacancy Hub

- If you have a street works related job vacancy (Utility, contractor or Highways Authority) and would like us to host the link on the new Vacancy Hub on the HAUC(UK) website, then please send your job role to contact@hauc-uk.org.uk
- You can also access from the [HAUC App](#)

The HAUC(UK) APP: the latest safety information in your pocket



The HAUC App is now available to download from the App Store on Apple. It's still available on Android of course. To download to your device visit the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#).

- **New Feature Alert! Real-Time Weather Warnings are Now Live in the HAUC App.** You need to register and must be logged in to receive the notifications.
- **A Guide to getting started with the HAUC App** – How to Download and Make the Most of Its Features [HAUC App Guide](#) | [HAUC\(UK\)](#)
- **The Red Book is the most visited page on the HAUC app.**

You can also view

- News articles
- Scan my area
- Out of Hours Contacts
- Report Road Worker Abuse
- Activity Guidance
- SROH
- Events

HAUC (UK) Communications Survey

In 2023 we started our journey on improving the communications for HAUC (UK) by taking on a Communications Manager. This year we have also taken on a full time Community Support Assistant to ensure we can maintain our website, the HAUC app, our linked in page and now our facebook page, to ensure the sustainability of our Communications. Our survey in 2023 gave us a baseline to work towards and we are pleased to say we have achieved 59% of those items received and requested at the time. We are looking to further understand of how HAUC (UK) can improve our current communications output. This new survey will help sculpt our future communications, their method of delivery and ensure we are developing and providing the updates you need.

Follow this link to complete the 2025 survey. [HAUC \(UK\) Communications Survey 2025](#) The closing date is 31st October 2025.

Thank you.

Interesting articles:

1) Road Worker Abuse Add Assault of a Roadworker to the Crime and Policing Bill - Petitions. You can also report Road Worker Abuse on our HAUC(UK) App: [Report Road Worker Abuse - HAUC](#)

2) HAUC is 40 years old in

2026! To mark this momentous occasion, we would like your help to create a unique calendar to raise money for a charity that offers mental, physical and financial help for construction workers across the whole of the UK: The [Lighthouse Charity](#).



The theme of the calendar is '**Streetworks around the world**'. Submit your photographs to us by email contact@hauc-uk.org.uk by 15th September 2025

We're looking for volunteer judges to help review entries for our Calendar Competition. If you haven't submitted an entry but would still like to get involved, this is a fantastic opportunity to support the industry and share your expertise.

3) News from The NUAR Team

The NUAR team has been 'out and about' in the last month, spending time at the successful SEHAUC event, presenting to ISPA members, visiting Anglian Water, hosting a lunch and learn with South East Water and updating HAUC (England).



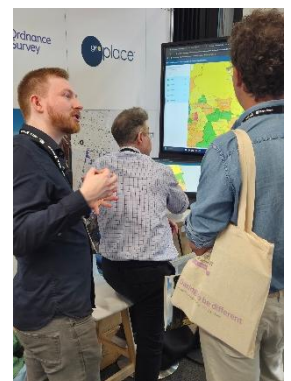
We were also delighted to have the chance to present to nearly 50 members of Street Works UK, providing a general update and a preview of the NUAR Roadmap. James Darvill and Marisa Hayes were joined by Dr David Hodkin, Policy Lead for NUAR at DSIT and covered hot topics such as legislation and charging.

SWUK and JAG are both key representatives on the NUAR Stakeholder Advisory Group led by GDS, and a wide breadth of organisations

are also part of the NUAR User Group which had its inaugural meeting in July. Topics included the development of notifications and some of the key messages around the use of NUAR.

The following organisations have been published on NUAR in the last couple of months:

Seabank Power Limited, Reading Borough Council, South Hams District Council, West Devon Borough Council, Fusion Fibre, Dover District Council, Medway Council, Oikos Storage, Leicestershire County Council, Vattenfall Networks Limited, Gloucester City Council, North Devon Council, Coventry City Council, Derbyshire County Council, West Northamptonshire Council, Cadw, Suffolk County Council, Cambridge University, Hyndburn Borough Council, Rother District Council, Indigo Networks, Rochford District Council, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council, Cheshire East Council (Unitary), Wessex Internet, Essex County Council, Gloucestershire County Council



Faces of Streetworks – Video

The street works sector, like many industries, continues to face challenges in recruitment, staff retention, and developing the skills needed to meet future demand—both on-site and across front- and back-office roles.

To help address this, HAUC (UK) and Street Works UK have, over the past eight months, developed a new video campaign that showcases the people behind the street works industry. The campaign brings to life real-world career stories from across the sector, highlighting the breadth of opportunities and the essential role that street works professionals play.

Funded through TfL Lane Rental funding, the campaign includes five case studies featuring representatives from highway authorities, contractors, and utilities. A five-minute film has been produced, supported by five short 30-second clips designed for social media, to maximise reach and engagement.

The campaign is now in its final stages of production and will be formally launched in September.



Events for your Diary

View more on the website:
and on the HAUC App:

<https://www.hauc-uk.org.uk/news-events/hauc-news>
<https://app.hauc-uk.org.uk/>

➤ [Highways UK](#)



Wednesday 15th – Thursday 16th October 2025

Hall 5, NEC, Birmingham

Registration is now open: [Get your ticket here](#)

➤ [Street Works UK Awards 2025](#)



Thursday 16th October 2025

This awards ceremony will take place in the House of Commons on the evening of Thursday 16th October. The Awards ceremony will also include a keynote speech from Ruth Cadbury, Chair of the Transport Committee and MP for Brentford and Isleworth.. [Get your ticket here](#)

➤ [Street Works UK Convention](#)



Wednesday 12th November 2025

at the Birmingham Hilton Metropole. This year's theme, "Connecting Communities – Building Better Streets Together",

Registration is now open: [Get your ticket here](#)

➤ [HAUC \(UK\) Convention 2026](#)



The HAUC(UK) Convention 2026 will take place at Emirates Old Trafford in Manchester on **Thursday 23rd April 2026**.

The theme is 'Enabling Future Foundations'.

More details to follow

SEHAUC 2025

The 2025 SEHAUC Convention took place on April 26th at Epsom Racecourse, welcoming 250 attendees and 28 exhibitors. The event focused on *Innovation & Communication*, bringing together industry leaders, local authorities, and creative thinkers to explore how technology and storytelling are reshaping the utilities and highways sector.

The day began with an inspiring keynote from Blind Ambition, whose message of overcoming adversity set the tone for bold ideas and fresh perspectives. SRL and BUKO Digital Traffic Management showcased smart traffic solutions, sparking discussions on connected highways and digital communication.

1Spatial demonstrated how geospatial data can improve planning and collaboration, while West Sussex County Council shared innovative approaches to public engagement and transparency. A quirky talk on toilet paper design aboard Eurostar reminded attendees that innovation can be found in everyday experiences.

Sunbelt Rentals, the event's sponsor, highlighted their community outreach work, from charity support to youth training initiatives.

The event also marked Alison Hews' final convention as organiser and SEHAUC Treasurer—her contributions have been invaluable and she will be greatly missed.

SEHAUC plans to return in 2027, with the possibility of an event in 2026 if time allows.



The HAUC Vision

Our Vision, is built on five key pillars:

- Environmental Sustainability
- Community
- Infrastructure
- Technology, Innovation, Data & Decision Making
- Consistency and Collaboration

Aiming to drive the sector towards a more efficient greener and digitally connected future.

[Follow this link to read more on the HAUC Vision 2030](#)



Updates from our 5 Vision Pillars

Pillar 1 Environment

Driving Industry Change: Progress on the Road to Net Zero

The *Road to Net Zero (RTNZ)* project is a collaborative initiative led through HAUC(UK), designed to support the street and road works sectors in reducing their environmental impact and contributing to the UK's legally binding commitment to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

RTNZ brings together representatives from across the industry to identify and promote practical steps that can be taken to lower carbon emissions, from changes in operational practice and materials, to the adoption of digital tools and new technologies.

Why is this important?

Street works and road works are vital to maintaining and developing the nation's infrastructure. However, every activity on the network has a carbon footprint. With thousands of works happening daily, the sector has a key role to

play in driving down emissions. RTNZ aims to help organisations of all sizes take action, informed by data, evidence and shared expertise.

Tools to support the journey

A major development from the RTNZ programme is the **Carbon Emissions Evaluator (CEE)**—a free, easy-to-use online tool that enables works promoters and contractors to assess the carbon impact of their schemes. It helps users make informed decisions at both planning and delivery stages and is a valuable asset for organisations looking to reduce emissions, improve sustainability reporting, or meet local and national environmental targets.

Building on this foundation, the RTNZ team is now developing a powerful **optioneering tool called 'Impact360'**. This will allow users to explore and compare the carbon impact of different street works strategies, whether that means choosing different materials, techniques, or timings, enabling better decisions to be made from the earliest stages of scheme design. A beta version of *Impact360* is planned for release in autumn 2025.

These tools are developed with the sector, for the sector, supporting practical, scalable action to reduce carbon across the entire lifecycle of works.

For more information and to access the tools, visit the RTNZ website:

👉 www.roadtonetzero.org.uk

Pillar 2 Community

Accessibility:

We are currently in discussions with several traffic management providers and anticipate trialing one or two innovative solutions in the coming weeks. In the meantime, we continue to roll out Magic Fall, training operatives in small groups. I'm also engaging with a couple of utility companies to deliver similar sessions for their staff and contractors.

Road Worker Abuse:

We are establishing a local working group within Thurrock to explore practical approaches to addressing road worker abuse. Additionally, we're promoting the use of the HAUC app to ensure incidents are properly recorded and highlighted.

Training & Outreach:

We're reviewing the best ways to engage with schools and other educational institutions to raise awareness of street works as a skilled and rewarding career path.

Meetings are taking place for Pillars 3, 4 & 5 and we will provide update next edition.

Finally, just for fun:

The HAUC Anagram Quiz

Unscramble the letters to reveal the correct word or phrase. Answers will be on the website.

- 1) CUHA
- 2) SIVION
- 3) MMUITYCON
- 4) CRATRSUINUFET
- 5) CHGOTELOYN
- 6) BALAITOLRCOON
- 7) PRSOGKIWRUNOG
- 8) CICATIMMOSUNON
- 9) NVTCOINENO
- 10) COODITIARNON
- 11) SROYRIDSIAWKVENOR
- 12) CIPSTSIENON
- 13) ANLEALTRNE
- 14) CEMRANEPORF
- 15) TEMANNISRETE
- 16) FTASEY
- 17) LITTYUI
- 18) SHGHAIYW
- 19) STMIPER
- 20) GINIRANT
- 21) CATDITARIONCE
- 22) ETZREON
- 23) VIITONNANO

Are they Serious?



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