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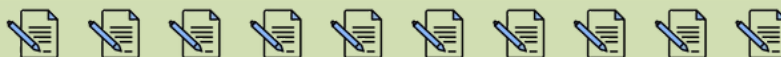
- [New Rules ahead for Streetworks Penalties from Jan 2026 \(England\)](#)
- [NRSWA Update: New Duties for Recording and Sharing Apparatus Information](#)
- [Electric vehicle charging infrastructure statistics](#)
- [Government Powers Up Aviation Innovation with £4 Million Investment](#)
- [Simon Lightwood Takes Over as UK Roads Minister](#)
- [DfT Announces £104 Million Boost Through Local Transport Grant](#)
- [The Highway Code – Updated traffic signs](#)

Industry News



- [New changes to environmental permitting system](#)
- [Oxfordshire County Council Lane Rental Scheme Approved](#)
- [County Durham Launches Lane Rental Scheme](#)
- [Government simplifying the charging of electric vehicles at home](#)
- [Essex County Council Trials Graphene-Reinforced Road Surface](#)
- [Street Works UK FAQ on Material Classification Protocol](#)
- [National Highways Launch their Winter TRIP Campaign](#)

Consultations and Surveys



- [NUAR Onboarding Satisfaction Survey](#)
if you have a consultation you would like us to share please email us at contact@hauc-uk.org.uk

Events for your diary



- 2nd December 2026 [The 2025 Utility Week Awards: Celebrating Innovation and Excellence](#)
- 23rd April 2026 [HAUC \(UK\) Convention 2026](#)

NUAR News

More on-demand training and guidance now live on the NUAR platform: In the 'help and guidance' page on the platform, you will now find a NUAR Platform Demo video to help you get started. Content has also been added to the tutorials and guides on this page. Click on the "User Administration" link to see a short video on how to invite a new user.

NUAR user webinars: The NUAR Adoption team run regular webinars to help new users get started on NUAR and Administrators to master the platform. Contact adoption@nuar.uk if you are interested in attending these.

NUAR Platform Improvements:

The newest updates included:

- PDF Validity Guidance: Building on last month's improvements, users will now see clear guidance on the validity period of PDFs.
- Bug fixes: A number of minor issues have been resolved.

The upcoming release is planned to introduce:

- Live Service Notifications: NUAR portal users will start seeing banner alerts for live service updates.

Improved PDF Map Visibility: Gas symbols and images in PDF maps will be reduced in size to enhance asset visibility and readability.

HAUC is 40 2026 Calendar NOW AVAILABLE

Cover Picture: Jonathan Bates, Japan

To celebrate turning 40 in 2026, we asked you to send in your photo's to create a stunning calendar: "Streetworks Around the World".

All proceeds go to the The Lighthouse Charity, a charity dedicated to supporting the emotional, physical, and financial wellbeing of construction workers and their families.

Get your copy by donating a minimum of £10 here: [Click here to get your Calendar](#)

Congratulations to all the winners



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1800 939 122 (ROI)

Website:
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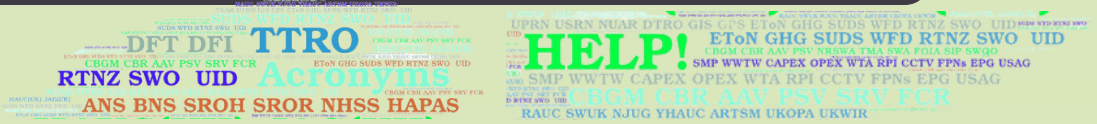


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What's new on the HAUC(UK) website?

The Glossary



Have you explored the new HAUC(UK) Glossary yet? <https://www.hauc-uk.org.uk/faqs/glossary>

Whether you're new to street works or a seasoned pro, our glossary is a handy resource to help you navigate industry terms with confidence.
From acronyms to technical jargon - it's all there, clear and accessible. Perfect for quick reference or deep dives!

Are we missing any? if so we would love to hear what you have, please email us contact@HAUC-UK.org.uk or comment below and we will add them.

The Innovation Hub



Are you Missing the HAUC(UK) Innovation Hub?
Don't worry!! We are busy working on something exciting behind the scenes!
Our brand-new Innovation Hub launches soon and we want your ideas!

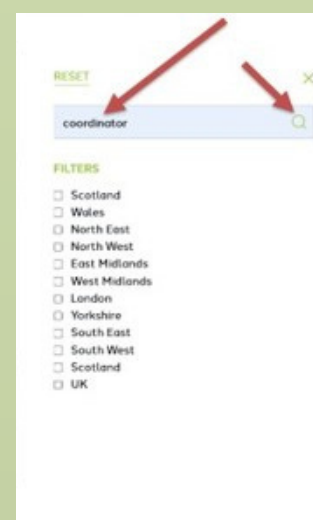
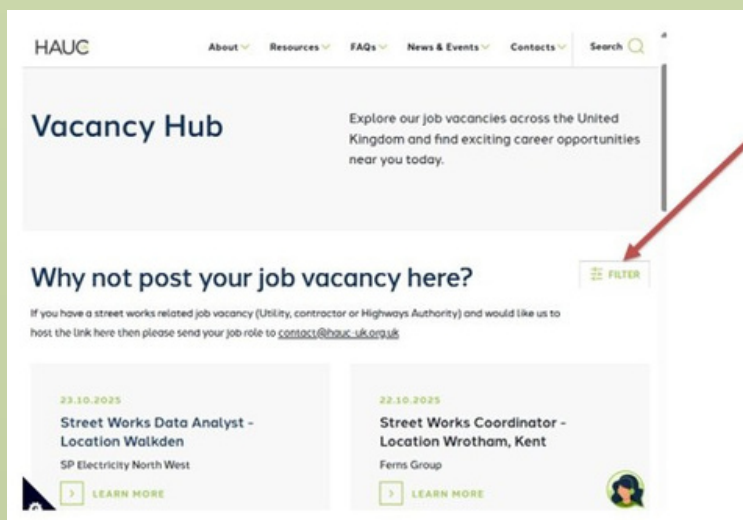
Do YOU have an innovation that's improving street and road works, or anything else exciting happening within the industry?
Please send it our way and be part of the future of infrastructure - contact@hauc-uk.org.uk

The Vacancy Hub



[Vacancy Hub](#) | [HAUC\(UK\)](#). New Filter Feature Alert!

You can now search by role, location, or keyword - just type in what you're looking for and click the eyeglass icon to explore relevant vacancies in seconds.
Whether you're job hunting or just curious about what's out there, it's never been simpler to stay in the loop





[Click this link to view our HAUC\(UK\) Vision 2030](#)

Meet Our Vision Pillar Chairs

Peter Hoban, Chair of Pillar 1, Environment

With 30 years in the highways industry Peter has designed and patented a number of products for the highways. All have environmental benefits which gives him a good overall view to help his pillar achieve its goals by 2030.

His vision is clear: reduce the environmental impact of street and road works by promoting safer, greener alternatives that benefit contractors, clients, and the public alike.



Alex Akitici, Chair of Pillar 2, Community

Has worked within Streetworks now for the past 22 years.

She originally started working within this area at NTL moving over to her current role 20 years ago. She enjoys the fast paced and varied nature of the role. She is also passionate around affecting positive change in improving conditions around Streetworks for all.

Darren Edwards, Chair of Pillar 3, Infrastructure

Has over 14 years' experience in Street Works, driven by the challenges of managing activity on the public highway. Starting his career in the Gas sector in the West Midlands, he has served as Streetworks Performance Manager for a multi-utility statutory undertaker since April 2023. Previously, Darren spent a decade with the Ministry of Defence, specializing in armoured vehicle weapon systems and procurement. A passionate American football coach and former player, he is also an avid Formula 1 fan and enjoys golf.



Chris Powell, Chair of Pillar 4, Technology, Data & Decision Making

Chris is a Street Works Specialist at CityFibre.

He brings 8 years experience across roles including coordinator, inspector, advisor, and specialist for both Highway Authorities and Statutory Undertakers. He actively contributes to industry development through groups such as the Permit Conditions Training Working Group, HV30, and SLG Training Working Group.

Sophie Cornell, Chair of Pillar 5, Collaboration and Consistency

Sophie has been involved in Street Works for 23 years - she started in electricity and then 15 years with a London Borough, before moving back to the undertaker side of things. She started off raising permits when 3 day notice periods didn't exist yet so has seen a few changes over the years!

She is really passionate about education within our sector, and is excited to be part of the HAUC Vision 2030 working groups so that she can contribute to the community that she enjoys so much.



The HAUC Vision 2030 - Updates from our Vision Pillars

Pillar 1 Environment.

The group aims to minimise the environmental impact of works under three themes:

Data

Make ecological data accessible for planners and contractors to consider impacts early. We'll work with industry to share resources.

Green Innovation for Works

Promoters should cut carbon from materials, methods, and equipment. Explore initiatives like LiveLabs2 and Road to Net Zero, and share successful practices.

Biodiversity & Pollution Reduction

Driving the industry toward nature-positive practices by addressing noise, light, and air pollution impacts and exploring opportunities to improve the environment post-works.

Pillar 2 Community

The group is trialling an initiative to improve accessibility in street and road works. After initial enhancements, a live site re-trial is set for 18 November 2025. They'll also join a Highways roundtable on 2 December to tackle road worker abuse.

Key discussion points include:

Strategies to prevent violence and harassment

Best practice during confrontations

Strengthening legal protections

Building public awareness and respect

Further updates will follow after both events.

Pillar 3 Infrastructure

The group are working on Developing:

Data-sharing agreements to streamline planning and reduce unnecessary groundworks

A UK EV infrastructure strategy with utility and highway authorities.

Standardised policies for shared infrastructure use

Strengthened collaboration between telecom, energy, and water sectors

Expand the use of climate-resilient materials in major street and road works projects

Integrating remote monitoring into standard industry practice.

Promoting investment in AI and digital tools for project planning and execution.

Pillar 4 Technology, Data and Decision Making (TIDD)

The group are arranging:

A call with 1Streetworks on their TM designing system

A call to view the REMOS system

A Pillar meeting in January to discuss the next steps for TIDD

A possible visit to City Fibre's training facility in Milton Keynes and a live demo (other pillar members will also be invited to attend not just TIDD)

Pillar 5 Collaboration & Consistency

The focus of Pillar 5 is that of consistency and collaboration.

The Group have had discussions on what the future of the industry should look like and what they can do to support transparency and uniformity.

They believe that communication is a key part of this.

The Group would love to have new members from both utility and HA backgrounds who feel they can contribute to this area.

If you would like to find out more on how to join any of our Pillars please email:

contact@HAUC-uk.org.uk

Charity Corner

Chris Powell is taking the plunge into seriously cold water under 10°C! as many times as he can before March 31st, at Court Farm Lakes in Lydney. He is doing this to raise money for Mind. Mental health challenges are incredibly tough to face, and Mind is a fantastic charity that ensures no one has to face them alone. They offer vital support, run crucial campaigns, and provide life-changing services across England and Wales.

For Chris this fundraising challenge is a chance to show support by facing my own discomfort. Swimming in icy water is a clear, immediate challenge, one that requires courage, resilience, and a willingness to step outside my comfort zone. This mirrors the daily courage it takes for so many people to manage their mental health.

You can visit Chris's Just Giving page here: [Christopher Powell is fundraising for Mind](#)



In September 2025 Ben George swam 10km down the River Dart. That's 400 lengths of a standard swimming pool! Raising money so children with disabilities can enjoy the water as much as he does. Level Water use the power of swimming to improve lives for children with disabilities. Everyone should have the opportunity to learn to swim and fall in love with the water.



The Dart10k is the first, & arguably the finest, Marathon-distance outdoor swim in the UK. This wild swim captures the essence and ethos of the wild swimming community, combining a big-swim challenge with a journey and atmosphere like no other.

You can visit Ben's Just Giving page here: [Ben George is fundraising for Level Water](#)

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UK Road Sign Quiz

Q1: What does a circular red sign with a white horizontal bar mean?

- a) No entry
- b) Stop
- c) No overtaking



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Q2: What does a blue circular sign with a white arrow pointing left indicate?

- a) No left turn
- b) Turn left ahead
- c) Keep left



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Q3: What does a triangular sign with a slipping car mean?

- A) Slippery road
- B) Uneven road
- C) Road narrows



Q4: What does a circular sign with a red border and a number mean?

- a) Speed limit
- b) Weight limit
- c) Height limit



Q5: A triangular sign with a train symbol warns of:

- a) Level crossing
- b) Railway station ahead
- c) Tramway



Answers

1. A) No Entry
2. B) Turn left ahead (mandatory)
3. A) Slippery road
4. B) Maximum speed limit
5. a) Level crossing