

Region Newsletter

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Introduction and Welcome



Welcome to our latest edition of the CIHT North East & Cumbria newsletter. It's been a busy year so far, with a number of activities and technical seminars having already taken place, including our regional Presentations Awards. Read about this and more to come in this issue.

The Region maintained its strong links with higher education in the area, supporting a number of membership and careers events early in the year, at Northumbria University and at Newcastle University, where the ACCESS and TORG careers events showcased how CIHT membership can support students as they consider their graduate career choices and professional routes. We were also proud to support the International Women's Day event, with a stand at Teesside University in Middlesbrough – an inspiring day of seminars and activities. Read about these events further in this issue.

In February we held our annual Quiz once again at the Tyneside Irish Centre. As ever, it proved one of our most popular events on the social calendar, as teams from across the Region battled it out to emerge as the winners and claim the first prize.

We welcomed the CIHT President Steve Rowsell once again in March, as part of Presentations Awards event. Enjoying the hospitality of Newcastle University, Steve attended one of the spring seminars delivered by TORG, followed by a trip to the Urban Traffic Control centre, which monitors and responds to traffic conditions through Tyne & Wear. Following this, he joined our judging panel at the Awards; five excellent presentations made it a difficult task to choose the overall winner. Read on further in this issue to find who did.

As a Region we have a big geography to cover. So it's very satisfying to see our local groups in both Teesside and Cumbria engaging with our members here. Along with delivering road safety events there, both very well attended, we also held our first full committee meeting in Teesside, courtesy of Atkins in Stockton. In the coming months, we'll also hold events and our first committee meeting in Cumbria. We want members in all areas of our region to be involved. Please do get in touch with us with ideas for events, seminars and site visits where you're based.

Supporting members as they work towards professional accreditation is one of our key objectives. In April we invited Sue Stevens, CIHT's Director of Skills and Education, to our workshop to talk about the different qualifications and routes on offer. Candidates gained valuable advice from mentors, including insights into their experiences. A very successful event which we hope to repeat again in the future.

We have much to look forward to over the months ahead. Our new events programme will engage members even further, with technical seminars, site visits, educational and social events. With our Young Professionals Group, we're also looking forward to closer working with our sister organisations such as TPS and RTPI, to plan events that give members a truly broad overview of our industry.

Finally, I must mention our 2017 Awards, launched at the AGM in May, to be presented at our annual Dinner in October. We have four awards this year, including our new Apprentice of the Year award – please get involved and submit your entries early. Details are on our website.

Anthony Robinson

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Committee Update – Get Involved!

Every year at our Annual General Meeting, our committee for the previous year is dissolved, and nominations invited for members to stand for the following twelve months. We also seek to endorse those proposed to take over as Chair and Vice Chair.

So who can join the North East & Cumbria committee? The simple answer is any member who's enthusiastic, has ideas and wants to get involved. We are always on the lookout for new members to keep the committee fresh, focussed and relevant to the membership.

In particular, we would welcome applicants from young professionals who are either starting out in their career or recently become qualified. Involvement in the committee counts towards your Continuing Professional Development and can lead, in the longer term, to participating in national CIHT activities. Please email us if you are interested.

Regionally, we're developing a committee structure that allows members to specify the area of interest in which they want to get involved, in exchange for signing a voluntary agreement to commit to at least a minimum level of participation.

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Your CIHT: News and Upcoming Events

Engage with your Local Mentors

The CIHT North East and Cumbria region offers a Mentor service to help candidates prepare for their **Professional Reviews**. Support is available across each of the following qualification routes:

- Transport Planning Professional (TPP);
- Chartered Engineer (CEng);
- Incorporated Engineer (IEng); or
- Engineering Technician (EngTech).

As well as one-to-one sessions between mentors and candidates, we hold also hold qualifications workshops where candidates, at any stage, can come along to find out more about CIHT qualifications, meet prospective mentors, or review their progress. Details of workshops are announced via our regional mailshots, and on our website.

We also have a mentor matching service, for those candidates seeking mentors to help with progress their portfolios, or preparing for professional review. If you require a mentor, or would like to mentor others, and have completed the CIHT mentor training course, please register at www.CIHT.MentorMatch.Me

If you would like to undertake mentor training, please email us northeastandcumbria@ciht.org.uk for dates of our next training sessions.

A review of Local Mentoring



Jonathan Barlow,
Website and Communications
Officer, CIHT (NE&C Branch)

"Having recently moved from the south of England and with no local TPP accredited individuals within my Company, I needed way to continually pursue and ensure the portfolio I've created would not be wasted.

After logging on, I could search for a mentor who had a similar background and was based locally.

Because of this service, the help of my Mentor and through continued perseverance I'm aiming to achieve TPP accreditation by the end of 2017."

Institution Joint Calendar Available

Along with our usual promotion channels, such as mailshots, LinkedIn and the CIHT website, did you know there is also another way to learn about events and activities organised by ourselves and sister institutions?

The Construction Industry Council (CiC) North East area serves both CIHT and other institutions in promoting their seminar and activity programmes throughout the year. Through their website, members from all institutions can view, book and attend each others events. It allows greater access to a broad range of events that can add your Continuing Professional Development.

This website also acts as a joint calendar for institutions including our CIHT Region. Events can also be added to your Email calendars by clicking on the appropriate link, ensuring you don't miss another one!

To visit the website please go to www.cicne.co.uk

North East and Cumbria Region Blog Established

Along with our Newsletters, which keep you informed of what's going on regionally, we've also recently launched a North East & Cumbria blog.

Our blog is designed to ensure activity and events ran by the Region can be viewed sooner and provides more up to date information about what's happening across the North East and Cumbria.

The Newsletter will continue to provide comprehensive information on all CIHT activities and events in the Region, including collation of all the blog entries.

[Click here](#) to read the blog and email us with any feedback or suggestions. We'll be updating it with news, views and reviews throughout the year.

Your CIHT: News and Upcoming Events

Council & Boards Update

March 2017 Meeting

Anthony Robinson (Regional Representative to Council)

CIHT Council is made up mainly of elected ordinary members and regional representatives. They act as the decision making body for the CIHT, delivering the strategy, business plans and outputs on behalf of the membership. Council generally meets four times per year.

CIHT welcomed former Paralympian swimmer and multiple gold medal winner Christopher Holmes, to our March meeting. Now a life peer, Lord Holmes recounted his early experiences of not allowing his sight loss to hinder his swimming training and ambitions. As well as being a trained solicitor, Lord Holmes has fought tirelessly for disability and equality rights; as an inspiring speaker he discussed how we can improve inclusivity in our industry, challenging CIHT to lead the way with its developing diversity and inclusion toolkit.

Our CEO, Sue Percy, followed up Lord Holmes' talk with an excellent discussion on unconscious bias, and how it influences our professional and personal lives, to a significant degree. Within working groups, Council discussed how we can recognise when we, or others, are using unconscious bias, and how best to mitigate against it. It's an issue that CIHT takes very seriously, and will further develop through its diversity and inclusion toolkit, and other activities.

Other activities at the meeting, including the endorsement of Certificates of Merit, to individuals having made an outstanding contribution to CIHT, and to the Young Professional Award for 2017. Nominations were also considered for Honorary Fellowships, and for the role of Vice President, for 2017-18.

2017-18 Events Programme

The new 2017-18 session is upon us, and with it a whole host of technical seminars, visits, events and socials to keep our members informed and socially active throughout the year.

In late June, we are visiting the New Wear Crossing once again, to catch up on progress of the bridge and road infrastructure; in August a visit is planned to Silverlink junction, where a 'triple decker' junction will bury the A19 under the current roundabout, with the A1058 coast road at the top.

On the seminars front, we have a talk on human factors in transport planning, scheduled for July; in August we welcome members of CIHT South East to talk about projects in that region and, in September, we will re-run the excellent talk on rebuilding the A591 after devastating storm damage, to members in Cumbria. Socially, we're looking to join up more with our sister institutions, and a late summer barbecue event is planned in September with the local branch of the RTPi.

Looking ahead, we are launching an exciting programme of seminars entitled "A Short Introduction to..." with a broad range of topics to boost your CPD and professional portfolios.

Regional Photography Competition

During May, the Region held its annual photography competition in order to find the image and photographer that best encapsulates the North East and Cumbria.

After receiving several high qualities submissions, a judging panel from members of the Executive reviewed each of the submissions against set criteria, which given the standard of the submissions was surprisingly difficult.

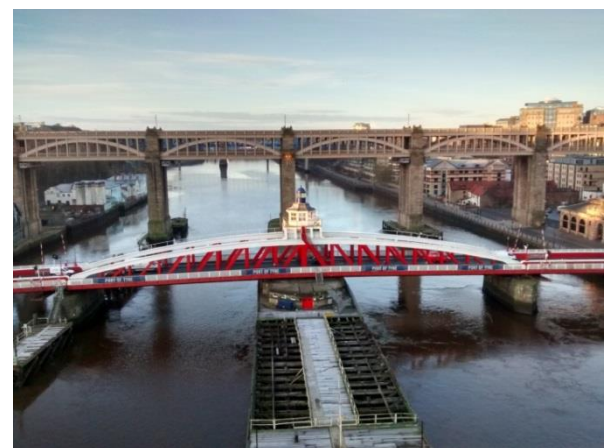
The eventual winner was decided as being Tim Pheby of Sustrans with his photograph of the Swing and Kind Edward VII Bridges. During the AGM he was presented with his prize of a Fenwick Gift Voucher.

Tim's photograph will now go forward to the national final, to be judged at the end of June. We wish him the best of luck!



Chair Anthony Robinson with winner Tim Pheby

Once again we would like to place our thanks on record for all entrants to our competition, and to our judges. It is anticipated the competition will run again, so if you missed out, you've got plenty of time to snap next year's winning photo!



The winning photograph

CIHT Bulletin: Reviews of Recent Events

The North East and Cumbria promotes the industry to the next generation, February 2017

Jonathan Barlow

On the 2nd February, local CIHT volunteers visited our two universities in Newcastle to promote the highways and transportation industry, and CIHT to students.

As part of University led and managed careers events for Civil Engineering undergraduates, the CIHT, partner institutions and prospective employers were available to answer questions and promote their services amongst prospective new members or employees.

Visiting Northumbria University during the afternoon, and the ACCESS event at Newcastle University in the evening, students were given a flavour of the CIHT and how it can support their career development. In addition to holding a raffle to win a free place at an upcoming YPG social event, CIHT volunteers were also able to give students an invaluable and practical insight into working within the highways and transportation sector.

Through the efforts of our volunteers who attended, the Region gained additional student members and promoted the CIHT to the next generation of graduates. We were very impressed with the calibre of students attending, and their professional approach, and hope many will pursue a rewarding career within the industry. We will certainly benefit from their ideas and enthusiasm.

The North East & Cumbria Region is grateful for our continued invitation to these events and ongoing support from our local Universities to help promote highways and transportation in a sector where the skills shortage is only too apparent.

Finally, thanks to those volunteers who took time out of their working day to man our stand and speak to students. We are always looking for enthusiastic members to get involved in events like these, so please email us if you are interested in volunteering at future events.



Roger Elphick and Anthony Robinson answering questions from students at the Newcastle University careers event

Respected University continues to support the CIHT locally

Dr. Neil Thorpe

Newcastle University sees itself as playing an important role in supporting the CIHT in a number of areas. Our Masters programmes have been revamped significantly in recent years to reflect the areas of technical competence required for Chartership and the accreditation of our degrees by the CIHT allows our graduates to pursue accreditation via the standard route.

Each year on average 30 young professionals graduate from our Transport degree programmes and join a wide range of organisations around the world. We encourage all our students to become student members of the CIHT, and many of these continue membership into their professional careers. The University also support a wide range of CIHT activities in the North East and Cumbria region.

We host a number of activities aimed at our young professionals including technical and research seminars and meetings orientated towards non-technical career development. Attending the Annual Dinner in the autumn is always a highlight for our students and many have also entered and become winners of the Regional Presentations competition, of whom a number have gone on to become national champions.

The University has had close and unbroken links with the CIHT since the 1960s with many current and former colleagues taking office and we look forward to continuing this valuable relationship in the decades to come.

CIHT Bulletin: Reviews of Recent Events

Vice Chair goes above and beyond to boost local Membership, February 2017

Jonathan Barlow

Our own Vice Chair was the proud winner of the latest *Member Get Member* national recruitment campaign.

The successful initiative, ran by our headquarters at Britannia Walk in London, invites current Members to recruit new individuals to join the CIHT. As an added incentive, the Member who recruits the most in each Region wins a pair of limited edition CIHT glass tumblers.

Within the North East and Cumbria, competition was tight with several going above and beyond to recruit more students and professionals to the organisation. Following verification of the final numbers however, the prize was awarded to current Vice Chair Darran Kitchener.

Commenting on his achievement Darran said; *"It was a pleasant surprise to hear I had successfully recruited the most members locally to the CIHT. I'm passionate about recruiting and retaining new members – it's important to the long term success of the Region and organisation as a whole. Moving forwards I can state that the tumblers will be put to good use!"*

Volunteers from the North East and Cumbria Region attend career fairs and open evenings throughout the year to promote and give honest advice about the benefits of joining CIHT. These include additional training opportunities, social and networking events and the opportunity to gain professional qualifications, all of which add value to individuals and to their employers.

For more information on events and how to become a Member, please visit the website, www.ciht.org.uk



One of Darran's tumblers, after a hard week's work!

Alumni returns for Annual Seminar Series, February 2017

Jonathan Barlow

Recently, the Region's Website and Commination's Officer, Jonathan Barlow, returned to Newcastle University to present as part of their annual Seminar Series.

Expanding upon a piece of research that he undertook prior to leaving Peterborough Highways Services, Jonathan talked at length about asset management renewal of active travel networks. Focussing on two New Towns in the south, he described what both are doing to maintain the assets, which are in the twilight of their respective design lives.

Reflecting on the Seminar, Jonathan noted, "It was great to give something back to Newcastle University through which I've found and created a pretty good career. It is also my hope that I've given a little bit of practical insight to students into the industry which they intend on joining".

The Newcastle University Seminar Series occurs on a weekly basis during the Autumn and Spring semesters. For a full listing or to volunteer to present feel free to send an email to the School of Civil Engineering and Geosciences using the following email address; dilum.dissanayake@ncl.ac.uk.

Former Student Wins CIHT Award, December 2016

Michael Florance

Former Newcastle University student, Michael Florance, was awarded the CIHT Prize for outstanding work related to highways and transportation throughout his MSc Transport Planning and Engineering course. Michael, who studied part-time alongside working for Capita and AECOM, received his prize following the Congregations ceremony in Newcastle on 8th December 2016. The prize was awarded to Michael for achieving distinctions across his lecture modules, as well as distinction for his MSc dissertation "*Nearside Verge Road Restraint Systems: Are They Safe?*"



Chair Anthony Robinson with winner Michael Florance

CIHT Bulletin: Reviews of Recent Events

NE&C Annual Quiz, February 2017

Anthony Robinson

A wintry evening in February saw eight teams battle it out, as Tyneside Irish Centre hosted one of our most popular events on the social calendar. Along with the usual quiz and picture rounds, a cryptic round based around children's nursery rhymes had most people scratching their heads!

Newcastle City Council emerged as the eventual winners, with their team 'Blue House' narrowly facing off a strong challenge from 'Make Transport Great Again', representing WSP | PB. Other teams taking part included those from Arup, Jacobs, Waterman and Milestone.

Thanks to John Barrell once again for organising the quiz. We're already looking forward to next year's challenge!

NE&C Committee visits the wider Region, April 2017

Phil Freestone

The Spring meeting of the CIHT North East and Cumbria (NE&C) regional committee was held at the Atkins office in Stockton on 6th April 2017.

This marks the NE&C region's first formal committee meeting to be held away from Tyne and Wear since the creation of the new Teesside, Northumbria and Cumbria sub-groups.

The meeting followed a very successful joint CIHT NE&C/SorSA seminar on the 'Application of Road Safety Audit in the Design Process', delivered by SoRSA Chairman Stuart Kay and NE&C Hon Secretary John Barrell.

Moving forward, committee meetings will regularly rotate around each of the three sub-group areas and will be combined with evening CDP seminars.

On behalf of the CIHT NE&C committee, may I thank the Teesside Sub-Group for their hospitality.



Committee members at Atkins, Stockton, April 2017

Members help to support International Women's Day

Jonathan Barlow/Nicola Hill

During the first weekend in March members of the NE&C Region celebrated International Women's Day.

Hosted by Teesside University, volunteers from the NE&C Region, joined CIHT's new Membership Manager, Terri Myers, to promote the role of women in transportation and engineering to students and visitors during the day.

Our stand was busy throughout, and it made for engaging and lively discussion as CIHT was championed to students and the public as the professional institution of choice for women, and indeed, everyone working in highways and transportation.

One of our volunteers on the day was Nicola Hill, who sits on the Region's Teesside Local Group, and also works in the area. She stated:

"The role of women in Transportation and Engineering cannot be overestimated and it's something that I'm passionate about promoting. It is my hope that we've made a valuable contribution throughout the day and encouraged students and visitors to consider a career in transport and engineering."

The Region wishes to thank Teesside University for their hospitality, in particular Senior Lecturer and CIHT member Chandra Vemury. Going forward, we hope to forge ongoing links with the University on supporting students in the sector, and hosting events and seminars for members in the area.



Nicola Hill in conversation at Teesside University

Young Professionals Group Update

Close Escape for the Young Professionals Group!

Jonathan Barlow

In May, our Young Professionals Group held a social event at Exit, Newcastle. Participants were tasked with 'Exiting' a room by undertaking a series of mental and physical challenges completing tasks and escaping within the hour.

In total, 11 individuals grouped into "Team Arup" and "Team Jacobs" managed to separately save a city and escape a contaminated laboratory. By the end of the hour, both teams had escaped and beaten the clock, chalking up 45 and 56 minute escape times, respectively. Before any conclusions are reached, one task is viewed independently as being slightly easier than the other. Because of that, we can safely assume that both teams were relatively evenly matched; however their respective team leaders may disagree and claim informal bragging rights!

Given the excellent feedback, we hope to organise another event in the near future. It was also particularly special as we had several young professionals who joined the group for the first time and we hope to see them again at future YPG events. For more information about upcoming social events, check our website for regular updates.



Team Arup



Team Jacobs

Membership Stats

Our membership is growing, as shown by the latest figures on the right.

With over 700 members – an increase since the December newsletter, the North East and Cumbria continues to show growth, both in total and across the sub areas.

It is also clear that our biggest membership grades are Member and Student by a significant margin. This is reflective of the local businesses and highways departments in the area, and of course, the presence of two prominent local universities.

We work closely with national CIHT on recruitment drive initiatives such as Member Get Member, along with our own regional events. Every event we run is an opportunity to attract new members to CIHT, at all grades, and we'll continue to do so as we grow to meet the needs of the industry and those working in it.

Membership Grade	No of Members
Fellow	50
Member	391
Associate	9
Graduate	9
Apprentice	15
Student	226
Total	700

Sub-group Area	Local Area	No of Members
Cumbria	-	99
North East	County Durham	59
	Darlington	29
	Northumberland	28
	Tyne and Wear	399
Teesside	-	69
Other	-	17
Total		700

CIHT North East and Cumbria Regional Presentations Awards

AECOM

Wednesday 22nd March saw the North East and Cumbria host its regional heat of the Presentations Awards, at Northern Stage, Newcastle. With CIHT President Steve Rowsell attending as special guest, and one of our judges, the evening saw five young professionals eager to share their knowledge and presentation skills to an audience of their peers.

The event is always a highlight on the region's calendar, and this year was no exception, with over 50 attending from all sectors of the local Highways and Transportation industry, to enjoy the presentations, buffet and networking opportunities.

Most importantly, it showcased the talents of the five participants shortlisted to present on their topic of choice, be it from a work or academic environment.



This year's presenters, with Regional Chair Anthony Robinson and CIHT President Steve Rowsell

This year, the quality of the presentations, and the professional manner of the participants, was outstanding. Every presenter was engaging and clearly knew their subject matter well. Questions from the audience were also deftly handled, with the right degree of robust argument, and a little humour! Unfortunately, this didn't make judging an easy process, but a winner had to be chosen. Philip Miller, from AECOM, took the first prize, with his presentation entitled; 'A brief assessment of DfT's TEMPRO and NTEM datasets'. It was the judges opinion that Philip succinctly argued the pros and cons of the datasets and software, providing examples in the form of a case study of a recent project, and responding well to questioning from members of the audience.

Mention must also go to our four other excellent candidates, and their presentation topics:

- Aitor Eriz (AECOM), 'ICD Brookfield Place'
- Julen Santamaria (TORG), 'Network screening for road safety in Tyne and Wear'
- Peter Morris (Jacobs), 'Variable demand modelling'
- Zachary Mabbs (TORG), 'The cause and impact of stress experienced by cyclists'

Philip now has the opportunity to present at the CIHT National Awards in London, in November, the winner of whom will win an expenses paid weekend to Paris. The Region thanks all of those who attended the evening and to those who gave up their time to judge. Most importantly, thanks to our presenters for another excellent year of lively and engaging topics.

Finally, thanks also to AECOM for supporting this event at relatively short notice.

The Region welcomes the CIHT President

Prior to the Presentations Awards, we had the pleasure of welcoming CIHT President Steve Rowsell to the region, for an afternoon programme of events at Newcastle University. Along with attending one of the lunchtime seminars run by the Transport Operations and Research Group (TORG), he also visited the Tyne and Wear UTMC facility to see how traffic is managed across our busy road network.

NE&C Chair, Anthony Robinson remarked on the visit *"It's always a pleasure to welcome Steve to the region, and I hope we have demonstrated that the North East and Cumbria is at the forefront of highways and transportation infrastructure and innovation."*



Regional Chair Anthony Robinson and CIHT President Steve Rowsell, with winner Philip Miller

A Day in the Life of...

David Auld

Senior Consultant, Jacobs



Terms of reference

My background is mainly based in traffic engineering and road safety through my experience in both scheme design and road safety audit, on projects of various sizes for local authority clients. More recently I have supported on a number of strategic transport modelling projects, such as the A1 in Northumberland, where I have coordinated the production of Highways England PCF report deliverables. Due to my varied experience I wouldn't describe myself as having a particular main specialism, which I view as a positive as it enables me to get involved in a wide variety of projects and broaden my knowledge.

Suitability for the job

After completing an HNC in Civil Engineering early in my career, I progressed into a Traffic Engineer role and developed an interest in road safety, which led to me undertaking courses in road safety and accident investigation and prevention from Newcastle and Aston Universities. I also hold the PRINCE2 Practitioner project management qualification and recently achieved Incorporated Engineer status through the CIHT. In 2016 I was delighted to win the Young Professional of the Year award for the CIHT North East and Cumbria region.

Where based

I'm based in our office on the Newcastle Quayside, a location which has its perks for a couple of sociable drinks after a week of hard work!

Transport to work

By car to the Newcastle office, or by train when working from our Leeds and Manchester offices.

Top of In-tray

Outside of my day-to-day project work I am leading the apprentice initiative in Transport Planning at Jacobs, where I am currently overseeing the recruitment and development of apprentices in Transport Planning across our offices in the North and Midlands. As part of this role I'm also currently busy arranging STEM events with local schools to promote our apprentice career opportunities.

Best aspects of the job

The sense of pride and achievement from seeing a project I've work on come to life. The most recent example is the newly-opened Metrolink Second City Crossing tram line in Manchester, which I have worked on for the last three years. I'm also lucky enough to work in a fantastic team with a bunch of skilled, supportive and friendly colleagues who are a pleasure to work alongside (here's hoping they would say the same about me!)

Worst aspect

Having recently become more involved in supporting on bids for new projects and opportunities, I've learnt how disappointing it can be when the outcome isn't successful after working hard to pull together a good quality tender. However, it's a great learning process and the disappointment gets balanced out by the sense of satisfaction on the occasions when the outcome is positive and we secure an exciting new project.

What is the most important transport issue today

With many nationally significant and major transport/infrastructure projects on the horizon I think the skills shortage within the transport planning industry remains a key issue to tackle. Not doing so could potentially hinder our ability to deliver these projects. The uncertainty caused by Brexit, in terms of our ability to attract talent from overseas, could also exacerbate the issue over the next few years. However, as an industry I feel we are slowly getting better at raising awareness of careers in our line of work and have made positive steps in creating opportunities through the recent introduction of the Transport Planning Apprenticeship course, which is backed by the CIHT. We need to continue to do more though.

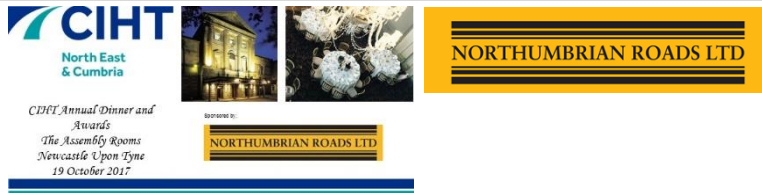
How do you relax

I'm a keen footballer and play regular 5-a-side since hanging up my boots from 11-a-side football, which I enjoyed playing to a good standard for many years. When not playing football I like to get to the gym to train a few times a week. My interest in fitness is essential to balance out the fact that I'm a massive foodie and enjoy nights out to sample the latest restaurants in and around Newcastle, as well as trying my hand cooking at home. I also like a good catch-up with friends usually by going out to watch a Newcastle game, a boxing match or taking in a gig/live music.

Ambition

To continue to grow the apprentice initiative across Jacobs and bring more young people into our business. I am also keen to help mentor our apprentices and see them progress towards professional qualifications, and hope to add to my own by pursuing chartered status in future.

North East & Cumbria Dinner and Awards 2017



Annual Dinner

Assembly Rooms, Newcastle, Thursday 19th October

Join us at the Assembly Rooms for our flagship event in the North East and Cumbria. We raised over £1,100 for the Chairman's Charity last year, in addition to announcing the winners of our Awards and entertaining 180 guests with speakers and prize draws.

This year we hope to top that again on the 19th October and we are pleased to announce that Northumbrian Roads will once again be our Dinner sponsor.

Further details of the event, including ticket availability, will be on our [Dinner and Awards](#) webpage shortly, and updated at regular intervals. Please also contact us at northeastandcumbria@ciht.org.uk with any queries or early booking enquiries.

Annual Awards

Our Awards celebrate the very best projects and people in the North East and Cumbria, ensuring our Region is showcased across the country. Our entries last year were diverse, covering everything from sustainable travel in national parks, major landslip repair works, and strategic transport studies. Projects can be large or small, desk based or 'on-the-ground' infrastructure. So long as you want to shout about it, or someone, we want to know!

Four Awards are available this year and are open to all: members and non-members, small and large organisations, public and private sector. Expressions of Interest are sought for the following categories:

Young Professional Award

Awarded to a young person, aged 35 years and under, on 1st September 2017, who has made a significant and exceptional contribution in highways and transportation, in the North East & Cumbria Region



Sustainability Project of the Year Award

Awarded to those projects, products, research or policy initiatives delivered by the highways and transportation sector, that demonstrate a contribution to sustainable working and living, in the North East & Cumbria, or by people/teams working in the Region.



Project of the Year Award

Awarded to recognise outstanding research, concepts, innovation, design and excellence within the North East & Cumbria highways and transportation community, with tangible benefits, now or in the future, for those who live, work and visit the Region.



For the first time in 2017, we are also delighted to offer the following:

Apprentice of the Year Award

Awarded to an individual in the Region who has demonstrated excellent progress early within their career in highways and transportation, and an outstanding professional manner and aptitude for their work, which adds value to their organisation.



For further details visit our dedicated [Dinner & Awards 2017 page](#) on our website.

