

**Construction and Maintenance Health,  
Safety and Wellbeing Briefing  
November 2018**

# Highways England Awards

The Vox Conference Centre,  
Birmingham on 28 March 2019

## **The Highways England Awards - Reminder**

The Highways England Awards are now open for nominations. These awards recognise and celebrate the work of people in our company and in our supply chain who have made notable improvements in the safety, customer experience and delivery of our network. These awards set the bar of expectation for those working for us and with us, above all on our prime imperative of safety, as well as on our imperatives of customer and delivery.

They combine last year's Health, Safety and Wellbeing Awards and Supplier Recognition Scheme Awards into a single event that rewards individuals, teams, projects and companies who have innovated and improved our business. The 11 categories include the prestigious Chairman's Award for Excellence in safety, which is our first imperative. More information about the awards and our online entry forms are available via [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/awards](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/awards)

## Innovation

Paul Whitehead, Group Manager, New Products (Construction Plant) comments on advances in dumper technology:-



“I recently went to inspect the Dual View Dumper from Wacker Neuson, this was part of a 3 day country wide event held in partnership with P Flannery’s. This dual view dumper from Wacker Neuson is the latest in the line of dumpers brought forward by various manufacturers to address the recent safety concerns around the usage of forward tipping dumper. The is the first in the market to have a cab with the unique option of a swivel driver’s console that rotates to enabling the operator the option to be facing in the direction of motion at all time giving you the “Best view – in both directions”. I had a go and it seemed easy to operate with excellent around visibility, protection of a cab and camera technology to give visibility at the front of the tipper. This is a great addition to the dumper market and it will enhance safety across our programs.

## Raising the Bar Documents

Raising the Bar B1 has been revised and updated. The latest version VI dated October 2018 will be published and made available at [www.gov.uk/government/collections/health-and-safety-for-major-road-schemes-raising-the-bar-initiative](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/health-and-safety-for-major-road-schemes-raising-the-bar-initiative)

The updated revision has been issued following consultation with Highways England supply chain partners, industry bodies and manufacturers.

Many of the updates reflect advances in availability of new plant and equipment, technology and lessons learned from incident investigations.

The new revision provides a description of minimum requirements at the front of the document along with additional new requirements.



The Delivery hub health, safety and environment  
Raising the bar

## Highways England Safety Alerts issued since the last briefing:-

hei061 – crush injury from a scaffold pole

hei060 - errant vehicle near miss

hei059 – High potential near miss –  
Lighting column sheared

These and previous alerts are available through the following link:

[www.highwaysafetyhub.com/alerts.html](http://www.highwaysafetyhub.com/alerts.html)

## The Passport scheme is turning one

The Highways England passport scheme has been in place now for nearly a year after being formally launched at last year's Highways UK event by Mike Wilson. In the 12 months since its launch there has been a positive uptake in the number of people with nearly 10,000 people being registered on the system across 120 different companies.

In response to this, Raising the Bar 23 - Inductions has been updated to reflect growth of the passport scheme and confirms the expectation of which projects and contracts should adopt the passport scheme and highways common induction using the Lifesaving rule.

Highways England's Health & Safety Director, Ian Moreton who leads its roll-out commented: "the Passport scheme is a significant step forward in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all those who work on the strategic road network.

Our smartcard and common induction training will help road workers maintain their basic statutory health, safety, environment and wellbeing requirements. It also provides a great opportunity to work collaboratively with the supply chain to improve standards across the Highways industry. I believe modernising the process which enables workers access to our network is the right thing to do. It will improve how we work; it will allow us to report in real time and above all shows our commitment to safety, our workforce, their families and our customers."

The Highways Safety Hub Website has also been updated with new information and documents.

<http://www.highwayssafetyhub.com/>

### Lifesaving Rule

**'All contracts and projects that are due to start after the 1st April 2019 or those which are due to finish after 1st April 2020 (inclusive of contracts and projects that are in pre-construction) must fully comply with the Highways England Passport scheme, including HCI, on 1st April 2019.'**

## Celebrating European Safety Week

To highlight the importance of supporting and promoting health, safety and wellbeing at work the Area 14 Asset Delivery Community celebrated European Safety week by sharing best practice and ideas which culminated in an exhibition on Friday 26th October at Sedgefield Racecourse.

Construction equipment including elevated platforms, road safety camera vans, diggers, planers and rollers, amongst others, were displayed in the racecourse car park.

Inside the venue there were displays of Virtual Reality Training, lifestyle monitoring stations, tools and equipment designed

to reduce dust, noise and vibration for workers alongside masks, ear defenders and other personal protection equipment.

A presentation was also delivered by representatives of the Passport Steering Group (Galliford Try and Lantra) on the history and development of the Highways England Passport Scheme so far.

Highways England health and safety manager, Andrew Stagg, commented: "We work closely with all our contractors and suppliers and emphasise our commitment to ongoing health, safety and wellbeing improvements. To have so many of our Contractors Community turn up to show how they promote and include safety in everything they do is fantastic, and really encouraging".

## Greater efforts needed to combat older worker deaths

The proportion of fatal injuries to workers over the age of 60 is the highest it has been in over a decade, figures published this week by the Health and Safety Executive have shown, highlighting the urgent need for greater workplace precautions to protect older workers.

**Older worker** Nearly 40% of fatal injuries in 2017/18 - up from approximately 25% last year - were to workers aged 60 and over, despite them making up just 10% of the national workforce. This means there were 55 older-worker deaths, more than one a week on average.

Through its support for the EU-OSHA campaign on 'Healthy workplaces for all ages', The Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) has encouraged greater preventative measures to be taken to protect older workers.

# 10% of the national workforce aged 60 and over.



For further reading please follow - <https://www.iosh.co.uk/News/Greater-efforts-needed-to-combat-worrying-rise-in-older-workers-being-killed-at-work.aspx>



**The Hub Newsletter contains updates and advice for our supply chain. The newsletter is written by supply chain partners to share health and safety best practice, any advice is provided as guidance.**

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