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# GLOBAL NEWS



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# Foreword

## Welcome to the 46th Edition of the Global News Magazine

As we move further into a year defined by transformative infrastructure growth, the combined efforts of **Global Rail Construction Ltd (GRCL)** and **Global Rail Services Ltd (GRSL)** continue to set new benchmarks for excellence across the UK and Irish rail sectors. Each project we deliver demonstrates our commitment to innovation, quality, and safety, and reflects the dedication of our people across all levels of the organisation.



The start of 2026 has already seen remarkable milestones. Most notably, the award of IMC3 (Infrastructure Maintenance Contract), a 5+3-year Multi-disciplinary Maintenance Framework on the Windrush Line, on behalf of TfL. This achievement is a testament to the strength of our GRCL/1stinRail partnership, scoring highly both commercially and technically. The proposed use of AI-optimised Asset Management software not only enhances project delivery but also reinforces our position as a forward-thinking leader in the rail sector.

GRCL also successfully delivered a critical milestone for the Sizewell C rail systems project, working in close collaboration with AtkinsRéalis. The completion of key rail systems infrastructure demonstrates our ability to execute complex, high-profile works while maintaining the highest standards of safety, efficiency, and quality. At the same time, GRSL enters 2026 on the back of major successes in Ireland, including the completion of the Maynooth Railway Station accessibility upgrade, which ensures a more inclusive travel experience for all passengers. GRSL's recognition at the All Ireland Occupational Safety Awards is further proof of the dedication of our teams to maintaining a safe and responsible working environment.

Beyond these headline projects, our teams continue to deliver a wide range of infrastructure improvements across the UK and Ireland. From rail system upgrades and platform adjustments to signalling and station works, these achievements showcase not only technical excellence but also the collaborative spirit that defines our company. The success of every project relies on our people, our supply chain partners, and our clients, working together to deliver innovative solutions safely, on time, and to the highest standards.

Looking ahead, our focus for the remainder of 2026 remains clear:

- **Innovation & Safety:**

Strengthening our “Arrive Healthy & Leave Safely” culture, integrating digital and AI-optimised systems to drive even more efficient delivery.

- **Sustainability:**

Reducing our environmental footprint through responsible sourcing, energy efficiency, and supporting the transition to a low-carbon, circular economy wherever possible.

- **Project Delivery:**

Advancing key programmes such as the Sizewell C and Havant Resignalling projects, ensuring every milestone is met with the highest level of professionalism and quality.

As part of the RSK Group, we are uniquely positioned to offer multi-disciplinary, turnkey solutions that meet the evolving needs of our clients. None of this would be possible without the dedication, expertise, and collaborative spirit of our teams and partners. Thank you to everyone involved for your continued hard work, commitment, and professionalism. Together, we are shaping a more connected, innovative, and sustainable future, and I look forward to the achievements that the rest of 2026 will bring.

**Nick Turner**

**Projects Director**

# Promise & Principles Charter



## Passionate

Committed in heart and mind to whole-heartedly embrace our core values and culture, without exception.

To ensure we have a great place to work, one where our employees, clients, supply chain partners and the local community have trust in the people they work with, have pride in the work they do, and enjoy the people they work with. We will always: -

- be dedicated and proud of everything we achieve.
- drive creativity and innovation.
- ensure we impact positively on our peers, clients, stakeholders and the general public.



## People

Growing our organisation from within, promoting and empowering our people, inspiring them to be the best they can be.

Prioritising our people and purpose, we will create a culture of happiness and success that will set us apart, whilst ensuring long-term growth and profitability for our business. Focussing on our values that align with the greater good, we will create a positive and lasting impact on the world. We will always: -

- self-develop and grow organically.
- be honest by creating a culture where truth is at the forefront.
- create a workplace and company culture that will attract talented people.
- put our people at the heart of everything we do.



## Professional

At all times we act with integrity, providing quality service, reliably and responsibly.

By being professional, we play a crucial role in shaping our workplace culture, influencing how we interact with each other, make decisions and contribute to the organisation's overall success. This creates a positive work environment, builds client and supplier trust and enhancing our reputation. We will always: -

- be accountable for our actions and decisions made.
- be consistent and exceed expectations in our workplace
- help support our colleagues when required.
- be polite, courteous and humble.



## Teamwork

Working collaboratively whilst supporting and respecting each other's views.

We will work together and create a team environment that allows our people to bring their diverse perspectives to problem solving, which in turn increases our success at arriving at solutions, more efficiently and effectively. The contributions of everyone are extremely valued and respected and these characteristics will encourage trust and help foster strong relationships, throughout our team. We will always: -

- encourage clear, frequent and consistent communication at all levels.
- build diverse and inclusive teams.
- lead by example.
- encourage collaboration throughout all departments of the company.



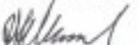
## Responsible

To consistently deliver quality, on time, safely and to budget whilst protecting our communities and the environment.

We are committed to ensuring every member of our team understands what their roles and responsibilities are to support and nurture a fully cooperative, responsible and efficient team. We will always: -

- be responsible and foster a great sense of trust and collaboration, leading to stronger relationships within our workplace.
- be conscious of our own and others work life balance.
- treat people as we would like to be treated.
- be honest and accountable in everything we do.
- committed to where possible, aligning our work with the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. We pledge to actively support and promote sustainability in all aspects of our operations by fostering equality, advancing climate action, reducing inequalities, and driving innovation for a more just, inclusive, and environmentally responsible future.

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Richard Horsted

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Nick Ansell

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Nick Turner

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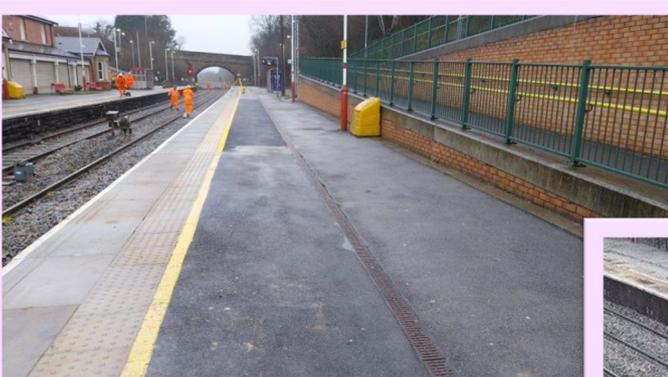
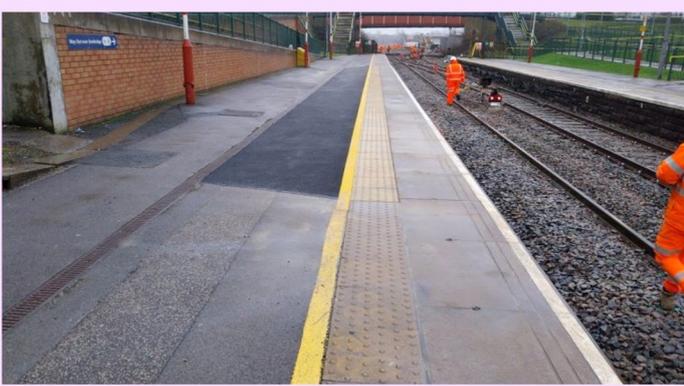


Proud to share the successful completion of the coper and surface adjustment works at Moorthorpe Station (Platform 1), delivered on behalf of our valued UK client **Central Rail Systems Alliance** during week 43, a 50 hour core possession.

Our scope of works included:

- \* Precision coper adjustments to ensure full structure gauge compliance
- \* Installation and blending of tactile paving in line with current standards
- \* Resurfacing using hot ash materials to provide smooth, hazard free transitions
- \* Reinstatement of all platform markings following completion
- \* Safe, well coordinated handback to track and operations teams

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone involved across both the delivery and possession planning teams. This project is another strong example of collaborative working and effective execution under tight access constraints.





Recently, our **Global Rail Construction Limited (GRCL)** HSQE Manager & Senior Leadership Team undertook a safety inspection and audit of their Sussex Signage project, being carried out for **Network Rail**.

It was great to catch up with the team on site, discuss installation progress, general wellbeing of the team and hear positive feedback from **Network Rail**.

Scott Spencer (GRCL Site Manager) and Dave Chant (GRCL Supervisor) delivered on-site briefings, and held some valuable discussions with the team in preparation for the upcoming Principal Contractor (PC) audit. Despite the cold snap, morale on site was high - a real credit to everyone involved.



**Huge thank you to everyone for continuing to deliver this project safely and professionally.**



### Core Values

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# Amey

## **Project Update: TfGM (Transport for Greater Manchester) Substations – Site Visit & Handover**

**Global Rail Construction Limited (GRCL)** is pleased to share some excellent feedback following recent site visits at the Hagside and Collyhurst Substation projects in Manchester, delivered on behalf of our client **Amey**.

### **Hagside Substation – Progress Review**

Teams from GRCL, Amey and TfGM/KAM carried out a site review and saw first-hand the strong progress being made. Despite tight site constraints and challenging weather, the team's resilience, professionalism, and continued hard work were clearly evident.

### **Collyhurst Substation – Formal Handover**

A formal handover walkout was completed, receiving unanimously positive feedback from all parties.

Particular praise was given for:

- \* High quality workmanship
- \* Excellent attention to detail
- \* Consistently high construction standards
- \* Collaboration & acknowledgement

**Amey** formally thanked our GRCL team for both the quality of the completed works and the proactive, collaborative approach adopted throughout. Open communication and a shared commitment to delivering safely and efficiently have been central to the project's success.

Special recognition goes to:

- \* Chris Noble
- \* Andy Fingleton
- \* Gary McMullen

Their leadership, dedication, and focus have been instrumental in delivering these works in some of the most demanding conditions.

**A huge well done to everyone involved.  
Excellent teamwork delivering great results.**



### **Project Update: Cambridge & Meldreth Road Level Crossing**

Over the festive period, our UK teams successfully delivered vital rail infrastructure works in Cambridge and at Meldreth Road Level Crossing.

This included:

- \* Installation of four new RTL bases and four new barrier bases
- \* New CCTV and lighting column bases
- \* Highway signage, fencing, and anti-trespass measures
- \* Kerbing, hardstanding, and road lining works
- \* Trackside signage installations

Additional works featured the removal of the existing cantilever, new signal bases, and various signal laydown installations.

Commissioning was completed between 24th of December 2025 and the 04th January 2026, thanks to a strong collaborative effort by **Global Rail Construction Limited** on behalf of valued client **Alstom**.

**A huge THANK YOU** to everyone involved for delivering these essential upgrades safely and efficiently.





## Project Milestone Achieved at Sizewell C

**Global Rail Construction Ltd (GRCL)**, part of the wider RSK Group company, is proud to have delivered a key milestone on the Sizewell C rail systems project in close partnership with **AtkinsRéalis**.

Through a genuinely collaborative “one team” approach, our teams successfully completed the installation of the Leiston PSP and REB, a crucial step in supporting the future infrastructure needs of this nationally significant project.

This achievement builds on GRCL’s reputation as a leading UK provider of multi-disciplinary rail and transportation engineering solutions, delivering complex projects through deep in-house capability and strong supply chain partnerships. We continue to support clients across the UK with integrated design-and-build expertise spanning civil/structural, signalling, telecoms, mechanical, and electrical engineering disciplines.

A huge thank you to our supply chain partners for their dedication throughout the planning and delivery phases. Milestones like this are only possible through close collaboration and shared commitment.

**Well done, and thank you to everyone involved, a fantastic team effort.**





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Global Rail Services



### Strengthening Rail Infrastructure at Ballyrobin

**Global Rail Services** has successfully completed ballast retention works at Ballyrobin, Co. Antrim, delivered within a tightly planned 33 hour railway possession over a busy bank holiday weekend.

The works included the removal of existing masonry walls, installation of new precast concrete ballast retaining units, and galvanised handrails for **Iarnród Éireann Irish Rail** - enhancing long-term track stability and safety.

This project reflects our teams rail civil engineering expertise, combining structural interventions, multi disciplinary delivery, and safe working within live railway environments across the **Iarnród Éireann Irish Rail** network.

A sincere **THANK YOU** to our dedicated teams and partners who worked tirelessly throughout the bank holiday period to deliver this project safely, efficiently, and on programme.



Global Rail Services



## Accessibility Upgrade Delivered at Maynooth Railway Station

**Global Rail Services Ltd** is proud to announce the successful completion of a major accessibility upgrade at Maynooth Railway Station-**now officially opened!**

### What's New?

- \* A modern pedestrian footbridge
- \* State-of-the-art lifts for improved accessibility
- \* Lighting, wayfinding and car park upgrades and a refurbished WC
- \* Help points and induction loops, connected to the existing PA system.

This project, supported by the Disability Users Group and the NTA (National Transport Authority), ensures inclusive travel for all passengers, including those with visible and non-visible impairments, and reflects **Iarnród Éireann Irish RAILS** commitment to accessibility and network improvement.



### Opening Ceremony Highlights:

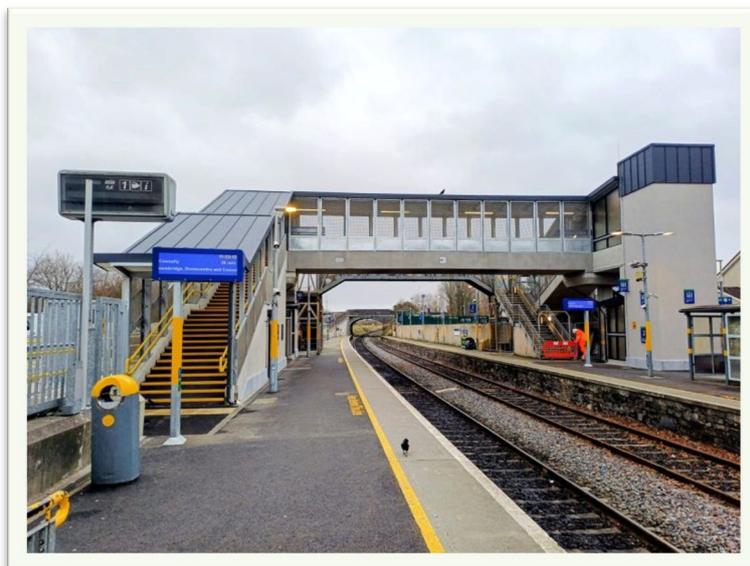
- \* Councillor Carmel Kelly (Co. Kildare) led the official opening and congratulated **Iarnród Éireann Irish Rail** for its continued efforts to enhance accessibility across the network, ensuring better travel experiences for all.
- \* Attendees included Mary Considine (Irish Rail CEO), James Lawless (Minister), and members of the **Iarnród Éireann Irish Rail** project team.

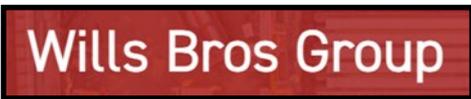
### High Praise:

Colin Grimes from **Iarnród Éireann Irish Rail** praised **Global Rail Services** for delivering the project to an exceptionally high standard, despite the challenges of a busy station serving local colleges and commuters.

### Dedicated to Rail Excellence:

This achievement reinforces our **Global Rail Services** teams' commitment to quality, safety, and inclusivity in every project we deliver.





**Will Bros – VMS Installation Dublin Port**

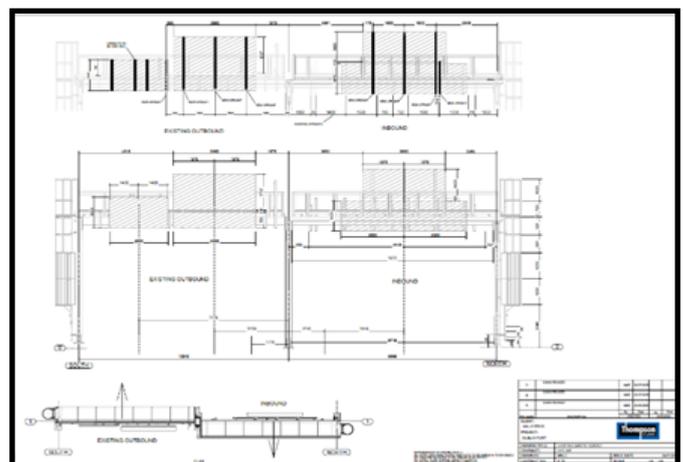
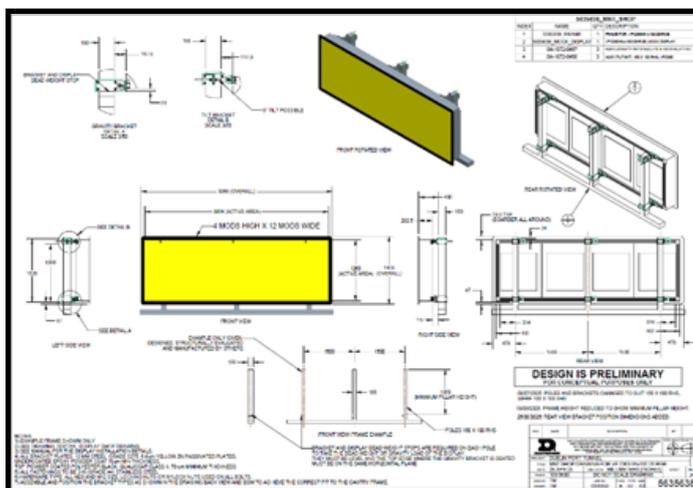
Since 1972, Wills Bros have taken great pride in completing many successful civil engineering projects for clients throughout Ireland, the UK, and mainland Europe.

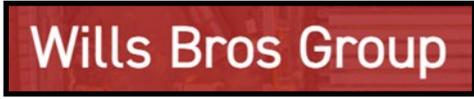
**GRA Networks** was engaged by **Wills Bros Group** to install the Vehicle Management System (VMS) on 5no Overhead Traffic Gantries at the entrance to Dublin Port. The VMS system provides real time information to traffic entering and exiting Dublin Port by means of digital displays. This project consisted of the installation of several large digital display screens mounted on overhead gantries utilising structural steel supports. The VMS displays were lifted into position using the truck mounted HIAB and secured to the preinstalled steel supports attached to the overhead gantries.

GRA Networks

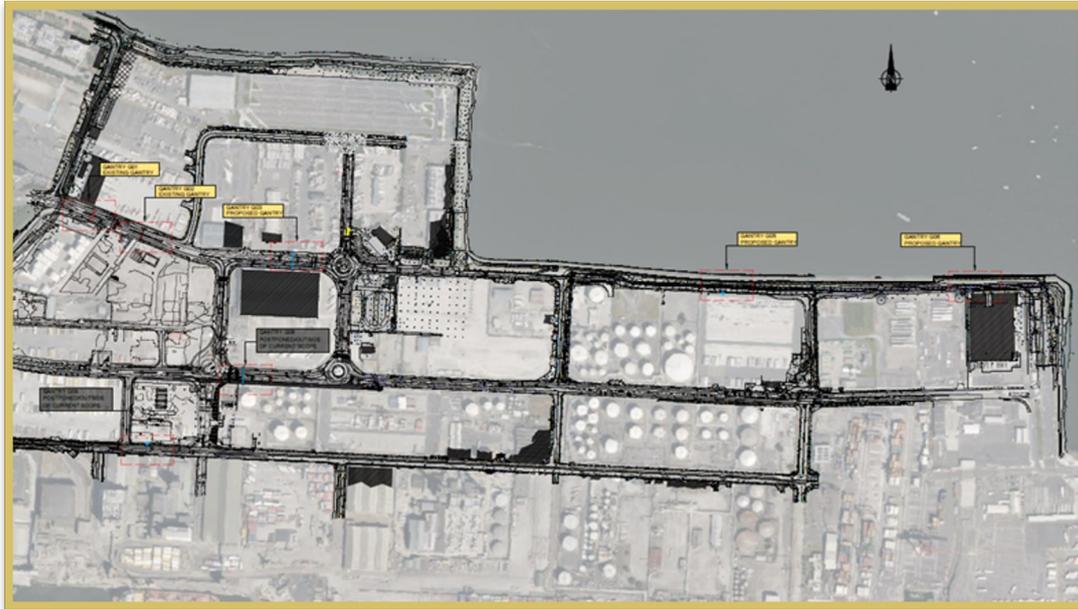


**Overhead Gantry Display Design**

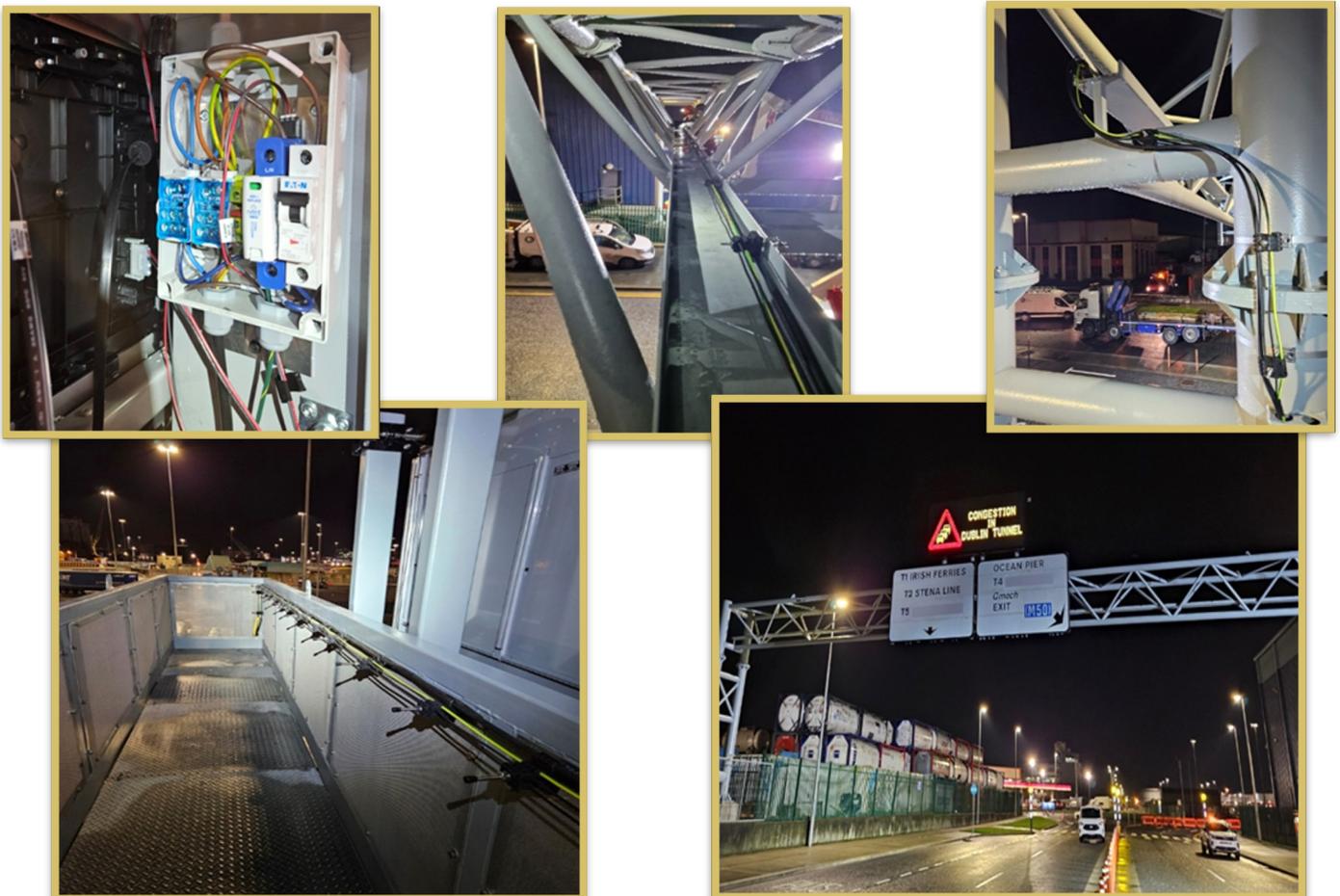




### Overhead Gantry Locations



### Electrical Installation & Cable Management



# CELEBRATION

We are delighted to share a proud milestone for two valued members of our team: Francesca Brown, our GRSL Finance Manager, and Michael Ging, our GRSL Technical Manager, have each celebrated an impressive **10 years** with the company.

Reaching a decade of service is a significant achievement, and both Francesca and Michael have played pivotal roles in shaping the company's success over the past ten years. Their commitment, expertise, and leadership have made a lasting impact across the organisation.

Francesca has been instrumental in strengthening and streamlining our financial operations. Her attention to detail, strategic insight, and steady guidance have helped ensure financial stability while supporting sustainable growth. Her work behind the scenes has provided a strong foundation for the business to move forward with confidence.

On the technical side, Michael's leadership has been equally transformative. His forward-thinking approach and deep technical knowledge have not only enhanced and modernised our infrastructure but have also ensured that we continue to stay ahead of industry developments. His drive for innovation and continuous improvement has positioned us strongly for the future.

We are incredibly grateful for the dedication both Francesca and Michael have shown over the last decade.

**Congratulations to you both on this outstanding milestone — and thank you for everything you continue to do for the company**



# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF .....

**In this issue, we meet Sinead Sterling, Health & Safety Advisor for Global Rail Services.**

## **What is your current job?**

I currently work as a Health and Safety Advisor at Global Rail Services. I work as part of a small team that has a wide variety of responsibilities.



## **Why did you choose this profession?**

I chose a career in Environmental Health and Safety as it is highly rewarding with the opportunity to protect lives and hopefully make a positive impact on the planet. It is a versatile and dynamic field allowing for work across different industry areas while preventing injuries and creating climate awareness.

## **What is your typical day at your job?**

There is no typical day in this role, as it spans a wide range of responsibilities across several business areas, from Telecoms to Railway Infrastructure. The role includes supporting training initiatives, ensuring regulatory compliance, maintaining ISO standard documentation, and carrying out site audits.

## **What are your most favourite things about the job?**

I enjoy working with people to help ensure colleagues stay safe in their roles while also contributing to greater climate awareness across the organisation.

## **What are you passionate about?**

I am passionate about people being able to do their jobs as safely as possible by improving workplace culture and reducing damage caused to the environment with new technologies and evolving regulations.

## **What inspires you the most?**

My role gives me the opportunity to protect the lives of colleagues, clients and contractors. It also enables me to make a positive impact on the planet.

## **What do you feel most proud of?**

Last year I participated in the "Be The Arrow" Challenge for Gaisce – The President's Award 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and I walked 100km in a month with our dogs for the Irish Heart Foundation.

## **How do you spend your free time?**

Whenever I have free time and the weather allows, I enjoy going hill walking.

## **What is your favourite sport?**

My favourite sports are hill walking and cycling. I also enjoy sea swimming and the odd game of golf but only in the Summer.

## **What is the best compliment you have received?**

Several years ago, after participating in an employee innovation competition at a previous company, the best compliment I ever received was that my idea had the potential to save lives in the future.

**THANK YOU SINEAD, FOR YOUR TIME**



## Half Marathon for Alzheimers

**A Fantastic Well Done & Thank You** to Charlie Rice (GRCL Civil Engineering CAD Technician) who completed the Watford half marathon in a time of 2 Hours 11 minutes and raised £410 for Alzheimer's Research.

***“Every 3 minutes dementia steals a happily ever after. Research is our only chance of changing the ending for people affected by dementia. We are the UK's leading dementia research charity. We exist for a cure. Every donation helps our scientists and researchers find new ways to diagnose dementia, develop new treatments and find a cure for dementia”.***

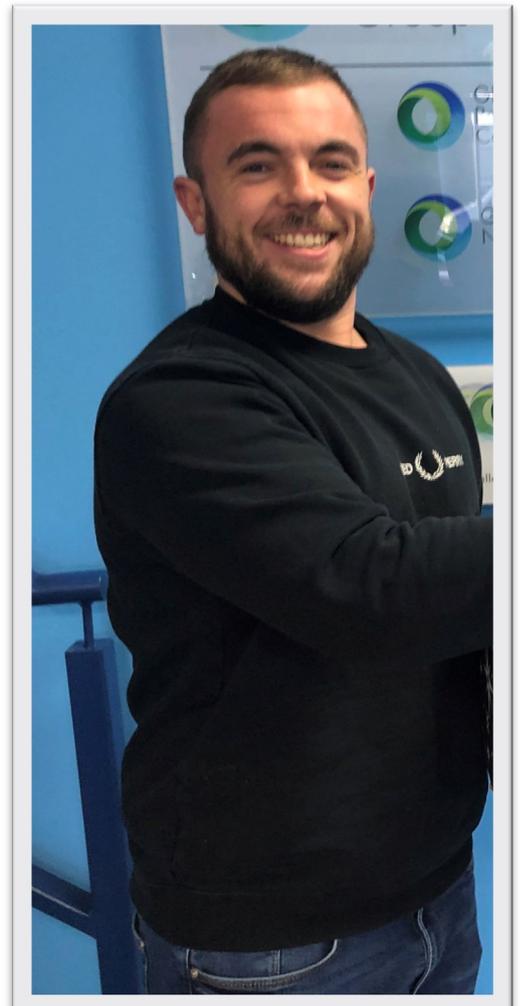
Alzheimer's Research UK is the UK's leading dementia research charity. Striving for a cure, by revolutionising the way we treat, diagnose and prevent dementia.

### Company Announcement: Promotion of James Sykes to Project Manager

We are pleased to announce that James Sykes has been promoted to Project Manager.

James joined the company in 2012 as a young whipper snapper Apprentice and soon settled into the company under the great guidance of Niall Taffe who started James on his engineering journey, and over the past 13 years has shown outstanding commitment to his development and to the organisation. James successfully progressed through college and achieved a degree in construction management, all while building his technical skills and contributing to key projects across the business. His journey from Apprentice to Project Manager is a testament to his determination, professionalism, and continuous growth. James has consistently demonstrated strong leadership qualities, a collaborative mindset, and a deep understanding of our work and values.

**We are confident that his experience, leadership, and dedication will continue to be a great asset to the company and to our future success.**





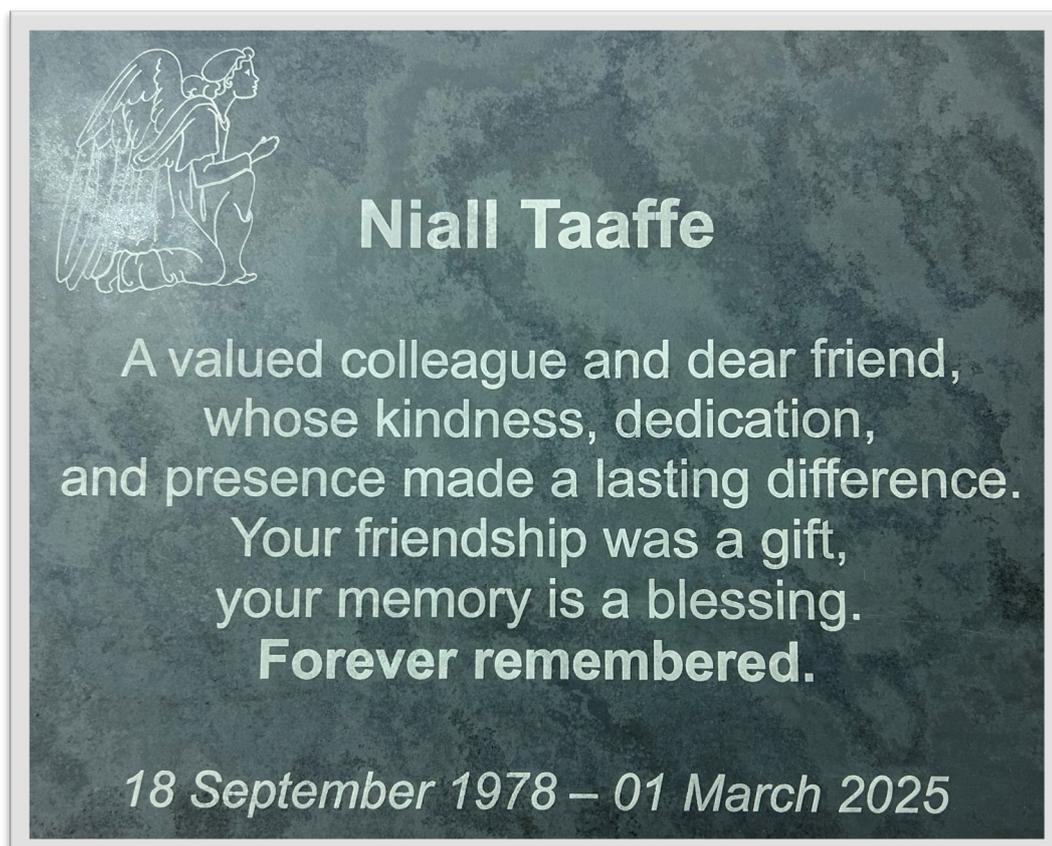
Sunday, 1st March 2026 marked the first anniversary of the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Niall Taaffe.

Over the past year, we have often reflected on the many ways Niall enriched our workplace and our lives. He was a valued and dedicated member of our team whose commitment, professionalism, and strong work ethic set a standard for us all. Whatever the task at hand, Niall approached it with focus, reliability, and pride, earning the respect and appreciation of colleagues across the organisation.

Beyond his professional contributions, Niall will always be remembered for the warmth of his personality. His kindness, quick wit, and easy humour brightened even the busiest of days. He had a natural ability to put people at ease, to offer encouragement when it was needed most, and to bring a sense of positivity to every room he entered. For many of us, he was not just a colleague, but a trusted friend.

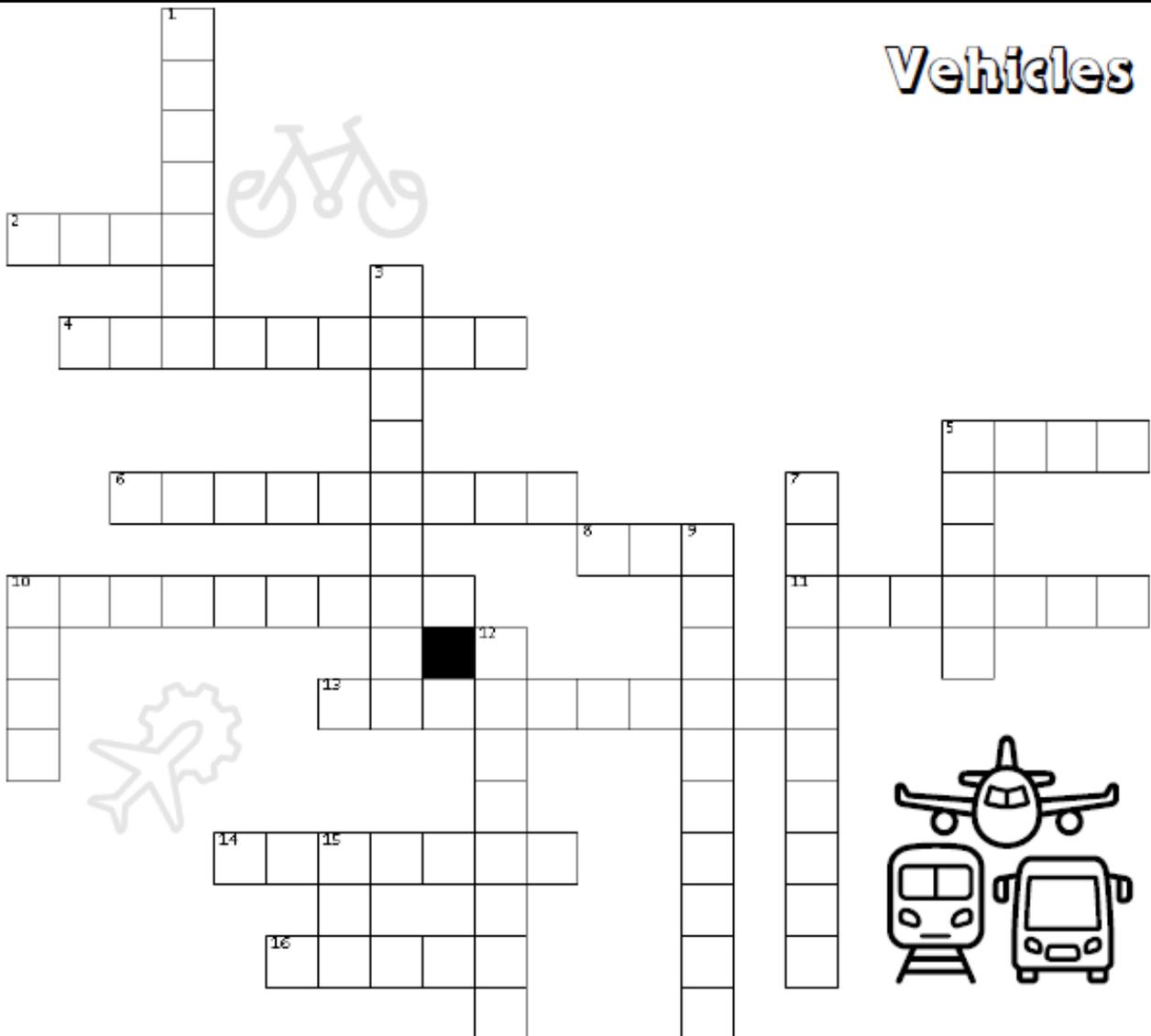
Though a year has passed, his presence continues to be felt in the stories we share, the lessons he taught us, and the friendships he helped build. He remains greatly missed by us all. To honour Niall's memory and the lasting impact he had on our team, we have erected a plaque in the reception area of Global Rail Construction, Unit 18. This plaque will remain there as a permanent tribute — a quiet but enduring reminder of the difference one person can make. We invite anyone who wishes to take a moment to visit the plaque, reflect, and remember Niall in their own way.

Today, and always, we hold Niall and his loved ones in our thoughts.



# \* JUST FOR FUN \*

## Vehicles



### ACROSS

2. A vehicle used to travel on water.
4. A large vehicle used by firefighters to carry equipment and put out fires.
5. A car that people can hire to take them to a specific destination.
6. A special vehicle used to transport sick or injured people to the hospital.
8. A large vehicle that carries many passengers along a fixed route.
10. A vehicle designed for travel in outer space.
11. A powerful vehicle used on farms to pull heavy equipment.
13. A flying vehicle with rotating blades on top, used for short distances.
14. A two-wheeled vehicle powered by pedaling.
16. A long vehicle that runs on tracks and carries passengers or cargo..

### DOWN

1. A small, lightweight vehicle with two wheels, often motorized or powered by foot.
3. A watercraft that can operate underwater.
5. A large vehicle used for transporting goods.
7. A two-wheeled vehicle powered by an engine.
9. A small board with wheels, ridden by standing and pushing with one foot.
10. A large vessel used for transporting goods or passengers over water.
12. A flying vehicle with wings that transports people through the air.
15. A small vehicle with four wheels used for driving on roads.



## Welcome To The Global Family...



**Eamon Giblin**  
Electrical Estimator



**Sharon Dodd**  
Quantity Surveyor

## Welcome to the Global Family

At our company, we believe that great things happen when people from different places come together. Our teams around the world bring diverse ideas, cultures, and experiences that make us stronger every day. No matter where we are located, we are connected by shared goals, collaboration, and respect. Together, we are more than colleagues—we are a global family.

**Welcome to the team**

***Our USP is without doubt our people and our long-term strategy will ensure we continue to invest in and develop our people to enable us to deliver our customers expectations, in an efficient and consistent manner***

WELCOME



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