

Welcome to our HAUC(UK) Newsletter

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

Dear HAUC Members,

We're delighted to welcome you to this edition of *Pulse*, the HAUC(UK) industry newsletter. It's been an exciting start to the year, and we're thrilled to reflect on the incredible energy and engagement showcased at the recent HAUC(UK) Convention held on 2nd April 2025.

One of the standout moments from the event was the official launch of HAUC Vision 2030 (HV30); a bold and collaborative roadmap designed to guide our sector through to the next decade. The enthusiasm and commitment we witnessed at the Convention reaffirmed the strength and ambition of our community.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the HAUC(UK) Convention Committee for delivering such a brilliant event. We'd like to offer a special mention to Gayle and her team at GeoPlace, whose dedication and support were instrumental in making the day such a success.

As your appointed Co-Chairs, we (Clive and Sam) are already hard at work. We've set up recurring calls to ensure we maintain momentum and continue to deliver strong leadership for HAUC(UK). Clive will be taking forward the implementation of HV30, working with members and partners to bring the vision to life, while Sam will lead a thorough review of HAUC(UK)'s governance, ensuring our structures are fit for the future.

Together, we look forward to working with all of you in shaping the next chapter of HAUC(UK). Let's keep the conversation going and the collaboration strong.

Warm regards,
Clive Bairsto – CEO, Streetworks UK
Sam Guiver – Chair, JAG(UK),
HAUC(UK) Co-Chairs



A thank you to Dave Capon.

For many years, Dave has been a cornerstone of HAUC(UK), guiding the industry with his vast knowledge and dedication. His expertise in regulations, dating back to the National Streetworks Highways Group, has shaped countless pieces of guidance, helping the industry adapt with clarity. Dave's affable nature and humor have made him a valued colleague and friend. His support has

steered HAUC(UK) through change, ensuring collaboration and progress. As he steps down as Chair, we are grateful he will continue as JAG(UK) Strategy Manager.

Dave, your legacy is remarkable, and we look forward to your continued contributions

Introducing some of our HAUC(UK) members & changes to JAG



Sam Guiver. Chair JAG(UK) Co-Chair HAUC(UK). Head of Network Assurance at Suffolk County Council.

I have worked in local government for over 17 years, beginning in Highway Engineering before moving into the Street Works industry, both as a Highway Authority representative and Statutory Undertaker. My career spans the technology and utility sectors, including delivering rural broadband, giving me broad insights into the challenges across the industry. Currently, as Head of Network Assurance at Suffolk County

Council (SCC), I lead multi-disciplinary teams ensuring SCC fulfils its Network Management Duty, serving Suffolk's residents and travelling public. Beyond SCC, I have held leadership roles including Anglian JAG Chair, Co-Chair of Anglian HAUC, and Vice Chair of JAG(UK). In April 2025, I became Chair of JAG(UK) and Co-Chair of HAUC(UK), and I remain committed to championing best practices, driving innovation, and delivering effective solutions for our sector.

**Jane James. Vice Chair HAUC England. Street Works Policy & Performance Manager, Shropshire Council.**

I have worked within Street Works for Shropshire Council for 17 years and have experience in implementing, managing and developing Shropshire's Street Works processes

as well as experience in enforcement, performance management and operational network management. In my current role I manage the performance of utility

companies, regularly reviewing and compiling performance data and chairing quarterly meetings to discuss individual utility performance records. I represent Shropshire Council at West Midlands JAG, West Midlands HAUC and in the West and Shires Permit forums. I have also previously been a representative on the DfT's Street Manager Governance Group.

**Kevin Ferguson. Vice Chair Jag. Road and Street Works Systems Supervisor Durham County Council.**

Kevin has worked in the Street Works industry since 2020, bringing with him a wealth of experience from various Local

Government departments and the IT industry. His diverse background has been instrumental in driving forward several key initiatives and fostering collaboration within the industry.

In addition to his role as the JAG(UK) Vice Chair, Kevin serves as the North East JAG (NEJAG) Chair. He has been a dedicated member of the DfT Street Manager Governance Group since October 2020 and is the Local Street Gazetteer Custodian for County Durham.

Kevin is also a Fellow with the Institute of Highway Engineers (IHE) and a Member of the British Computer Society (BCS).

Street works News:

DfT releases

- [54th edition of the DfT Street Manager Newsletter](#)
- [DfT Update on The Highway Code - Waiting & Parking](#)
- [DfT Update Highways maintenance funding: guidance for local authorities](#)
- [DfT Update on Lane Rental Charges - Updated 03/04/2025](#)
- [DfT Update on Pot Holes](#)
- [DfT Update: How to apply to close or divert a highway](#)
- [DfT Launch their new Street Manager Road Map](#)



Department
for Transport

Consultations

- [New Lane Rental Scheme Consultation Cheshire East Council](#) closing date Thursday 26th June 2025
- [The Diversion works working group launch the next consultation on the code review](#) closing date Friday 13th June 2025

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

News

- **The JAG(UK) News Grab:** please email manager@jaguk.org for the latest edition
- **Transport Select Committee: Managing the impact of street works Inquiry.**
In March Clive Bairsto, Co-chair of HAUC(UK), Kevin Hamilton, Scottish Road works Commissioner and Sarah Widdows Chair of JAG(UK) gave evidence to the House of Commons Transport Select Committee as part of the inquiry of Managing the impact of street works
[Watch the Inquiry videos here](#)

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](#)



We are now at the delivery stage and all updates will be on our website and social media.

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. You can [Download the App here](#). Or visit the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

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](#)
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NUAR

The team successfully completed the handover of the entire NUAR project to Ordnance Survey at the beginning of April. The account management and onboarding function is shared by a team from OS and GeoPlace ensuring continuity of service.

The team are always happy to provide demos and updates at your local and regional meetings and welcome introductions, please follow this link to read the update and for contact details:

[News from NUAR - May 2025 | HAUC\(UK\)](#)

Regional Reports:

Scotland Report from Ainsleigh Brown (Transport Scotland)



The Roadworks Reform consultation identified seven essential asset attributes for recording, with ongoing input shaping Vault Part 2 regulations. The policy team is prioritizing a review of prescribed qualifications. The Diversionary Works Code is being redrafted with Scottish collaboration. Transport Scotland released the fourth National Transport Strategy delivery plan and evaluation report. These developments aim to enhance coordination, safety, and efficiency in roadworks and infrastructure management across the UK and Scotland.

Wales Report from Ben Beachell



The Network occupancy initiative is at the procurement stage, so still a work in progress but we hope to have it in by this time next year. Wales support the Training & Accreditation, diversionary works and safety code reviews.

Northern Ireland Report from Nile Smith (NI Infrastructure)



Following the NI Assembly's restoration, the 2024–2027 Programme for Government was launched, prioritizing economic growth, childcare, healthcare, housing, safety, and environmental protection. DfI continues quarterly NIRAUC, SWAG, and DRAUC meetings to coordinate street works. Performance is monitored via NISRANS data and coring. DfI is addressing the December 2024 NIAO report recommendations and remains engaged with the Geospatial Commission on underground asset data sharing amid renewed UK Government discussions.

England Report from Ian Law



The lane rental forum is to be co-chaired by Sarah Widdows (special adviser to JAG) and Jane James is taking over as the Vice Chair of HAUC England from the authority side to work alongside Nigel Myers (utility Vice Chair for HAUC England). Kevin Ferguson is taking over as Vice Chair of JAG(UK). Lane rental funding - looking to create a template for pot-hole registration. How do we capture this and how are we funding the repairs? The co-ordination code appendix is still on hold pending Sally Kendall and Anthony Ferguson retiring. New S50 regs are expected to become

operational in Jan 2026 and we have the new S74 and FPN charges coming into play. Working through a combined authority lane rental scheme for London which will be aligned with the new bill and approval scheme.

HAUC(UK) Convention 2025

The 2025 HAUC(UK) Convention took place on April 2nd in Manchester at the Emirates, featuring the theme "Innovation: From Vision to Reality." This event was the largest in its history, attracting nearly 450 delegates and showcasing a bustling exhibition hall.

The day started on a positive note with fine weather, creating an electric atmosphere in the presentation areas and exhibition space. Clive Bairsto, Joint Chair of HAUC(UK) and CEO of SWUK, officially opened the convention to a full audience. Attendees enjoyed a video message from Lilian Greenwood MP, followed by a keynote address from Professor Chris Rogers of the University of Birmingham.

The agenda included presentations on several key topics, such as the new HAUC Vision 2030, the National Underground Asset Register (NUAR), safe planning practices, lane rental, communications, and performance metrics. After a hot lunch, the afternoon featured contributions from representatives of the devolved nations, focusing on data integration and updates from the Department for Transport (DFT).

The convention concluded with farewell remarks from Sally Kendall and Anthony Ferguson, followed by a Q&A session and a summary from Sam Guiver, Joint Chair of HAUC(UK) and Chair of JAG(UK). A prize draw winner was announced, and attendees relaxed on the mezzanine with refreshments before heading home.

Special thanks were given to Gayle Gander and her team at Geoplace for their outstanding planning and organisation, as well as to the convention committee for creating a memorable event, a highlight of the street works calendar. Looking forward to next year's event, participants can access all presentations and photos on the HAUC(UK) website. <https://www.hauc-uk.org.uk/events/haucuk-convention>

A few pictures from the day:



Interesting articles:

1) 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



2) 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](#)

Charity Corner – Our Industry Heroes

Community support is one of the areas of our HAUC Vision.

Gary Hawkins and Mark Mixture's 67-Mile Challenge for Charity.

Gary Hawkins, North London's Streetworks & Reinstatement Manager, and Mark Mixture, Network Manager from Thurrock Council, embarked on a 67-mile challenge across Essex and Thurrock to raise funds for Blind in Business and Ehlers Danlos Support UK (EDS). Starting at 4am from Chelmsford, they aimed to complete the walk within 24-30 hours. They were joined by Alex, a member of the HAUC Vision community pillar, who has EDS. Despite the cold and physical strain, they reached significant milestones but had to halt near Basildon due to Gary's hamstring injury after 40 miles. Their efforts raised over £5,000 for their chosen charities. Congratulations to both for their dedication and achievement!



Andy Neeves ran the London marathon.

On Sunday, April 27th, Andy Neeves, Openreach street works manager, ran the 45th TCS London Marathon in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA). He raised over £1,000 in memory of his dad, Peter, who passed away in November 2024 from MND.

Despite the heat, with temperatures peaking over 25 degrees, Andy completed the marathon, which saw a record 56,000 finishers.

His next challenge is Ironman Austria in September. Andy extends his gratitude to the HAUC community for their kind words and sponsorship.

Trevor Merchant the Traffic and Network Manager from East Sussex will be riding in the Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride (DGR) on 18th May 2025. Which is the world's largest and most stylish on-road charity motorcycling event!

A 30-mile coastal ride in West Sussex with up to 350 likeminded men and women should be quite the spectacle!

This is a charity event to raise money for prostate cancer and men's mental health. You can sponsor Trevor (who will be riding his beloved Kawasaki Z900 RS)



Successful Collaborations

Collaboration and Consistency is Pillar 5 of our HAUC Vision

- The Streetworks team at Nottinghamshire County Council is proud to potentially set a record by managing 10 simultaneous projects during Cadent's planned Mains Replacement in Nottinghamshire. [Follow this link to read the full article](#)
- Netomnia and Virgin Media O2 Join Lincolnshire's Street Works Charter. [Follow this link to read the full article](#)

Events for your Diary - view more on the website <https://www.hauc-uk.org.uk/news-events/hauc-news> and on the HAUC App <https://app.hauc-uk.org.uk/>

- **HAUC Convention** - 23rd April 2026. Details to follow



- **Utility Week Live** - 20-21st May 2025 NEC Birmingham

- **Geoplace Annual Conference 2025** - 22nd May 2025 London



We are looking for more reporters for our newsletter from across the country. Can you help us?
Please email contact@hauc-uk.org.uk



Are they Serious?



Finally, just for fun, a word search!

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