

# News

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## **Manchester Smart Motorways team scoops two prestigious prizes in the 2017 Considerate Constructors Awards**

Manchester Smart Motorways (MSM) has beaten off major competition to achieve both a gold award and one of the UK's most 'Considerate Site' runner-up prizes at the annual Considerate Constructors awards.

Nearly 500 people are currently employed on the £208 million project between junction 8 of the M60 in Trafford and junction 20 of the M62 in Rochdale. The project is being delivered by a BAM Nuttall and Morgan Sindall joint venture, Balfour Beatty, Costain and Carillion on behalf of Highways England.

The project was recognised out of 840 UK nominated sites for all of its hard work including: the development and roll out of health & safety podcasts, delivering innovative initiatives involving the use of conservation dogs to help detect the endangered great crested newt and implementing an exceptional occupational health strategy, which has considerably improved the lives of many employees. All eligible sites have been categorised into bandings based on their project value and MSM's achievement has been recognised in the 50 million and over category.

The Considerate Constructors awards are designed to identify and reward the commitment that sites in the UK have made to improve the image of the construction industry.

MSM Project Director, David Emery, said: "It is testament to all of the hard work and planning that has gone into the project. To be presented with a gold award is an amazing achievement, but to be awarded a runner up prize is nothing short of exceptional and fully deserving of all who work here. We are in the top 4% of award nominated projects in the United Kingdom, which includes all aspects of construction and not just Highways. I'm really proud of everyone and the legacy that MSM will leave in the local community once the project has finished. MSM really reflects how the construction industry has changed over the last 20 years and it's an honour to work with so many talented individuals".

John Nolan, Chairman of the Construction Industry Council, on behalf of Considerate Constructors said: "A first class all-round appearance is maintained, with employees being required to wear full PPE and adhering to the company's 'guiding principles', set out in the MSM induction. Close communication with the public is continuous and community involvement includes charity fundraising and many hours of voluntary work.

Organised training and visits to schools in the area includes a concerted focus on women entering the industry. Exceptional attention to ecology issues includes the trialling of a new approach, using dogs to detect the presence of the great crested newt - a protected species.

An outstanding commitment to safety includes a contractor monthly podcast on YouTube to give operatives the latest safety and wellbeing information. In further consideration of the workforce, a full-time nurse is on site and an electronic life style check point for employees. With comprehensive safety procedures in place, this site delivered the principles of considerate construction to the highest level."