



TEXO TALK

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Nurturing the next generation

In the next 3 months we're highlighting work from the TEXO Foundation's projects with children and young people...

Nothing's gonna stop us now

"What would happen if that crane fell over?" On the dock at the Port of Blyth, you might encounter team TEXO working to inspire the next generation of young engineers.

Brand Executive Alan Conway is a STEM ambassador. His work includes visiting schools as well as supporting students at Newcastle University, where he provides pre-qualified teachers with life experience. In schools, Alan values the chance to encourage young people into engineering.

"I'll go in and show them the drones and all the equipment, then I'll give them a task like designing something, and tell them if they do well then we'll invite them to the facility," says Alan.

It always seems to work, because "three weeks later we take a minibus down and they come to the facility, we do the risk assessments and the kids put on the PPE – hard hats and hi-vis. We show them around, they get to see the underwater robots, and they love the whole day."

Alan describes watching the kids light up as they're inspired by the scale of the work – and the opportunities that could be theirs. Eventually, he'll see some of the same kids returning to apply for apprenticeships. Watch the film > If you haven't seen Alan's guest appearance on BBC's 'We Are England', check it out on IPlayer!



Running up that hill

Ever since he started the TEXO Foundation, it was important to MD Chris Smith that the committee wasn't just handing out cash.

"I've always believed that if you're part of a community, you don't just turn up and take," says Chris. "We give back to people who need a leg-up – and not always monetary; we want to do something different."

The Foundation is an endeavour focused on giving resources to the community, supporting small charities and sometimes simply people who are important to the team.

"Chris does a lot behind the scenes," says Lauren Arnott (DSI Divisional Director). "We hear about issues through our own personal connections, and he's always keen to help."

Lauren's parents are part of the community in the heart of Witham, where they own a pub. Recently a mum in the area lost her battle with cancer. The TEXO Foundation quickly stepped in and supported her two young children – *"they would have been on the street after her death,"* explained Lauren, *"but the Foundation helped with money for a house renovation and furniture, things for the kids."*

"This way, we're giving back to the local community with support where it's needed."

A force for change – time after time

Chris always wants to hear from staff if there are causes or people they'd like to support. This summer there'll be more in the pipeline for the Foundation...

"If our staff want to run or fundraise for one of our charities, we'll match whatever they raise," says Chris. "We've got five locations now and we're building up momentum."

"Obviously there's more we can offer than cash," he points out. "There's a local school wanting to provide cookery lessons, but they don't have the facilities. We're in the planning stages and we want to go in and build them a kitchen during the summer holidays this year."

Chris also told us about an exciting upcoming project for kids in sport. *"I've been talking to Russell Anderson [former captain at AFC], who's built a charity for underprivileged children. Some of them don't have trainers, some of them don't even get breakfast. We're looking at building some Sports Banks where people drop off trainers and t-shirts to help the kids train."*



Chris Smith
Group Managing Director

Come on, Eileen! Bring your shell-suit for Archie's 80s Ball*

The Chester Hotel will be a riot of double denim and shoulder pads on Saturday 26th August, when the Archie Foundation holds its fantastic 80s ball.

TEXO is sponsoring the event so that the Archie Foundation can raise more money for its inspiring projects. Round up some friends or colleagues and 'Jump' into your neons to Rock the Casbah!

Tickets (£1000/table of ten):
lynne.brooks@archie.org

*Finally, the reason for all the 80s song titles in this issue of TEXOTalk.



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Sat 26th August
7pm till 1am

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Supercar Day in the Shire!

TEXO Foundation is delighted to be supporting Supercar Day in the Shire, an amazing event held each year to create a day of magical memories for families who have either a child or parent that has a chronic or terminal illness.

400 tickets will be offered to health related charities throughout Aberdeen, such as The Archie Foundation, Charlie House HQ, MND Scotland, Team Jak Foundation, Friends of ANCHOR, Friends of the Neuro Ward, Teenage Cancer Trust, Clan Cancer Support, Children's Hospices Across Scotland (CHAS), Kayleigh's Wee Stars and Logan's Fund Charity!

Supercar Day in the Shire 2023 will be held on Sunday 13th August. The day will kick off at the TEXO headquarters in Westhill for breakfast, and then more than 50 supercars will drive in convoy to the Grampian Transport Museum in Alford for the main event. Children and their families can sit in the supercars, eat tasty food, listen to live music, be entertained by magicians, princesses and superheroes, and play on bouncy castles.

We are looking forward to making this day as amazing as we possibly can for the families. If you are a supercar owner and would like to get involved and attend this amazing day, please register: <https://www.supercardayintheshire.co.uk/>



Dean Sutherland stays undefeated with seventh-round stoppage

Dean Sutherland delivered on his promise of an “explosive performance” earlier this month, stopping Brendon Denes in the seventh round at the Beach Ballroom.

The 24-year-old welterweight prospect dropped Denes with a powerful body shot with 33 seconds remaining in the round, and the Zimbabwean’s corner threw in the towel to spare their man further punishment.

It was Sutherland’s 15th victory, and his first since suffering his first professional defeat last year to Louis Greene.

The Granite City boxer is now looking to build momentum in 2023, and he has another fight night to look forward to in August at Braehead Arena, Glasgow.

The win was Sutherland’s first under new coach Barry Healy, with the boxer now basing himself down in London for his training camps.



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TEXO Sponsors Scottish Dance Team at Dance World Cup 2023 in Braga

TEXO are proud to have sponsored the jackets for Step Up Dance Studios, who are representing Team Scotland at the Dance World Cup 2023, taking place in Braga, Portugal. We're delighted to have helped them with their kit for the competition which will feature thousands of competitors from 50 different countries, and is widely regarded as the best all-genre dance competition in the world for children and young adults.



Interactive tour for trainee teachers at TEXO, Port of Blyth

In February, Alan Conway had the privilege of being a guest speaker at Newcastle University, supporting the North East Teachers Encounters Programme and The Careers & Enterprise Company, set up by North East Local Enterprise Partnership.

This month, more than 40 maths, geography and science trainee teachers had a full day visiting one of TEXO's sites at the Port of Blyth. There was a full presentation and interactive tour of TEXO's live projects and all services that TEXO provides, along with other projects involving local companies based at the port. The trainee teachers had the opportunity to see substantial offshore fabrications and state-of-the-art engineering ranging from subsea ploughs and trenchers, subsea drilling machines, pipe lay towers and vessel mobilisations.



Hopefully this will help inspire the next generation of teachers which will benefit the young people and the next generation of engineers they will be teaching for years to come."

Alan Conway, TEXO Brand Executive



It is the North East LEP's ambition that all trainee teachers in the region will be able to access similar experiences to support them in delivering quality careers education to students. The North East Teachers Encounters Programme will test how we can collaboratively achieve that ambition to benefit young people and the region. Thank you to TEXO and Port of Blyth for accommodating us. It was a fantastic experience for everyone involved."

North East Local Enterprise Partnership



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TEXO TUNED IN

TEXO Tuned In is a series of conversations with key people in the Engineering, Fabrication, Construction and Surveying industries to discuss innovation and points of consideration for the changing landscape of these fields.





TEXO Tuned In


Podcast Episode 7:
Jim Jackson
Business Development Manager
Survey Division - DSI

How advancements in technology have changed the process of inspection within the construction field

A portrait of Jim Jackson, a man with a beard and short hair, wearing a dark jacket, against a dark background.

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 <https://lnkd.in/efvYvxzH>




TEXO Tuned In

Podcast Episode 8:
Xiang Wong
Business Development Manager
TEXO DSI

How sector-relevant technical knowledge helps Texo's drone pilots to deliver accurate and relevant data

A portrait of Xiang Wong, a man with glasses and dark hair, wearing a dark jacket over an orange shirt, against a dark background.

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 <https://lnkd.in/eRPcNskG>

 <https://lnkd.in/epvX9Wrx>





The Northern Lights Kit

Aberdeen launch their new away kit inspired by the sights and colours often found in the sky that are synonymous with that part of the world, the brand-new away kit features cosmic swirls on a black base, replicating the night sky when the 'heavenly dancers' come out to play.






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New Signings



Centre back Rhys Williams joined the Dons on a season long loan from @ LFC.



Graeme Shinnie is officially a Don again joining on a 3-year deal from Wigan



Ester Sokler has agreed to join The Dons on a three year-deal from NK Radomlje for an undisclosed fee.



Leighton Clarkson has signed a four year-deal with the Dons, joining from Liverpool for an undisclosed fee.



TEXO TEAM PLAYERS OF THE MONTH



IN THE FIELD

Connor Mullan

Survey & Inspection
UAS Pilot

We proudly nominate Connor for the team award due to his exceptional work ethic, surpassing expectations, and delivering great results. He has strong problem-solving skills and seamlessly integrates into the team.

His dedication and efficiency significantly impact our projects, making him an integral part of our team. Connor's nomination reflects our high regard for his hard work, adaptability, and remarkable team spirit.



OFFICE BASED

John Diack

Workspace Solutions
Offshore Operations Manager

John was one of our very first employees, and he still remembers getting the very first order for the grand sum of £484.00!

A lot has changed since the start and John has worked hard to develop the offshore business in both volume and customer service.

John is committed, caring and efficient, and his ability to communicate and make clients feel at ease is second to none. He is the true essence of everything that TEXO Workspace Solutions stand for.

Well done John, you are a true asset to the company and we would not be where we are today without your passion and drive to deliver.

