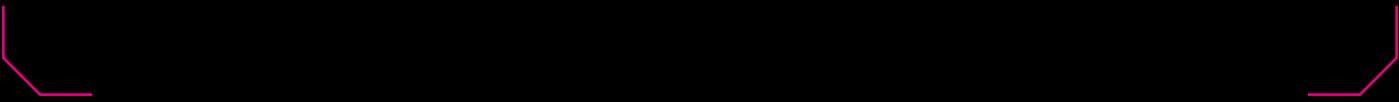




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Welcome to our second monthly instalment featuring the TEXO foundation which is focused on children and young people.



Chris Smith
Group Managing Director



To see these great initiatives, flourish and take shape gives all at TEXO a great sense of achievement.

The main aim of the TEXO foundation is to support local communities at the ground routes. Everyone at TEXO is thrilled at the difference support can have and it's TEXO's goal for the foundation to reach as many people as possible and to see the positive change it can have on communities."



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TEXO'S COMMITMENT TO LOCAL SPORTS

If you've been to a local match recently, perhaps you've seen the TEXO logo – on shirts or at the pitch. Why is sponsoring local teams and individuals so important to us at TEXO?

The TEXO Foundation was established in 2020 to support and strengthen the local communities where our divisions are based. With a vision to nurture the next generation, the Foundation's remit includes creating opportunities for ambitious young people in sport.



I don't believe we should just exist in isolation, as a business; we should think about how we can pay it forward," explained Chris Smith. "With divisions in Witham, Aberdeen, and Port of Blyth, it's important to give back to the community – the teams at TEXO are embedded there, we're flourishing there, and we should be a positive influence and help the whole community to grow."

Boxing heroes

Boxing is a sport in which TEXO takes a keen interest, which is largely down to the enthusiasm (and amateur boxing experience) of our Brand Exec, Alan Conway.



I met Tommy [Hodgson] when he was 7 – I followed him from amateur to fighting for GB. He needed support to turn professional and the TEXO Foundation provided it."

So TEXO sponsored Tommy 'Hitman' Hodgson, who has now been pro for just over two years – with a professional record of 6-0. TEXO has also sponsored Dean Sutherland and Sheffield's first professional female boxer, Bree Wright.



We have a small committee to discuss who to sponsor and Tommy's manager sold us on Bree. She's 100% dedicated. They're all very polite young people; we meet them, and we make a commitment to them."



DEAN SUTHERLAND



BREE WRIGHT



TOMMY HODGSON

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Football clubs

TEXO is a proud sponsor of Aberdeen FC. As front-of-shirt sponsors, TEXO has free tickets to every game. These are given to Archie's for families who have been affected by illness; ticketholders get a VIP experience which creates lots of special memories.

Since sponsoring Aberdeen, TEXO has also signed a sponsorship with Blyth Spartans – the historic local team based near our site in Port of Blyth. The Spartans occupy an important role at the very heart of the local community, which is a key reason for TEXO's sponsorship, regardless of their position in the league. *"We're committed, they're committed,"* says Alan.

In Witham, where TEXO DSI is based, director Lauren Arnott has been exploring opportunities for local sponsorship and support. The Foundation has become a sponsor for Witham Cricket club, producing banners for the ground and drone footage for marketing purposes.

The TEXO Foundation has also just announced sponsorship of Witham Town FC, which has achieved permission for plans to build a 7-a-side 3G pitch. The Foundation will provide support for social media, enabling the club to reach more fans and build buzz around the latest developments.

For TEXO it's not really about brand advertising; it's about fuelling community spirit.



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The Foundation's support is valuable and we want to continue channelling it out to the community, especially during the cost of living crisis – like food, clothes, and opportunities for children whose parents can't afford it," says Lauren.

What's next?

Former AFC captain, Russell Anderson, has established his own foundation which has enabled thousands of kids to attend sporting camps and benefit from specialist coaching. He's in conversation with TEXO MD Chris Smith about a big idea: "sports banks" which would provide trainers and kit to young people who wouldn't otherwise have the right gear to train.



With the Foundation we want to bring more than just money – we have the manpower and the resources to build solutions in communities where they'll make a huge difference," explained Chris. "I've been talking to Russell about bringing this idea to life and we're keen to make it happen."

The TEXO Foundation is growing with TEXO, which owns an increasing fleet of resources as well as highly skilled staff. If you have a vision for the local community, drop us a message and #ChallengeTEXO !



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TEXO SPONSORS SUPERCAR DAY IN THE SHIRE

TEXO is sponsoring Supercar Day in the Shire, an event especially for families affected by chronic and terminal illness.

On Sunday 13th August, at least 25 children and young people will meet up with supercar drivers for breakfast at TEXO before setting out in convoy to the Grampian Transport Museum. The kids will get into the passenger seats – and feel like superstars for the morning.

In the Museum grounds, 400+ invited families will be welcomed by the array of supercars (including Ferraris, Lamborghinis, Porsches, McLarens, and some vintage models) – plus face-painting, bouncy castle, food, and Superhero meet-and-greets. It's not a fundraiser, but an experience: this event is invite-only. The idea is to provide a fun, memorable day for families with a parent or child diagnosed with a chronic or terminal illness. Last held in 2019 and put on pause during the pandemic, the Supercar Day in the Shire is returning for its fourth year in 2023.



Since becoming involved with Emily and the supercar day in 2019 we've all been waiting for the opportunity to host again and support the whole day," says Richard Lamb (Director of Workplace Solutions at TEXO). "Watching the cars leave the site is very moving – it breaks all our hearts. Emily puts everything

into it and here at TEXO we all feel committed to providing support and ensuring the families have the best day they can possibly have."



We couldn't do this event without the incredible generosity of TEXO," says organiser Emily Findlay. "I am so grateful to them; they go above and beyond to support the event."

The Story behind Supercar Day

Emily was 14 when she was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma, a rare form of cancer for her age, affecting the nervous system.



In 2014, while I was going through treatment, my brother Max and I attended a supercar day at the Grampian Transport Museum and we absolutely loved it," she explains. "I'd always loved cars, but this event sparked my passion for supercars. Max was 6 years old, and his face just lit up when he got a ride in the cars. I remember we were both obsessed with the Audi RBs."



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Siblings are affected massively when their brother or sister is unwell, and I think it is so important to give an opportunity for them to have fun and experience something really special – of course this event is for the whole family.”

Inspired by her own experiences, Emily founded Supercar Day in the Shire. She wanted to give families a ‘day off’ from thinking about illness and appointments. *“We go above and beyond to make our event as memorable as possible,”* she said. *“I know what a strain a chronic or terminal illness can have on families.”*

Tickets are given out by designated charities including The Archie Foundation, Charlie House, Friends of Anchor, and Maggie’s Aberdeen. *“So far, we have given out 400+ tickets to 12 local charities. We have so many families that are so excited for the event. I just want to do everything I can to make the day incredibly special for them.”*

Could you bring a car or drive in the convoy?

If you own a **supercar** and you can spare a few hours on Sunday 13th August, Emily wants to hear from you! Please visit www.supercardayintheshire.co.uk/volunteer and fill out the online form and she will get back to you.

SUPERCAR DAY IN THE SHIRE

DATE: 13 AUGUST 2023

VENUE: GRAMPIAN TRANSPORT MUSEUM



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TEXO x MCDONALD'S = FREE BREAKFAST FOR SUPERCAR DAY

TEXO has teamed up with McDonald's in Westhill to provide a hot breakfast for Supercar Day this year!

Tomorrow (13th August) we're expecting 25-40 supercars in the TEXO car park. Supercar Day in the Shire is a special event which will create extraordinary memories for more than 400 families affected by chronic or terminal illness.

It all starts at the TEXO site, and we're gearing up to make this year's bigger and better than ever. We're extremely grateful to McDonald's Westhill (2 minutes away from us), who will be dishing up a generous breakfast in the morning.

In between blowing up balloons, our Director of Workspace Solutions Richard Lamb said: "Since becoming involved with Supercar Day in 2019, we've all been waiting for the opportunity to host again and support the whole occasion. [The organiser] Emily puts everything into it and here at TEXO we all feel strongly about providing the support to set up the day and ensure the families have the best day they can possibly have."

Hands up who's ready to ride in a Supercar tomorrow? We can't wait to greet the families with heaps of McMuffins and see the kids hopping into Supercars for a VIP drive in convoy. It's a moving sight – if you're in the local community, pop out and give the cars a wave!

Read more about the Supercar Day in the Shire [here](#).



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CEREMONY MARKS OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE DALES SCHOOL TRAIN!

The amazing work at The Dales School in Blyth to convert an old train into a STEM classroom and library is now complete!

Our Brand Executive Alan Conway visited the SEN school this month, attending the official opening ceremony,



When we learnt about this wonderful project, we immediately realised that it was something for the TEXO Foundation to look at supporting. We are extremely proud to be involved in such community projects and hope that by taking this project from concept to delivery, we are able to positively affect the lives of others in our local area. We hope this unique library is enjoyed by many for years to come."



Thank you to TEXO for all the amazing work, we simply would not have been able to do the project without you. Thank you so much for getting on board the train with us. We hope to work with TEXO in the future, this has been a real community project."

The Dales School



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TEXO GOLF FUNDRAISER

On 21st July, TEXO were proud to host their 2023 corporate golf day in aid of the TEXO foundation, raising funds for this year's chosen charity the amazing Archie Foundation.

Following on from the golf competition, was a silent raffle with some great prizes and we managed to raise £1,200 pounds that was presented to Lynne Brooke, Partnership manager of the Archie trust.



Its always great to receive donations and from one of our trusted partners who tirelessly support us through the TEXO foundation. We know we have some exciting collaborations coming up."

Lynne Brooke



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TEXO DSI ANNOUNCES SPONSORSHIP FOR WITHAM FC

The TEXO Foundation will sponsor social media and marketing for the club, helping them to communicate with fans and raise awareness about club activities. *"We're excited to have TEXO on board and develop a more professional marketing strategy,"* said Paul Taylor, a committee member at Witham Town FC.



"We want to do more than just giving money – we want to give back to the community," said Lauren Arnott, director of TEXO DSI. *"The TEXO Foundation has already enabled us to become shirt sponsor at Witham Cricket Club, and we support them with boards at the grounds and drone footage. So we're looking forward to providing resources and sponsorship to Witham FC, which is a well-loved part of the community."*

The club has made incredible progress over the last four years, despite the challenges of Covid. With planning permission granted for a 7-a-side 3G pitch, expansion will benefit players (including the youth and vets' teams) as well as fans. The new sponsorship deal will enable the club to focus on growing its reach and building more buzz!



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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):
lynnne.brooks@archie.org

Archie's
**DISCO
BALL**

The Chester
Hotel
Aberdeen
Sat 26th August
7pm till 1am

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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.



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**Podcast Episode 9:
Debra Bruce**
Managing Director
TEXO Recruitment

How access to industry-relevant expertise from TEXO's other divisions helps TEXO Recruitment provide the best service to their clients.

 <https://open.spotify.com/episode/40uubFJTJwp8RXiUMnl2Jv?si=Z0lnIEu9R40qXkkVWOuv2g6nd=1>

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sgff5iZAtzY>


 <https://texo.co.uk/podcast/podcast-episode9-/>



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**Podcast Episode 10:
Alistair Herriot**
Managing Director
Airport Capacity Solutions

how to build or upgrade your facilities faster, without interrupting your day-to-day operations, and in a more environmentally-friendly way than traditional construction.

 https://open.spotify.com/episode/5Ev0hIUfAYy1NiD2l1jEpV?si=9m09uXDORiOA_PB05z3DVA8nd=1

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-L0nmYuEJQ>

 <https://texo.co.uk/podcast/podcast-episode10-/>



THE NEW ABERDEEN HOME KIT

Aberdeen are celebrating their 120th year and the new kit features a gold trim, as a nod to the black & gold jerseys which were worn during the club's early years, along with the red base colour which is now renowned all over the world.





New Signings



Defender Or Dadia has today joined the Dons on a season long loan.



Centre back Rhys Williams has joined the Dons on a season long loan from Liverpool FC.



Goalkeeper Ross Doohan has joined the Dons on a two-year deal.

23/24 Fixures

2023 / 2024 FIXTURES	AUGUST		NOVEMBER		FEBRUARY		MAY				
	SAT 05	LIVINGSTON	A	WED 01	MOTHERWELL	A	SAT 03	CELTIC	H	SAT 04	POST SPLIT MD2
	SAT 12	CELTIC	H	SAT 04	LIVINGSTON	H	WED 07	RANGERS	A	SAT 11	POST SPLIT MD 3
	SAT 26*	ST. MIRREN	A	SAT 11*	CELTIC	A	SAT 17	HIBERNIAN	H	WED 15	POST SPLIT MD4
				SAT 25	RANGERS	H	SAT 24	KILMARNOCK	A	SAT 18	POST SPLIT MD5
						WED 28	ST. JOHNSTONE	H			
			DECEMBER		MARCH						
SAT 02*	HIBERNIAN	H	SAT 02*	HIBERNIAN	A	SAT 02	ST MIRREN	A			
SAT 16	HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN	A	WED 06	KILMARNOCK	H	SAT 16	MOTHERWELL	A			
SAT 23*	ROSS COUNTY	H	SAT 09	HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN	H	SAT 30	ROSS COUNTY	H			
SAT 30	RANGERS	A	SAT 16*	ST. JOHNSTONE	A						
			SAT 23	DUNDEE	A	APRIL					
			WED 27	MOTHERWELL	H	SAT 06	LIVINGSTON	A			
			SAT 30	ST. MIRREN	H	SAT 13	DUNDEE	H			
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SAT 21	DUNDEE	H	SAT 27	HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN	A						
SAT 28*	KILMARNOCK	A									





BLYTH SPARTANS

Alan Conway, TEXO Brand Executive visited Blyth Spartans AFC this month for the official kit launch for the 2023/24 season at Croft Park.

The embedded Spartans logo in the stripes of the home kit and the striking 'Northumberland Flag design' of the away kit look really professional and unique.



I was impressed to see the work that the Supporters Club had done in packing and dispatching orders, there were over 200 tops ready for dispatch some going abroad to countries as far as China, New Zealand, U.S.A. etc. and the thought that the Blyth Spartans and TEXO will be represented in so many places around the world."

Alan Conway



TEXO TEAM PLAYERS OF THE MONTH



OFFICE BASED

Phil Herriot

Project Manager
TEXO ACS

Changing from client to becoming part of the TEXO family (now fully integrated as TEXO ACS), was an easy transition for Phil Herriot; having worked closely with the team at TEXO Workspace Solutions over the past five years on several key airport projects.

Phil knew the team, and the high level of support available throughout the TEXO group, was going to enhance his abilities to deliver projects, and provide a wider range of services.

Straight away, Phil had his work cut out with a large infrastructure programme at Heathrow Airport – to enhance security lane processes including designing and manufacturing new modular buildings to match those existing.

Like any major project, and especially within a major airport during live operations,

nothing is simple. Phil was in the key role as PM between the client, design team, contractor, and the Workspace Solutions team, to ensure a smooth transition of information and delivery of the overall build.

“Having worked with Phil over the past few years we have developed a great working relationship, states Dave Underwood, Pre-Construction Manager at TEXO WSS, we have seen Phil gain a great level of understanding of how we design and build our modular solutions. We do all we can to support his role in co-ordinating such a difficult project within the challenging airport environment – we have always treated ACS as a partner, so it’s great that we have all become one.”

Welcome on-board Phil, with your support we’ve successfully completed our first project together and look forward to many more.

TEXO TEAM PLAYERS OF THE MONTH



IN THE FIELD

David Wastell

Rope Access Level 3 Team Lead
TEXO Asset Integrity

Kyle Moir

RA NDT Inspector
TEXO Asset Integrity

Both David and Kyle have been nominated for providing support, working at height during various operations onboard a valued clients asset. The team have gone over and above their duties and have really shown great workmanship and continued professionalism throughout. The Asset Integrity team would like to thank them on behalf of TEXO for a great job.

