

Aberdeen Harbour Expansion Project

Meet the Team

Peter Sivell, HSE Manager



Q. When did your involvement with the project begin and how?

A. I first heard about the project whilst working on the Queensferry Crossing with Morrison Construction. I was asked if I would be part of the project – it was a difficult dilemma as I had worked with Morrison Construction for app 15 years and with some fantastic people. However, the Project won, and I started work at AHEP in October 2017.

Q. How would you describe your role?

A. I would describe my role as varied! Throughout my time on the project, I have been lucky enough to have been involved with every aspect of the project, from Deputy Breakwater Manager, Head of Section for the roads right through to Works Manager and now with a specific role in Health and Safety Management, General Engineering & Construction Management.

Q. How often are you on site?

A. I try to be on site multiple times during the day, however this is not always possible. In my opinion, site should always come first, because it is the workplace. If it is not working there, then we are all doomed, which is why it is imperative to have a good team around you to be able to identify, spot, discuss and co-ordinate any issues that may arise before they come to fruition.

Q. How has COVID changed the way the site runs?

A. Drastically, but it's not all negative. The site now has a strong focus to ensure that groups, teams, and companies stick together to reduce contact and aid tracing if we do have a positive case. Due to this there is also a reduction in labour and more onus is put onto the machine operators to co-ordinate works, which makes people-plant segregation easier.

Q. What does it mean to you to be part of a project like this?

A. It means a great deal to me. One of my main reasons for wanting to be part of the project was my family connections with the North East of Scotland. I have relatives along the Murray Firth Coast. My Mum and my Auntie, after losing both parents were brought up in Pennan by my Great Granny. The main source of income for the family in Pennan was from fishing which, I believe is where my love of the marine environment comes from. This combined with the opportunity to construct a new harbour is irresistible and I look forward to building something that my family can be proud of for generations to come. My family are about to relocate to the North East from Musselburgh; this will enable us to be together, as they can see and appreciate how much the project means and how hard we have all worked and are willing to work to get this project across the line.

