

# NEWS ROUNDUP

## Road Expo Scotland

Britpave attended Road Expo Scotland for the first time on 5 and 6 November in Edinburgh. Road Expo is the only event of its kind in Scotland where delegates have the opportunity to network with hundreds of roads, transport and traffic management professionals, see the latest products and services and attend topical and informative seminars, all under one roof.

Britpave had an exhibition stand for the two day event, which attracted both public and private sector visitors.

These included:

- Central Government & Local Authority Departments
- Designers
- Highways Maintenance and Construction
- Road Safety Personnel
- Transport Planners
- Surveyors
- Emergency Services
- Civil Engineers
- Consultants
- Educational and Research Organisations
- Architects

## Presentations

Britpave were delighted to be able to give two informative presentations within the Information Exchange on day one of the event. James Charlesworth of Extrudakerb and Peter Abel of Laing O'Rourke kindly gave up their time to assist Britpave.

**James Charlesworth, Director of Extrudakerb**, gave a presentation on 'The Latest Developments in Concrete Step Barrier'. The presentation covered the safety crash testing of Britpave Step Barrier to withstand the impact of a 13 tonne bus. The audience were able to watch the footage of this test, alongside the computer simulations of a crash with steel barrier. They were also able to watch the Britpave video of a HGV driver reporting on the day he was unfortunate enough to have a tyre 'blow out' on the M25. He believes the fact a Concrete Barrier was on the road saved his life, as his HGV caught fire after being directed along the length of the barrier. Had the barrier been steel, he would have certainly crashed through it.

**Peter Abel, Chief Materials Engineer for Infrastructure of Laing O'Rourke**, gave a presentation on 'Designing for Quality and Durability'. This presentation was to aid those who are involved in the construction or design of concrete pavements. It covered ways of ensuring that the various product testing is carried out correctly, in both the laboratory tests and on site. Emphasis was also given to possible issues and common problems faced whilst on site, together with recommendations on how to achieve top quality pavement concrete.

## Best visitor promotion

Britpave were honoured to receive an award by the event organisers, Faversham House Group. This was awarded for going over and above the call of duty in promoting their presence at the show.

All in all the event was a success and Britpave enjoyed two very busy days, introducing themselves to the Scottish public.



David Jones greets Edwin Petrie - Holcim



James Charlesworth – Extrudakerb



Peter Abel – Laing O'Rourke



Leanne Cobb receives commendation

