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## THE CIVIL ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION NW AWARDS 2020

**Southbay Civil Engineering of North Shields has won Project of the Year under £1 million**, for the complex and challenging replacement of aids to navigation at New Brighton. A restricted budget and the need to work in a tidal environment meant they had to work closely with the local authority to develop an alternative design, with a single concrete monopile replacing the original tripod structure. Eric Wright Civil Engineering was highly commended for its Northgate Steps project in Chester.

**Colin Briscoe Construction of Carnforth has won Project of the Year between £1-5 million**. Peel Ports required them to expand access to Heysham Port, with a short and challenging deadline for Brexit readiness. The project also had to meet stringent health and safety requirements, and ensure unhindered access and business as usual for the port. ACS Construction was highly commended for construction of a GIS substation as part of the North Sea Link.

**Eric Wright Civil Engineering of Bamber Bridge has won Project of the Year over £5 million**. As part of Cumbria's Infrastructure Recovery Plan, the company constructed the UK's first stainless steel road bridge at Pooley Bridge. The project had the constraints of permits to work in the river, and the need to maintain access to Pooley Bridge for as long as possible. Concrete was poured in April, and the 320 tonne deck installed in May. I&H Brown was highly commended for the Manston Lane link road project.

**Cubby Construction of Carlisle has won the Collaborative Partnership Award** for the Fraternity Project at Carlisle Cathedral, that required extensive collaboration with design engineers, architects, church building specialists, archaeologists and the client. This

process achieved extensive value engineering, reducing the cost of the project by 25%.

Colin Briscoe Construction was highly commended for the Heysham Port Brexit readiness works.

**Colas has won the Social Value Award** for a project in Manchester to create two new link roads, slip roads and the removal of a subway. Working closely with Manchester City Council, Colas supported the rough sleepers who occupied the subway, and provided pre-employment support and training for sixty homeless and long term unemployed people.

Cubby Construction was highly commended for The Fraternity project in Carlisle.

**Matt Groome of Colas has won the Young Professional of the Year**, a key player in the company's traffic management works, despite only joining the company in January 2020. He has made an immediate impact, managing over sixty schemes worth more than £10 million. Brendan Hitchcock of I&H Brown was highly commended.

**Joe Fitzgibbon from Sale has won the Lifetime Achievement Award.** He is one of our most highly respected civil engineers, and has been involved in CECA since its inception, chairing CECA both in the North West and nationally. Joe has a particular passion to attract more people into civil engineering and has been instrumental in getting the message across that it is an excellent career choice. Ian Spurr was highly commended.

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