



# TEXO TALK

AUGUST 2023

## How the TEXO Foundation began

TEXO's a group of engineers, surveyors, and constructors – so what are we doing opening a charitable Foundation?

*“Anyone who's ever wondered this should have seen the TEXO carpark on Sunday morning,”* explains Richard Lamb, Divisional Director of Workspace Solutions.

Richard was closely involved in hosting the opening event for Supercar Day in the Shire, a special occasion for families affected by chronic or terminal illness. As the carpark filled up, *“everyone pulled together with one goal – to ensure the kids and families had the best day ever.”*

*“I've always been a believer that you don't just turn up and take,”* says Managing Director Chris Smith, who launched the TEXO Foundation in 2020. *“We'd developed from our HQ in Aberdeenshire, we'd built a site at the Port of Blyth and opened a branch in Essex, and it was time to give back to those communities.”*

*“We're fortunate to have the opportunity to choose where we direct funds and resources. We're doing it at grass roots level – people who need a leg up in the community. Up-and-coming sports stars who need support to get to events. It's not always monetary. We always want to do something extra.”*

The TEXO Foundation is not just a bolt-on to TEXO's core work. It's becoming the foundation of everything we do. Now our directors have all become involved and they're all asking the same thing: what impact can TEXO make beyond our business?

### #ChallengeTEXO

Since building a bespoke platform for the train carriage at Dale Specialist School, the TEXO Foundation has been active in seeking out projects where our staff's resources and skills can be utilised. This summer, we worked with Kirkhill Primary School to install a new kitchen which will offer brilliant opportunities for children (and the wider community) to improve their skills in cooking, nutrition and budgeting.

### The future of the Foundation

The TEXO Foundation is always ready for the next challenge. We are building connections in our local communities which enable us to identify and help grass-roots causes. That includes supporting sports teams with their branding and marketing, renovating school and hospital facilities, and even helping Santa to deliver presents.

So if you know a group who could benefit from our resources and assistance, drop us a line...

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## NORTH EAST DRIVERS MAKE SUPERCAR DAY SENSATIONAL!

This year's Supercar Day in the Shire was the best yet, with more than 40 supercar drivers arriving to create magical memories for families affected by chronic and terminal illness.

The TEXO Foundation supported the event, working closely with organiser Emily Findlay. This year, buzz had been building, and we welcomed more supercars than ever. Early on Sunday the 13th of August, the TEXO HQ car park transformed into a supercar-lot as our kind and generous drivers rolled up to collect their important passengers.



*If you ever wondered why we set up the TEXO Foundation, that moment was the reason," said Richard Lamb, Director of Workspace Solutions. "Everyone pulled together with one goal – to ensure the kids and families had the best day ever." These drivers came without question to share their vehicles and knowledge with everyone, and cap it off by taking more than 20 kids out to the next stage at the Grampian Transport Museum."*



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Drivers, staff members and families shared a generous breakfast donated by McDonald's in Westhill (two minutes away from TEXO HQ). Then the drivers took their excited passengers in a jaw-dropping convoy to the site for Supercar Day in the Shire.

TEXO is extremely grateful to everyone who worked together to make this day possible. That includes our brilliant staff and supply chain as well as McDonalds and Aberdeen Football Club. It was a fantastic joint effort and all the hard work really paid off – as you can see from the smiles in every picture.

We can't wait for next year!





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## WHAT'S COOKING IN KIRKHILL?

Team TEXO has spent the school holidays building something special for Kirkhill Primary – take a look inside.

Kirkhill Learning Hub delivers cookery and budgeting lessons for children as well as events for families in the wider community. When the TEXO team learned from Russell Anderson that the school needed a proper facility to continue its work, they got busy!



*The Russell Anderson Foundation has been working with Kirkhill Primary School since 2020,” explains Russell, “delivering physical activity and health and wellbeing programmes to the pupils. An important strand of the work has been healthy eating and we kitted out a skills room at the school with basic cooking utensils for cooking classes.”*



Before

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Meeting our MD Chris Smith by chance, Russell described the local projects that his Foundation was involved with. Not long afterwards, Chris and Richard Lamb [Director of Workspace Solutions] visited Kirkhill Primary and learned about the positive impact that their project was having on local children and families.



*“At Kirkhill Skills Hub, learning is delivered through STEAM [Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths] projects relating to real life contexts,” says Jaquie Alexander from Kirkhill. “Children learn practical skills such as food preparation, nutrition and budgeting alongside communication, collaboration, critical thinking, focusing and creativity. We’ve seen high levels of engagement from learners who struggle at other times.”*

*The aim is to spread our learners’ knowledge of healthy, affordable food into family homes and the wider local community. At the end of each module, learners take home a bag of ingredients and recipes to prepare for their families. We have received so much positive feedback about children now preparing family meals on a regular basis.”*

As well as exciting cookery sessions for the children, the Learning Hub runs community events like ‘Soup and Salsa’ for families.



*“After our visit, we were overwhelmed by the situation and the effort that was going into this from the teachers and kids,” says Richard. “We felt a sense of duty to support the initiative and let everyone involved feel that what they were doing was important and that we cared for them, and all this stands for.”*

The TEXO Foundation made a proposal to design and install a purpose-built kitchen area which would enable Kirkhill Learning Hub to continue their brilliant work. During the summer holidays, team TEXO got started – and we’re proud to say that the ribbon will be cut this week.



*Former Aberdeen FC Captain, Russell Anderson, said: “The new space will be an exciting addition to the school and will have a lasting and meaningful impact on the whole community.” We can’t wait to see what Kirkhill Learning Hub cooks up next.*



**RUSSELL ANDERSON**  
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## ARCHIE'S DISCO BALL!

What a fantastic night at The Archie Foundation's 80s themed ball last weekend! TEXO were proud to be the main sponsor for the fundraiser, which raised an amazing £29,000 towards the services that Archie's offer. This sum will fund four rooms in the parents accommodation for a year, or it would cover the cost of Bereavement Support Service in schools.



*The biggest thank you to all of you for supporting and helping – we have had so much fun we have already said we will do it again next year!*  
– The Archie Foundation



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## SUNNYBANK FOOTBALL CLUB'S NEW AWAY KIT

TEXO are proud to be sponsors for Sunnybank Football Club's new away kit.

Good luck for the season!



## EIC NATIONAL AWARD NOMINATIONS!

TEXO Technologies is proud to be shortlisted for three awards in this year's EIC National Awards – 'Digital', 'People & Competency' and 'Innovation'.

Winners will be announced at the event in London on 19<sup>th</sup> October hosted by Dame Joanna Lumley.



## VISIT TEXO AT OFFSHORE EUROPE!

Final preparations are underway for Offshore Europe which takes place at P&J Live in Aberdeen between 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September!

We're looking forward to a busy exhibition! Be sure to find the TEXO Foundation Village located in Hall 2 [stand 2H29].

Register for free: <https://www.offshore-europe.co.uk/en-gb/register.html?code=0832457287419273-42A>



## 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.

 **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-/>

 **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/5Ev0hIUfAYy1Ni2l1jEpV?si=9m09uXDORiOA\\_PB05z3DVA8nd=1](https://open.spotify.com/episode/5Ev0hIUfAYy1Ni2l1jEpV?si=9m09uXDORiOA_PB05z3DVA8nd=1)



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



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

 **Podcast Episode 11:**  
**David Palmer**  
Chief UAS Pilot  
TEXO DSI



How TEXO DSI looks beyond drones, harnessing multiple data streams to provide the full survey picture.



<https://open.spotify.com/episode/7DeKT1JaWSGvGSS5KvLEBL>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vb6kncwF5iE>



<https://texo.co.uk/podcast/podcast-episode11-/>





## New Signings



Republic of Ireland internationalist Jamie McGrath is Aberdeen's tenth signing of the summer transfer window.



Finnish international Richard Jensen has joined the Dons from Polish side Górnik Zabrze.



Pape Habib Guèye has become Aberdeen's twelfth signing of the summer joining from top tier Belgian side KV Kortrijk for an undisclosed fee.

## August Results

Livingston **0 - 0** Aberdeen  
Cinch Premiership  
Sat 5 Aug, Tony Macaroni Arena

Aberdeen **1 - 3** Celtic  
Cinch Premiership  
Sun 13 Aug, Pittodrie Stadium

Stirling Albion **1 - 2** Aberdeen  
Viaplay Cup  
Fri 18 Aug, Forthbank Stadium

BK Häcken **2 - 2** Aberdeen  
UEFA Europa League Qualifying  
Thu 24 Aug, Bravida Arena

St. Mirren **2 - 2** Aberdeen  
Cinch Premiership  
Sun 27 Aug, The SMISA Stadium

Aberdeen **1 - 3** BK Häcken  
UEFA Europa League Qualifying  
Thu 31 Aug, Pittodrie Stadium

## Aberdeen are in the Europa Conference League

Here is the group draw. Aberdeen will play:

**EINTRACHT FRANKURT (GERMANY)**

**PAOK FC (GREECE)**

**HJK HELSINKI (FINLAND)**



## GROUP STAGE DRAW

### GROUP A

	LOSC
	SLOVAN BRATISLAVA
	OLIMPIJA LJUBLJANA
	KÍ KLAKSVÍK

### GROUP B

	GENT
	M. TEL AVIV
	ZORYA LUHANSK
	BREIDABLIK

### GROUP C

	DINAMO ZAGREB
	VIKTORIA PLZEŇ
	ASTANA
	BALLKANI

### GROUP D

	CLUB BRUGGE
	BODØ/GLIMT
	BEŞIKTAŞ
	LUGANO

### GROUP E

	AZ ALKMAAR
	ASTON VILLA
	LEGIA
	ZRINJSKI

### GROUP F

	FERENCVÁROS
	FIORENTINA
	GENK
	ČUKARIČKI

### GROUP G

	FRANKFURT
	PAOK
	HJK
	ABERDEEN

### GROUP H

	FENERBAHÇE
	LUDOGORETS
	SPARTAK TRNAVA
	NORDSJÆLLAND



## August Results

Blyth Spartans **4 - 2** Gloucester City  
NLN Sat 05 Aug

Blyth Spartans **2 - 1** Hereford FC  
NLN Sat 19 Aug




Warrington Town **0 - 2** Blyth Spartans  
NLN Sat 12 Aug

Buxton **3 - 0** Blyth Spartans  
NLN Sat 26 Aug

Scarborough Athletic **1 - 0** Blyth Spartans  
NLN Tue 15 Aug

Blyth Spartans **2 - 0** Spennymoor Town  
NLN Mon 28 Aug

## League Table

		Home				Away				Total					
		P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
	1 Scunthorpe United	3	2	1	0	3	2	0	1	6	4	1	1	+10	13
	2 Curzon Ashton	3	1	2	0	3	2	1	0	6	3	3	0	+6	12
	3 Spennymoor Town	3	2	0	1	3	2	0	1	6	4	0	2	+5	12
	4 Brackley Town	3	2	1	0	3	1	2	0	6	3	3	0	+5	12
	5 Blyth Spartans	3	3	0	0	3	1	0	2	6	4	0	2	+3	12
	6 South Shields	3	3	0	0	3	0	2	1	6	3	2	1	+4	11
	7 Tamworth	3	1	0	2	3	2	1	0	6	3	1	2	+7	10





## August Results

St Panteleimon **2 - 2** Witham Town  
FA Cup Extra Preliminary, Sat 5 Aug

Witham Town **3 - 0** Stanway Rovers  
FA Cup Preliminary Round, Sat 19 Aug

Witham Town **1 - 0** St Panteleimon  
FA Cup Extra Preliminary Replay, Tue 8 Aug

Witham Town **0 - 1** Brightlingsea Regent  
Isthmian North, Mon 28 Aug

Witham Town **1 - 1** Redbridge  
Isthmian North, Sat 12 Aug



## August Results

Sunnybank FC **0 - 1** Dyce FC  
Grill League Cup, Tue 01 Aug 2023

Sunnybank FC **3 - 0** Buchanhaven Hearts  
McBookie.com NRJFA Premier League,  
Tue 15 Aug 2023

Sunnybank FC **4 - 0** Hall Russell  
Grill League Cup, Sat 05 Aug 2023

Sunnybank FC **2 - 2** Stonehaven  
McBookie.com NRJFA Premier League,  
Sat 19 Aug 2023

Sunnybank FC **3 - 2** Stoneywood Parkvale  
McBookie.com NRJFA Premier League,  
Tue 08 Aug 2023

Sunnybank FC **1 - 0** Newmachar Utd  
McBookie.com NRJFA Premier League,  
Tue 22 Aug 2023

Sunnybank FC **6 - 1** Maud  
McBookie.com NRJFA Premier League,  
Sat 12 Aug 2023

Sunnybank FC **2 - 3** Ellon  
McBookie.com NRJFA Premier League,  
Sat 26 Aug 2023

## TEXO TEAM PLAYERS OF THE MONTH



OFFICE BASED

### Georgie Pocock

Purchasing Administrator

As a recent employee Georgie has integrated into the TEXO work environment and proven herself to be a valuable and key contributor to the Groups Procurement function.

Supporting the diverse divisions that make up the Texo family she has quickly developed the critical rapport with the project managers and engineers necessary to deliver a seamless service to our client base. She has quickly gained the respect of the team for her diligence and commitment.

She has demonstrated an attitude to go above and beyond the requirements of the role to help the delivery teams meet the needs of our often demanding clients. Her approach and dedication is a credit to the TEXO culture of Together We Are One.

Well done Georgie.



IN THE FIELD

### Tim Stirke

Land Surveyor  
TEXO Survey & Inspection

Tim has become an integral part of the TEXO team since joining us from Newcastle University, developing into a well-rounded Survey and UAS professional throughout his time here. He is detailed in his work, positive in his attitude and a compliment to TEXO. His recent undertaking of some particularly challenging jobs has been a credit to his development. Keep up the good work Tim, we look forward to seeing your progression in the years to come.

