

## Institution of Civil Engineers Scotland Museum

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Over the course of the year the museum has acquired eight new items including a half-scale model of a flexible “ball & socket” water main joint (acquisition 2024/007). The water main in cast iron which ran under the River Clyde at Dalmarnock, Glasgow was constructed in 1810 and designed by James Watt (see detail right).



The ICE President, Anusha Shah, visited the museum on 3 September, whilst the museum’s website has attracted over 12,000 visitors in the first nine months of 2024. The website now hosts The Paxton Archive which comprises more than nearly 350 papers and other documents on a wide variety of historical and biographical civil engineering topics written by Professor Roland Paxton over several decades.

Most displays have been refreshed and once completed a comprehensive inventory check will be undertaken. The museum continues to work towards accreditation with Museums Galleries Scotland, with progress being made in clarifying its relationship with the ICE as owners of the collection, and the ICE Scotland Committee.

If any members have items they think may be of interest to the museum please let us know. Contact details are provided on the museum website.

We are always pleased to organise guided tours round the museum and again contact details are provided on the museum website.

The museum website and online catalogue can be found at <https://ice-museum-scotland.hw.ac.uk/>.



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Chairman of the ICE Scotland Museum Committee