Eurovia:
Within the UK, Eurovia is the 26th largest construction company and acts as the industry leader of its specialised field based around highways maintenance and construction.

They are recognised by the Institute of Civil Engineers (ICE) and it was through a collaborated scholarship between the University and ICE that I came to be paired with Eurovia.

My Role:
My first participation as part of the site team was predominantly supporting other within their site roles.

This proved an excellent way to gain a broad range of experience in the three areas of site commerce, management, supervision.

As my time on placement progressed, I became more independent. The peak of this experience was the taking on of a supervisory role. As part of this responsibility, I had the opportunity to take charge of my own gang, working on a range of jobs from the construction of street furniture to the diversion of utilities.

Whilst this was one of the highlights of my placement, the scheme offered many other chances to gain experience, including:

• The interpreting of drawings ahead of construction and subsequent liaising with the design team.
• Taking up responsibility of all the schemes environmental element.
• Trailing and championing innovations in construction, including augmented reality technology and HAVS (hand arm vibrations syndrome) monitoring.
• And the recording and presentation of commercial evidence

A133 Scheme:
The focus of the scheme was the improvement of a 500m section of carriageway featuring two double roundabouts along the run. The scheme had two primary aims:
1. To convert the double roundabouts into two single three and two lane roundabouts respectively.
2. To support this conversion, several kilometres of utilities had to be diverted and two retaining walls strengthened.

Driving Onward:
In summary, the year served to be an enjoyable introduction to the construction industry. Working for Eurovia was a pleasure and given their contractual nature, I had the opportunity to get experience in a variety of areas all of which will assist me in my development towards chartership.

On returning to my studies, I have continued to support the placement scheme by volunteering for the scholarship committee.

Looking ahead, I will take my expanded and honed skills forward into my studies, and beyond. With the ultimate aim of joining Eurovia’s graduate scheme on completion of my masters.

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