



### **TRISTAN ALWYN-CLARK GradIHIE**

Tristan is Assistant Highways Officer in Lincolnshire County Council, which involves him in almost every aspect of maintenance, including the serious drainage problems that afflicted the area last year. His part of the organization also has to field a variety of questions not immediately their responsibility, but related to it: the siting of yellow lines, parking infringements, and at this time of year “vegetation”. Vegetation is a big issue in rural areas as summer growth hides signage, can overhang obstructively, and the allocation of responsibility for dealing with problems can be contentious.

Tristan rather “fell into highways” having set out with an HND in applied biology, followed by moving to Lincoln and taking a part-time post in the County Council’s materials laboratory. He progressed there to a full-time position, and then moved into Highways Asset Management, which involves dealing with mapping and GIS. The data he collects and collates spells out “What’s where and what’s it like.”

About half of Tristan’s time will be spent on site, and half on office based routines. He is working on his submissions for gaining recognition as IEng, because he sees this as the way to open more doors in his future career. He is getting some support from his previous lecturers, as well working hard towards IEng on his own.

Tristan feels that there is not much effort made in Colleges to promote Highways as a good career, and thinks that more should be done. His main ambition at present is to achieve registration.