

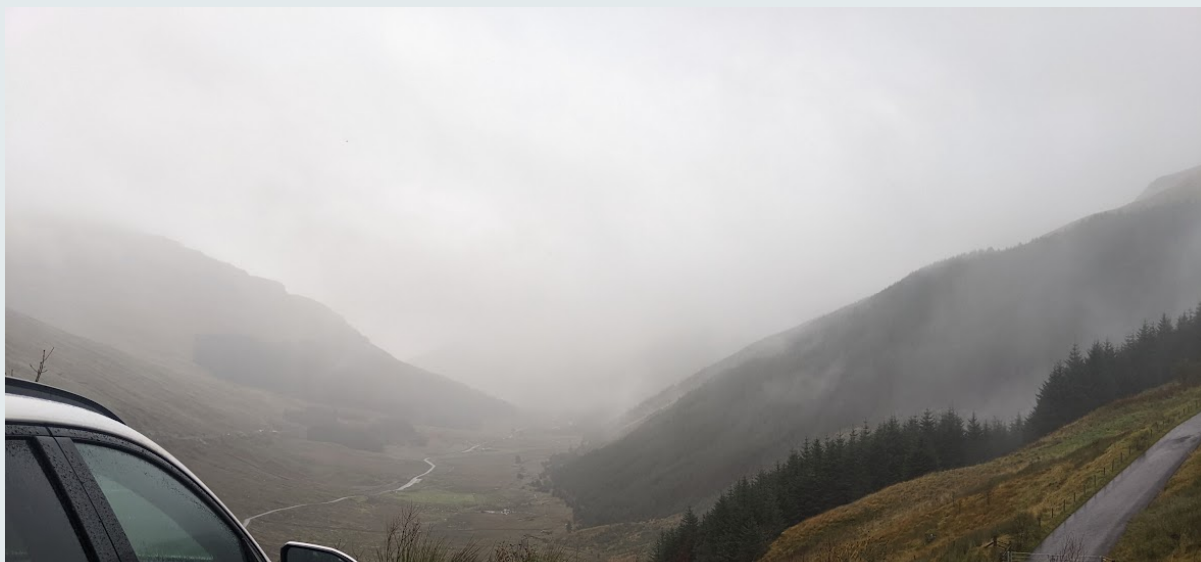


North West ConneXions

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2025

Welcome to the North West Connexions Autumn Edition! We're pleased to share some of the projects and activities we've been working on across North West Scotland during July, August and September.

To help us improve how we communicate with you, please take a moment to [complete our short survey here](#).





Our Environmental Team's eagle watching survey was temporarily scuppered by the seasonally atmospheric fog at Glen Croe on the A83 recently.



NETWORK INVESTMENT

Thanks to continuing investment from Transport Scotland, our teams have delivered maintenance and improvement works worth £29 million on the North West's trunk roads this quarter. Works including resurfacing, rock slope stabilisation, drainage upgrades and landscaping works are helping to keep our major roads safe and resilient. [Read more.](#)

BEAR-ING THE STORM

At the start of August, the rather unseasonal Storm Floris made for a challenging couple of days across the North West Unit, bringing high winds and disruption across several key routes. A demanding day saw our Control Room busy throughout, monitoring the network, engaging with stakeholders, and dealing with requests for assistance. [Read more.](#)



WINTER READY

Over 100 skilled operatives will be on the frontline this winter, tackling ice, snow, and severe weather across 1,422 km of trunk roads.



From patrols to rapid response, BEAR's people are driving Scotland safely this winter. [Find out more.](#)

MINIMISING DISRUPTION

We always do all we can to minimise disruption to the travelling public.

Wherever possible traffic lights, convoy cars and single-lane closures on dual carriageways will be utilised to keep roads open and delays short.

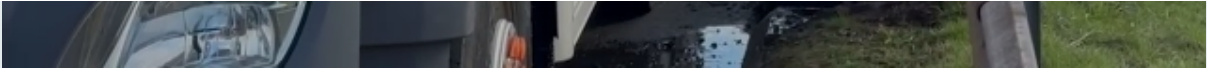


When a road closure is required, works will be carried out overnight to limit impact on peak daytime traffic. And amnesties are provided to allow waiting traffic to pass safely through our sites, avoiding the need for lengthy diversions.

GOING GREEN WITH BEAR

To coincide with Scotland's Climate Week (29 September – 3 October 2025), BEAR Scotland marked Green Week by highlighting five key initiatives across social media, showcasing our commitment to sustainability. From reducing waste sent to landfill to installing energy-efficient lighting on the iconic Queensferry Crossing, we continue to take meaningful steps toward a greener future. [Check out all our videos on YouTube.](#)





WALKWAY WINS BIG

We're proud to share that we have won the Heritage Infrastructure Award for our work on the new walkway at Connel Bridge on behalf of Transport Scotland. This project enhances active travel links while preserving the character of the Grade B listed structure. Congratulations to our NW Major Bridges team, Spencer Bridge Engineering and Transport Scotland. [Read more.](#)



PERTH GETS A GLOW UP

We officially reopened our refurbished Perth office in July and it's looking fantastic! The team came together to celebrate the refreshed space, designed with collaboration and wellbeing in mind. Huge thanks to everyone who made it happen. [Read more.](#)

COMING UP

As we head into the colder months, BEAR Scotland's North West Unit is continuing to deliver a busy programme of maintenance, improvements and winter operations designed to keep trunk roads safe, reliable and resilient.

[Find out more](#) about major projects coming up in the North West trunk road network.





TOUR DE TRUNK ROADS

BEAR Scotland welcomed the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Fiona Hyslop MSP, on a visit to several key sites across the North West trunk road network this summer.

The visits showcased the improvements being made to some of Scotland's most important transport routes, including rockslope repairs on the A828 at Ledaig and Grottaig on the A82, as well as resurfacing at Nevis Roundabout in Fort William.

[Read the full story.](#)

BEAR GIVES BACK

We're proud to have raised over £25K for Cash For Kids at our annual Golf Day, bringing our quarterly total raised for causes to a whopping £31.5K! [Read more](#) about how we're making a difference.



HOW TO REPORT DEFECTS

If you notice an issue on a trunk road please let us know. To ensure defects are addressed effectively please contact:

Traffic Scotland Customer Care Line **0800 028 1414**
enquiries@bearsScotland.co.uk or our [website](#)

 **Report an Issue**



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