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North West ConneXions

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2026

Welcome to the first issue of North West Connexions of 2026! We're pleased to share some of the projects and activities we worked on during January, February and March and what's coming up in the North West. This issue comes a little later than usual to allow us to reach new MSPs after the Scottish Parliament election.

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





Some much needed spring sunshine brightening up the network as our roving landscapers move on to their next location.



INVEST IN NORTH WEST

With £37 million invested by Transport Scotland, BEAR carried out a wide range of improvement works across the North West trunk road network, including barrier enhancements, resurfacing works, bridge deck repairs and landscaping, helping to improve safety and resilience even in difficult weather conditions. [Continue reading](#).

NEXT UP IN NORTH WEST

BEAR Scotland is progressing a major programme of improvement works across the North West trunk road network, with projects planned to improve safety, resilience and journey quality, including crossings, retaining walls, slope stabilisation and resurfacing schemes. [Read more about what's coming up](#).





BATTLING THE BIG FREEZE

The start of 2026 brought some challenging winter conditions across the North West. Prolonged snow, ice and freezing temperatures required round-the-clock operations, with teams carrying out hundreds of gritting and ploughing runs to keep key routes open. Crews treated thousands of miles of road, working closely with partner agencies to respond as conditions changed. This was followed by Storm Chandra, which brought fallen trees and further disruption, particularly on the A82. Thanks to the resilience and dedication of BEAR Scotland teams, essential routes were reopened quickly, helping communities, businesses and emergency services continue to travel safely.

[Read full story](#)



AMAZING APPRENTICES

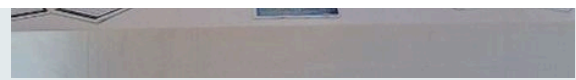
During Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2026, we showcased apprentice journeys, progression routes and leadership support in our [social media campaign](#) and engaged students at a careers event. [Find out more.](#)

BUILDING THE FUTURE

BEAR Scotland inspires future engineers through engagement with schools, colleges and universities, delivering workshops, supporting the CECA Scotland Academy and meeting students at careers events. These activities help young people gain skills, experience and confidence for a future in the civil



contracts for a future in the civil engineering industry. [Read more.](#)



BACKING GOOD CAUSES

BEAR Scotland continued its strong community support into early 2026, donating £6,240 to charities and local causes through staff fundraising, regional nominations and corporate contributions. We're proud to back the local communities by supporting good causes in the areas we work in. [Read more about our charity work.](#)



GIVE YOUR LITTER A LIFT

North West trunk roads pass through some of Scotland's most breathtaking scenery, and we want to keep it that way! That's why we're supporting Keep Scotland Beautiful's roadside litter campaign to [keep our roads and verges safe, clean and litter free](#). Remember to always [#GiveYourLitterALift](#) or [#TakeItHome](#) to help keep Scotland beautiful.

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](tel:0800 028 1414)
enquiries@bearsotland.co.uk or our [website](#)

 [Report an Issue](#)



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