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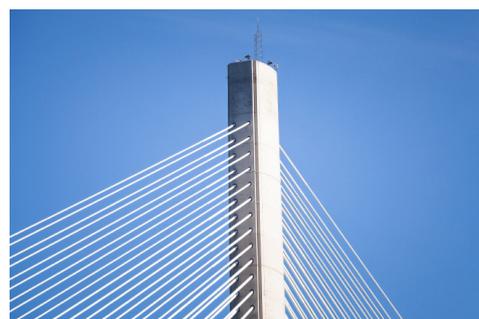
This newsletter has been produced as an interim measure while the pandemic prevents the Forum from holding its usual regular public meetings. Public meetings will recommence as soon as it is safe to do so.

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## ICE MONITORING ON THE QUEENSFERRY CROSSING

New weather sensors on the Queensferry Crossing allow bridge staff to monitor and respond to the specific weather conditions that we know can cause ice to form on the cables.

[This video](#) and these [questions and answers](#) explain the issue in more detail.



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## VITAL RENOVATION WORKS FOR FORTH BRIDGE APPROACHES

Network Rail has begun work on a £7.5m project to refurbish and repaint the North Queensferry approach span to the world famous Forth Bridge.

The span will be repainted with the same glass-flake epoxy paint system used to restore the bridge itself.

[Read more](#)

## NEW SE TRUNK ROADS CONTRACT

On 16 August 2020, BEAR Scotland took on management and maintenance of the 314 miles of trunk road in Transport Scotland's South East Unit, which now includes the Forth Road Bridge and the Queensferry Crossing.

Andy Thompson, BEAR's Operating Company Representative, talks about improving journeys and enhancing engagement with communities in [this video](#).



## WINTER READY

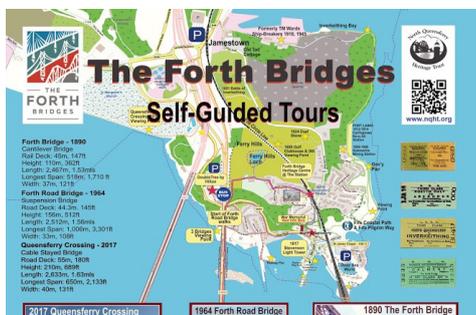
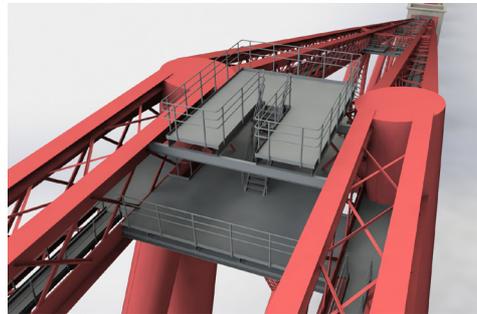
BEAR Scotland is ready for winter with a new 47-strong winter fleet ready to carry out treatments, patrols and snow clearance. Look out for the new gritter names thanks to schools and radio competitions.

[Read more](#)

## FORTH BRIDGE EXPERIENCE UPDATE

Plans are progressing with the Forth Bridge Experience. Over the summer Network Rail began the process of appointing a main contractor to design and build the Forth Bridge Experience.

[Read more](#)



## SELF GUIDED WALKING BROCHURE

A new brochure with maps and descriptions of various 'self-guided' walking tours around North and South Queensferry has been produced by North Queensferry Heritage Trust.

It includes a 'round trip' using the Forth Road Bridge footway and a return by train across the Forth Bridge.

[Download a copy of the brochure here](#)

Questions or feedback?

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