

# Newsletter



The [Forth Bridges Forum](#) is a Transport Scotland-led management forum, established to make sure that those with a direct interest in the bridges – from local communities to motorists – stay at the heart of their operation and maintenance.

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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## FORTH BRIDGE WORLD HERITAGE

An update from Dr Miles Oglethorpe, Chair of the Forth Bridge World Heritage Management Group (FBWHMG), including examples of “Forth Bridgery”. [Read more](#)



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## £7.5M RENOVATION

Network Rail’s £7.5m project to refurbish and repaint the North Queensferry approach span to the world famous Forth Bridge commenced in February 2021 and has now progressed with grit blasting work to remove layers of old paint

[Read more](#)

## FIFE PILGRIM WAY

North Queensferry was one of the starting points for medieval pilgrims travelling across Fife to St Andrews. The Fife Pilgrim Way follows one of the routes taken by countless pilgrims to Scotland's holy hot-spot.

A striking new information board for the Pilgrim Way has been sited in North Queensferry with a stunning view of the Forth Bridge behind it. [Read more.](#)



## TWIN TELESCOPE FOR VIEWPOINT

Further to receipt of planning permission from City of Edinburgh Council, Transport Scotland are currently working on appointing a company to supply and install a twin telescope on the viewing platform located next to the Contact & Education Centre at South Queensferry. [Read more](#)

## FORTH BRIDGE EXPERIENCE

In 2020 Network Rail began a tender process to appoint a main contractor to design and build the new Forth Bridge Walkway Experience. In early 2021 this process was concluded and they are now working with Transport Scotland to agree the next steps for the project.

[Read more](#)



## FORTH ROAD BRIDGE MAIN EXPANSION JOINT REPLACEMENT

Work to replace the main expansion joints in the northbound carriageway of the Forth Road Bridge commenced on 4 April and is programmed to be complete before next winter. [Read more](#)

Questions or feedback?

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## FORTH BRIDGES MERCHANDISE

A range of Forth Bridges branded merchandise is now available from local outlets. [Read more](#)



## PROTECTING BREEDING TERNS

With major works in progress on the Forth Road Bridge's main expansion joints, special measures have been put in place by BEAR Scotland to protect a nearby colony of seabirds from noise and visual disturbance during their breeding period, which typically runs from approximately May until August. [Read more](#)

## NEW FIBRE CABLE ON FRB

Scotland's iconic Forth Road Bridge is set for a new lease of life – carrying ultrafast internet traffic for the historic town which lies in its shadow. [Read more](#)



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