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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 road users – stay at the heart of their operation and maintenance.

On 14 June the Forum held its first public meeting in over two years, after a pandemic-enforced hiatus. This newsletter provides a summary of what was discussed, for the benefit of those who were unable to attend.



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ROAD BRIDGES UPDATE

Update from Chris Tracey, BEAR Scotland's South East Unit Bridges Manager, on work to mitigate the effects of ice accretion on the Queensferry Crossing, and on Forth Road Bridge maintenance schemes that may require carriageway closures over the coming year.

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FORTH BRIDGE EXPERIENCE UPDATE

Following the submission of a planning application for the Forth Bridge Experience to City of Edinburgh Council in January 2022, including outline designs, a planning decision is expected by the end of June 2022.

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SCOTLAND'S RAILWAY MARKS THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

In recognition of Her Majesty the Queen's 70th year on the throne, Scotland's Railway celebrated in its own unique way with Network Rail construction manager, Ian Simms playing the bagpipes from the cathedral of Scotland's Railway – the Forth Bridge. A rendition of Highland Cathedral from the top of the iconic structure marked the date and time the official coronation ceremony began at Westminster Abbey- 2 June 1953 at 11.15am.

[Watch the video.](#)



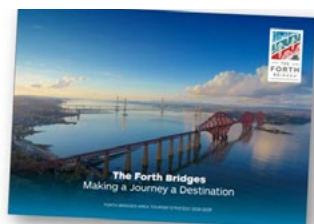


TWIN TELESCOPE

By the end of July 2022 a new twin telescope will be added to the viewing platform next to the Contact & Education Centre. It will be a dual talking telescope, offering amazing views of the all three bridges with a 90 second commentary for £1 along with five language options. Both telescopes will also include horizontal and vertical limiters, preventing them from being directed towards nearby houses.

THE FORTH BRIDGES BANNERS

A series of Forth Bridges banners are set to be installed along the fenceline that separates the BEAR compound from the public car park. These bespoke banners will offer a brief historical overview of the bridges showing old construction images, facts and figures and a construction timeline.



TOURISM UPDATE

The Forth Bridges area benefits from tourism support from all the partners in the Forth Bridges Forum. Karen Stewart, Forth Bridges Area Tourism Strategy Manager, provides an update on the delivery of the Forth Bridges Area Tourism Strategy.

[Read more.](#)

WORLD HERITAGE MANAGEMENT GROUP UPDATE

Miles Oglethorpe, Head of Industrial Heritage at Historic Environment Scotland, reflects on the last three years of the World Heritage Management Group, its achievements and challenges.

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