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Please find below a brief snapshot of the huge range of work being undertaken to manage the impact of last weekend’s extreme weather.

**Roads and Infrastructure**

**Weekly member briefing**

**Edition 120: 20th October**

The updates are designed as a resource for you to be able to answer constituent queries, alongside the information on the weather impact [webpage.](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/my-council/civil-emergencies-and-contingencies/argyll-and-bute-moving-weather-67-october)

You can find details of the weather impact specific service disruption on the Council website [here.](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/service-status)

We are in the process of developing an interactive online map which will link in to specific web pages on the road closures which remain and our work to reopen these roads. This will be a useful resource going forward as we track and update on the huge range of work ongoing to reopen roads and support our communities.

You can view all previous weekly member briefings on the [website](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/ris-member-briefing)

We have had a few questions in too:

**Why does the Council not provide sandbags for private properties?**

The Council does not, as a matter of course, provide sandbags or other defences for private properties. Our Flood Risk Management policy is available to view on the Council website here: [Flood advice | Argyll and Bute Council (argyll-bute.gov.uk)](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/environment/camera/flood-advice).

The Scottish Government makes it clear that individual property owners have primary responsibility for the prevention of flooding to their property. Landowners are responsible for the provision and maintenance of private flood defence and drainage systems on their land.

**Will you provide skips?**

We don’t provide a skip service and have no provision for this. Ordinarily individuals would look to their insurers to cover this sort of cost

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| **Oban, Lorn and the Isles** | **Helensburgh and Lomond** | **Mid-Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands** | **Bute and Cowal** | **All areas** |
| **Kilninver Bridge**  Remedial work has been carried out at the bridge, concrete has been poured and a further assessment will take place over the weekend with a view to removing the weight restriction.    **A816 - Kilmelford Bridge**  The demolishment of the bridge took place last night and work is progressing well to have a temporary structure in place by the middle of next week.    Access has been permitted for use of a private road for an additional diversion.  This route runs along past the fire station and exits back out on the A816 at Melfort House. This diversion is being operated under a 24 hour convoy system  Diversion route is also available via the C29 Loch Avich road and B845 Taynuilt, however both routes are unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles. | The Helensburgh team have been less affected by storm damage which has allowed the team to progress with surfacing work.  **Luss Primary School**  Crews completed resurfacing work in the playground at Luss Primary School this week. This was carried out on behalf of the Education department.  **A818 – Daligan bends**  Next week the team will commence resurfacing work along the A818 on the double bends at Daligan Farm.  A five day road closure between the hours of 9am and 5pm will be in place. Allowance will be made for emergency vehicles and residents living in the restricted area.  **Burst water main A814**  Scottish Water attended to repair the burst pipe this week and all traffic management has since been removed.  **Eastwood Lane Streetlights**  The disconnection of live services took longer than expected to complete at Eastwood Lane.  This has resulted in our in house roads team no longer being available to assist the streetlighting team.  An external contractor has been appointed and we await a confirmed start date. This is expected to be within the next fortnight. | **A816 at Ardfern (landslip)**  Senior management met with Craignish Community Council this week and a dedicated webpage is being created to keep communities informed of any progress.  **C30 West Loch Awe (landslips)**  We have begun the process of installing 700 tonnes of rock armour to reinstate the steep embankment which supports the road.  Temporary platforms have been formed on the embankments to provide better access to off load the rock.    Realistically this work will take a further 2 weeks. | **B836 Glen Lean (partial bridge collapse and landslip)**  Arrangements are in place for a temporary Bailey bridge to be placed over the existing bridge.  This will allow the road to reopen without any weight restriction.  Taking into consideration required preparatory works and delivery of the bridge we expect the road to reopen in the next 3-4 weeks.  **B828 Glen Mhor (landslip)**  This road remains closed after the landslip.  Our design team are liaising with external contractors to carry out repairs to stabilise the area and allow the route to be reopened as soon as possible.    **B839 – Lochgoilhead Bridge**  Contractors are currently undertaking emergency scour repairs to Lochgoilhead Bridge. The bridge remains open to traffic throughout these works.    These works are separate to the planned bridge strengthening works scheduled for FY 2024 |  |