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Please find below a brief snapshot of the huge range of work being undertaken across the area by Roads and Infrastructure staff this week.

**Roads and Infrastructure**

**Weekly member briefing**

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The updates are designed as a resource for you to be able to answer constituent queries.

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| **Oban, Lorn and the Isles** | **Helensburgh and Lomond** | **Mid-Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands** | **Bute and Cowal** | **All areas** |
| **Roads updates**  The edge strengthening work at Blaran on the A819 is now complete.  Footway improvements outside the Rockfield Centre using leftover materials from the Gibraltar Street improvement works have also completed.  Capital improvement works have completed at Dervaig on Mull with the team moving to the Knock / Gruline area next week.  Next Wednesday a crew will also be finalising some capital works on Coll. Unfortunately due to ferry changes to accommodate cattle sales, we can only get over for one day instead of the planned three days.  **Bus shelters**  Repairs to the bus stops in Oban and Dunbeg have now been completed.  Additionally the replacement bus stop required at Benderloch following an accident, has now been installed.  **Former Council public convenience Pulpit Hill, Oban**  As part of the sale of this site to a developer who provides accommodation for short term stays, there is a requirement for them to provide a public convenience. We understand that this is not happening as per the agreement and we will be engaging with the developer on this. | **Roads updates**  Capital resurfacing jobs on both Shore Road and Kirk Brae in Shandon have been successfully completed.  Next week the team are commencing the next capital resurfacing job which is on Church Road, Rhu.  This is a £43,000 investment to carry out inlay works to improve the road surface.  The works are located near the primary school's entrance, so we have notified them accordingly.  While we will aim to minimise disruption as much as possible, there may still be some delays to normal travel. As much as possible we’ll try and avoid this around school pick up and drop off times.  **Lining work**  Lining contractors are scheduled to attend next Thursday and Friday to carry out the required carriageway lining work following the completion of the capital schemes.  In addition they will also be completing some required road marking that relate to the new Luss Traffic Regulation Order.  As ever this will be weather permitting.  **Barrier repairs**  The contractor is continuing to work through repairs along the B833, currently working in the Clynder area.  **Cardross Crematorium**  The cremator at Cardross Crematorium underwent its scheduled maintenance earlier this week and is now back in service.  **Gourock – Dunoon – Kilcreggan community needs assessment**  We have received the recently completed Community Needs Assessment report from Transport Scotland, addressing the Gourock, Dunoon and Kilcreggan ferry service run by CalMac.  The report can be accessed [HERE](https://www.transport.gov.scot/media/tl3asqe1/cowal-and-rosneath-community-needs-assessment.pdf).  The report is being followed up with public open days and an online survey organised and run by Transport Scotland, with Council, CMAL and CalMac officers in attendance.  The survey can be found [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/VgwpApUYKR).  The Open Day in the H&L area is:  Cove Burgh Hall on Tuesday, 1st October, 3:00pm – 5:30pm in the Small Hall. | **The Roading Household Waste Recycling Centre closure**  To allow for planned essential resurfacing works by site operator Renewi, The Roading Household Waste and Recycling Centre, Campbeltown, will be closed to the public from Tuesday 17th - Thursday 19th September and will re-open on Friday 20th September.  **Roads updates**  Surfacing and patching of the A846 through Bowmore from Bunanuisg to the Cruach Road, including The Square and Flora Street, are currently ongoing.  This a large scheme that is benefitting from over £350,000 investment to improve the road surface.  On the A819 at Electric Cottage we have been undertaking the removal of some trees, this work is necessary ahead of the next phase of capital works in the area.  The jet patcher has been on Jura this week to carry out necessary pothole repairs.  **Bus shelters**  Repairs to bus shelters in Campbeltown have been completed, with the new installs on Meadows Avenue and Ralston Road scheduled for Monday 23rd September.  **Meadows sports pitches, Campbeltown**  Although there was an unseasonal amount of rainfall in August, regardless of this there are drainage problems at these pitches. We have reviewed the site and are looking to make some drainage improvements in the winter months which should provide an improvement, particularly at the areas where there is a large amount of ponding.  **Campbeltown flood scheme community benefits**  In additional to the core work of the project which has significantly improved drainage within the town to protect public infrastructure and private properties from flooding, a number of community benefits have been delivered by our contractor Dawson WAM.  For example:   * Re-laid the paving slabs outside the Meadows changing facility and cleaning of all the block paving on Harvey’s Lane. * Donated waterproofs and wellies to children and young people from Dalintober Primary School and provided pupils at Drumlemble Primary with Lego education sets. * Donations of topsoil to Kintyre Climate Action for its community garden, and donations of musical instruments to Live Argyll for youth projects. * Financial donations to Kintyre Sea Sports and the local foodbank. * Repainting the goalpost at the Meadows Park and replacing the junior goalpost on Kinloch Park. | **Roads updates**    On Bute the team have been completing the last of the required patching work on Serpentine Road ahead of the cycling event this weekend.  The roadmaster has been attending to pothole repairs around Carrick Castle and Lochgoilhead.  The team have also been conducting repairs on a damaged culvert along the A815 near Sandbank and gully cleaning along the A880 at Strone.  **Kilmun Cemetery**  The team have been carrying out repairs on the damaged wall at Kilmun Cemetery this week.    **Bus shelters**  The outstanding bus shelter repair in Strachur which was delayed because of a vehicle breakdown has now been completed.  The new bus stops in Innellan and Toward are scheduled to be installed on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th September.  Repairs to bus shelters on Bute are scheduled for the beginning of October.  **Gourock – Dunoon – Kilcreggan community needs assessment**  We have received the recently completed Community Needs Assessment report from Transport Scotland, addressing the Gourock, Dunoon and Kilcreggan ferry service run by CalMac.  The report can be accessed [HERE](https://www.transport.gov.scot/media/tl3asqe1/cowal-and-rosneath-community-needs-assessment.pdf).  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Additionally, we will be reviewing all submissions to ensure they meet our specifications and budgetary requirements before making a final selection of supplier.  **Environment, Development and Infrastructure (EDI) Committee**  The EDI committee met yesterday and considered a number of Roads and Infrastructure items. The full agenda and all reports can be viewed [here.](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=546&MId=15906)  The winter service policy was reported as it is each year. This sets the parameters for winter maintenance this season, and is largely unchanged from previous years. We will follow up with a specific briefing paper on winter arrangements ahead of the winter period starting.  There are a number of very helpful resources on the Council website about the winter service including FAQs, interactive maps and road cameras.  **Harbour Board**  The Harbour Board also met yesterday. The agenda and reports can be found [here.](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=567&MId=15908)  **Working with community groups**  For many years across the area we have worked with community groups to progress partnerships and community led developments, from things like Christmas lights to cemetery maintenance to shrub beds to war memorials to public conveniences. Many of these partnerships continue to operate successfully, improving public assets and taking pressure off Council services.  If any Members are aware of community groups who may want to explore partnership projects with us please let us know by logging a case in Member Zone, which the team will then pick up and progress.  **Second bins review**  From this month, we will start contacting everyone with a second general waste green bin to check if it is still required.  Find out more about the review [here.](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/news/2024/sep/reduce-waste-and-save-landfill-tax) |