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# Argyll Newsletter

Creag Dhubh to Dalmally overhead line, Creag Dhubh substation and North Argyll overhead line reinforcement

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To keep communities informed and updated throughout the delivery phase, the project teams for the Creag Dhubh to Dalmally overhead line (OHL), the Creag Dhubh substation, and the North Argyll OHL reinforcement have prepared this newsletter. This newsletter along with any other updates will be published on the project specific webpages.

## Creag Dhubh to Dalmally OHL

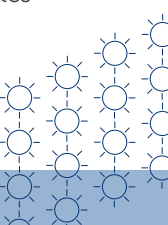
The project team has been hard at work installing access tracks and working pads, which are essential for keeping everyone safe and ensuring operations run smoothly as construction progresses. Foundation works are well underway, and piling has recently started—an important step that prepares the ground for the next big milestone: tower installation.

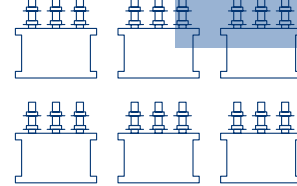
We're delighted to share that we've reached a major milestone in the Creag Dhubh to Dalmally 275kV Overhead Line (OHL) Project with the successful topping out of the first steel lattice tower. This achievement marks a significant step forward in the construction phase of this critical infrastructure project, which forms part of SSEN Transmission's wider Argyll and Kintyre 275kV strategy. The project will strengthen the transmission network across Argyll and Kintyre, enabling future renewable energy connections and supporting the UK and Scottish Governments' clean energy and energy security targets.

The successful topping out of the first tower is a testament to the dedication and expertise of our project teams and contractors working across challenging terrain and sensitive environments. It also reflects our commitment to delivering infrastructure that supports the transition to a low-carbon future while engaging closely with local communities and stakeholders.

As construction progresses, we remain focused on minimising environmental impact, maintaining safety, and maximising local economic opportunities. We want to thank the local community for their patience and cooperation as work continues—your support is greatly appreciated.

To keep up to date with progress and sign up for updates you can do so on our dedicated project webpage: [ssen-transmission/creag-dhubh-dalmally](https://ssen-transmission/creag-dhubh-dalmally)





## Creag Dhubh substation

As part of this project, we are preparing for the delivery of two new transformers to the Creag Dhubh substation site. These critical components will arrive by ship at Clydebank before being transported by road to the site.

Due to their size and weight, the delivery of these transformers will require to be carried out under a Police Scotland escort which may result in localised disruption on some roads including the A82. We are working closely with our logistics partners and Police Scotland to carefully plan the timing of these movements, aiming to minimise disruption and prioritise public safety.

At present, we anticipate these deliveries will take place in early 2026. We will share confirmed dates and further details as soon as they are available.

To keep up to date with progress and sign up for updates you can do so on our dedicated project webpage: [ssen-transmission/creag-dhubh-substation](https://ssen-transmission/creag-dhubh-substation)

## Creag Dhubh to Inveraray OHL

Work on the access tracks and working pads is continuing across this route, ensuring safe and efficient movement for construction teams. Foundation works are planned to begin this month, marking the next key stage of the project. Please note that tower assembly will not start until after the New Year, so you may not see any towers going up until then.

To keep up to date with progress and sign up for updates you can do so on our dedicated project webpage: [ssen-transmission/creag-dhubh-Inveraray](https://ssen-transmission/creag-dhubh-Inveraray)

## Community Liaison Group (CLG)

The Community Liaison Group (CLG) convenes on a quarterly basis and comprises representatives from SSE Transmission, Wood Group, and elected officials from Inveraray and Dalmally. We are grateful to these members who voluntarily dedicate their time to participate in these meetings for the benefit of their wider communities.

The CLG serves as a vital forum for constructive dialogue between the project team and local stakeholders. It enables community representatives to raise concerns, provide feedback, and engage directly with the Project Management Team. This collaborative approach ensures that community perspectives are actively considered throughout the project life cycle. Regular engagement through the CLG also informs the development of our communications and helps us tailor messaging to reflect the priorities and needs of the local population. We remain committed to maintaining a transparent and cooperative relationship with the communities in which we operate.

## Lighting Up Inveraray and Loch Awe

The project teams working on the Creag Dhubh to Dalmally and Creag Dhubh to Inveraray overhead line projects have proudly supported local communities by funding the hiring of the plant needed to install Christmas trees and lights in Inveraray and Loch Awe. This initiative reflects our commitment to supporting community well-being and fostering positive relationships in the areas where we are working.

## Christmas site close down

Works on our sites will pause for the 2025 festive period with the sites closing from **19 December 2025 until 5 January 2026**.

Although these sites will be closed for all construction workers during this period, security will remain in place. We wish the local community a very safe and happy festive break.

## How do I keep up to date with these projects?

We are happy to accommodate all reasonable requests for adapted communications. We will keep the community updated by sharing this newsletter, the newsletter, along with any other updates, will be published on the project specific webpages.

Tailored communications will be sent out in relation to any key activities that may impact the community. If you would like to receive subsequent issues of this newsletter in printed format, or if you require a copy in an adapted format such as large print or braille, please request this from your Community Liaison Manager Caitlin, we will work with you to accommodate your preferences.

A digital copy of the newsletter will be sent to all individuals who have registered for updates on the project webpage.

If you have any questions about the projects detailed in this newsletter, please contact Caitlin direct via the details below:

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