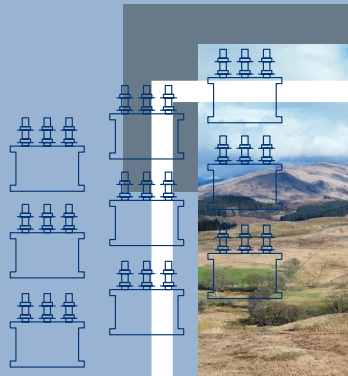




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Argyll Newsletter



Creag Dhubh to Dalmally overhead line, Creag Dhubh substation and Creag Dhubh to Inverary overhead line.

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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 substation project

This project has been in construction since May 2024 and is progressing well. Siemens Energy have now taken over as Principal Contractor from BAM and will deliver the main electrical, mechanical and commissioning works through to energisation and handover.

Delivery of the Super Grid Transformers has been subject to a short delay, and we are working closely with logistics partners and Police Scotland to enable delivery as soon as possible. These deliveries will require local road closures, managed by Allelys and Hitachi, with details on timings and routes shared via our project webpage. Meanwhile, works continue to progress well within both the 132kV and 275kV substation buildings, with switchgear installation well advanced and electrical containment and cabling ongoing.

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

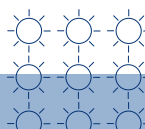
Creag Dhubh to Dalmally overhead line project

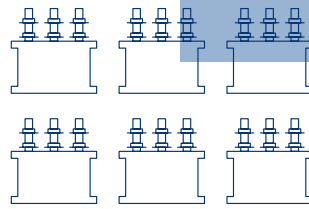
Progress on site at our Creag Dhubh to Dalmally OHL project continues at pace, with several key construction activities advancing well. Installation of access tracks is now around 60% complete, providing improved connectivity across the route.

Foundation works are also progressing steadily, with both piled and conventional foundations underway and remaining on programme.

Meanwhile, tower assembly is ongoing, and we are pleased to report that seven towers have now been fully topped out, marking another important step forward for the project.

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Creag Dhubh to Inveraray Overhead line project

Construction activities continue to progress well on our Creag Dhubh to Inveraray OHL project across the route. Installation of access tracks is ongoing, though we have paused works in a number of locations to respect seasonal lambing restrictions and minimise disturbance during this sensitive period.

We are pleased to share that the first piled foundation of the project has now been successfully completed, marking an important step forward in the construction programme. Conventional pad and chimney foundations continue in parallel, ensuring steady progress across multiple work fronts.

Another major milestone has also been achieved, with our first tower on the project now fully topped out—a significant achievement for the team and a positive indicator of the momentum on site. With this milestone reached, tower assembly will now continue alongside ongoing foundation installation, keeping the project firmly on track.

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Community Benefit Fund

We are in the process of finalising a new local Community Benefit Fund for Argyll, linked to SSEN Transmission’s investment in electricity infrastructure across the area. The proposed Argyll and Kintyre Local Fund is expected to total £3.268 million over five years and will support projects that reflect local priorities and deliver lasting benefits to communities closest to the infrastructure. Community engagement will help shape how the fund operates, with an independent local panel making funding decisions. Subject to final approvals, the fund is anticipated to launch in late spring 2026, with further details to be shared in due course.

Community Liaison Group (CLG)

The North Argyll Community Liaison Group (CLG) is now well established and continues to meet regularly, providing a forum for sharing project updates and discussing community questions and concerns. Alongside construction progress, the CLG has supported discussions on educational opportunities and wider community engagement, helping to deliver positive local outcomes. As a direct result of this engagement, the project supported community Christmas lights in both Inveraray and Dalmally in December 2025. The CLG brings together SSEN Transmission representatives, community councils, local organisations and our principal contractor. Our meeting updates are published on the project webpages to keep the wider community informed.

How do I keep up to date with these projects?

We will keep the community updated by sharing this quarterly newsletter, these, 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. We are happy to accommodate all reasonable requests for adapted communications. A digital copy of the newsletter will be sent to all individuals who have registered for updates on the project webpages.

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