

Alyth – Tealing – Westfield Overhead Line 400kV Upgrade

Quarterly Newsletter

October 2026

Welcome to the October 2026 community newsletter for the Alyth – Tealing and Tealing – Westfield overhead line upgrade projects.

SSEN Transmission is working with our principal contractor, Balfour Beatty, to deliver the upgrade. Construction activity has now started, and we want to keep local communities informed as work progresses.

This newsletter provides an update on recent activity, upcoming works and how you can stay in touch with the project team.

The upgrade is needed to support the continued growth of onshore and offshore renewable energy across the north of Scotland. Strengthening the electricity transmission network will help connect more renewable power and transport it from where it is generated to homes and businesses across the country.

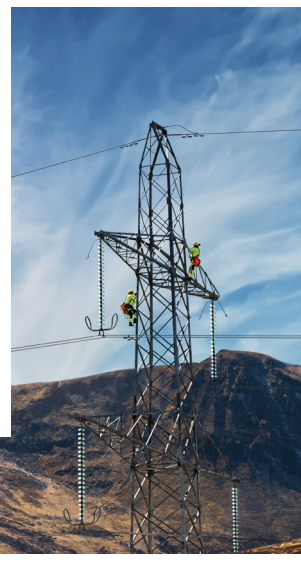
To provide the additional network capacity needed, the existing Alyth – Tealing and Tealing – Westfield overhead lines, which currently operate at 275kV, will be upgraded so they can operate at 400kV. These works form part of the wider Tealing – Kintore 400kV project, a programme of onshore reinforcement projects along the east coast of Scotland.

Progress on site

Over the last three months, the project team has continued preparatory and upgrade works along the existing Alyth – Tealing and Tealing – Westfield overhead line route.

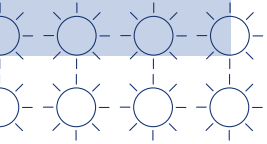
This has included creating and improving access points to towers, carrying out foundation repairs and upgrades, undertaking additional ecological and environmental surveys, and progressing tower steelwork and painting works. A number of new and upgraded access tracks have now been completed, helping to support the next stages of construction activity across the route.

The project team has recently commenced wiring activities on the Tealing – Westfield line, while preparing for future wiring activities, including conductor and fibre-optic installation works, through equipment testing, material deliveries and scaffolding preparation at key locations.



Supporting Dundee Fintry Scouts

Volunteers from SSEN Transmission and Balfour Beatty spent a day helping to refresh Dundee Fintry Scouts Hall, carrying out cleaning, clearing and painting. The project team has also donated tables, chairs, team-building equipment and hi-vis vests to support the group's activities. The initiative reflects our commitment to making a positive contribution to communities along the project route.



Upcoming works: October to December 2026

Over the coming months, activity will continue at locations across the route as the project progresses.

Works are expected to include completing the remaining bellmouth works, further improvements to access tracks, tower foundation repairs and upgrades, and continued tower steelwork strengthening and painting. Scaffolding will also be installed to support conductor installation activities. Where necessary, trees and vegetation will be carefully cut back within the overhead line corridor to provide safe access and enable scaffolding works. Ecological, environmental and hydrology surveys will continue to support construction activity.

While most works will take place within existing project areas, construction traffic and temporary activity may be visible in some locations. Where works may affect local residents, road users or land access, we will provide advance notice and further information where appropriate.

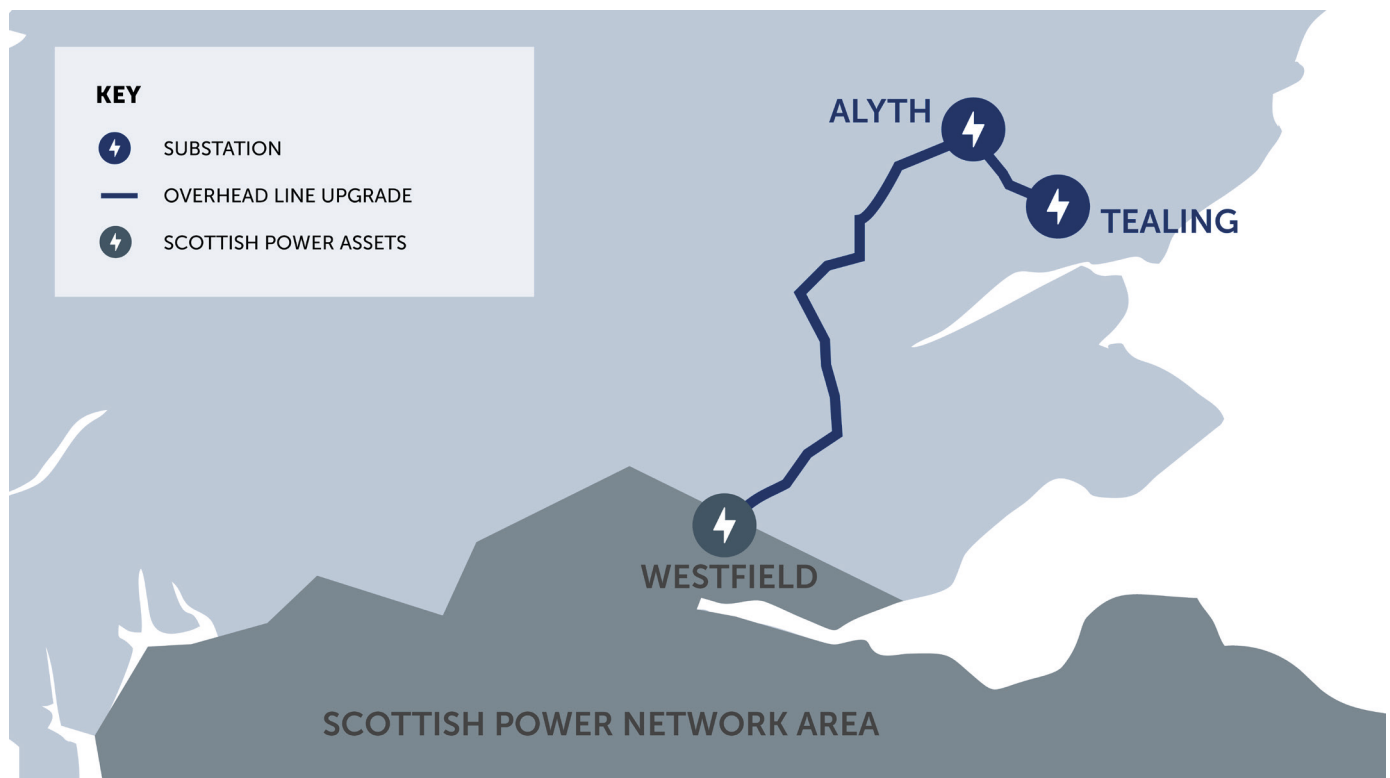
Community Benefit Fund

We are continuing to develop a Community benefit fund linked to our investment in electricity infrastructure in the area.

Further information will be published on the SSEN Transmission website, where communities will be able to learn more about the funding available and apply when applications open.

Before the fund is launched, we will continue to seek local views to help shape its design. If you would like to receive updates, please register using the Community benefit fund registration form.

[ssen-transmission.co.uk/
information-centre/
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How to stay up to date

We will continue to keep communities updated through this quarterly newsletter, as well as through the project webpage. We will also issue tailored communications ahead of any key activities that may have a direct impact on local communities.

A digital copy of each newsletter will be sent to everyone who has registered for project updates through the webpage.

If you have any questions about the project, please contact Community Liaison Manager Gavin Marshall via the dedicated project inbox: tkup@sse.com.



The project has a dedicated web page. Please scan the QR code or visit: [ssen-transmission.co.uk/
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