

Comrie Flood Protection Scheme Newsletter

Introduction

This community newsletter has been prepared to update you on the progress of the Comrie Flood Protection Scheme.

Site Updates

The particularly wet start to 2026 has presented a challenge for the ongoing works; however, we have managed to maintain progress throughout.

We have had some high flow events, but thankfully river levels did not reach those witnessed during Storm Amy in October 2025, and temporary precautionary measures installed by Balfour Beatty proved effective.

We are getting close to completing the main flood scheme works in some areas, with the focus turning to reinstatement works (figure 1 below shows the flood wall at St Serf's).



Figure 1: Complete flood wall at St Serf's with sandstone cladding and coping stone (Photo taken February 2026)

Ongoing Works

Works are continuing to form flood walls around the steel sheet piles, and to form reinforced concrete walls in areas where sheet piles could not be installed (typically due to buried services or obstructions). Coping stones, and stone cladding (where this finish

is required) are also being installed in various areas.

Boulevard

Along the Boulevard, the flood wall is being clad with stone facing, and coping stones have been installed (figure 2). The Scottish Water access flood gate at the end of Manse Lane will be installed in March.

A short section where the flood wall abuts the Dalginross Bridge is still to be constructed, and once done so, it will complete the line of flood defence along the north bank of the River Earn.



Figure 2: Wall checks at the end of Commercial Lane

Upstream of Dalginross Bridge, we have commenced works to improve the accessibility of the footpath by significantly reducing the gradient. This area will be closed while we carry out this work, which is expected to take around 2 months. We recognise this is a well-used public space and so we appreciate the community's patience whilst we undertake the improvement works.

Strowan Road

Despite difficult working conditions throughout the winter, we have now completed the erosion protection along the bank of the River

Earn below Strowan Road that consists of natural stone blocks (figure 3). We are now able to progress with the construction of flood wall along the top of the bank. This will continue on from the completed section of flood wall immediately downstream of the Dalginross Bridge, where coping stones have recently been installed.

The temporary cofferdam protecting the above works area will be removed. This will be done by cutting down the exposed length of steel sheet piles to the wall foundation level (below bed level). The remaining length of sheet piles will remain in situ providing long-term scour protection for the flood defence. This can only commence once environmental restrictions are lifted at the start of June allowing in-river works to be carried out.



Figure 3: Tie-in works at the downstream end of the Strowan Road erosion protection

Lochay Drive

The 'back of flood wall' drainage, which will drain surface water from behind the new flood defence, has been installed along Lochay Drive and we are starting the process of reinstating private garden areas.

This involves the removal of the imported stone used for the works haul roads, returning the garden ground back to the required levels and removing temporary site fencing. We are liaising closely with residents around hard and soft landscaping, including boundary details such as fencing, to ensure gardens are returned as close to their pre-works condition as possible.

Remaining Construction Programme

Despite good progress over the recent months, the prolonged wet weather throughout the winter has had an impact on the construction programme. This has pushed the planned completion out by around 3 to 4 weeks. Completion is now planned for early November 2026 (compared to the initial planned completion date in October 2026).

Notable impacts within the programme include:

- Temporary bridge over River Lednock now scheduled for removal in mid-July
- Strowan Road flood wall and associated road closure/traffic management is now expected to be in place until October 2026

The construction programme continues to be reviewed regularly to identify risks early and minimise their impact.

Community Benefits

We are committed to maximising the wider benefit of the flood scheme works in the local community. Since the start of the project, we have:



Please get in touch with us to see if we can support your community group or initiative.

Community Engagement

Community Drop in Event

A community drop in session has been arranged for **02 April 2026 at the White Church (3-7pm)**.

Perth & Kinross Council Officers and Balfour Beatty representatives will be in attendance.

We intend to focus on reinstatement works across the scheme, but please come along if you have any questions relating to the scheme.

Next newsletter

The next newsletter will be issued in **June 2026**.

Contact information

The Council will continue to provide newsletters to the community generally on a quarterly basis throughout the construction phase. In the meantime, further information can be found at the [Comrie flood scheme webpage](#).

Alternatively, you can contact the project team using the following details:

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Figure 4 (above): Aerial view of construction along both sides of the River Earn
Figure 5 (below): Looking north along the line of flood embankment near Camp Road

