

## A83 Rest and be Thankful Landslip

**Date: 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

A landslip which caused the temporary closure of the A83 at the Rest and be Thankful has been cleared and the road will reopen to all traffic at 3pm today.

Following prompt action by the landslide patrol that identified the likelihood of a landslide in this area, swift action has been undertaken to clear of over a thousand tonnes of debris, repair of the lower embankment and clean the road.



Thorough safety checks and geotechnical inspections have concluded and traffic management systems are now being installed.

Speaking about the work and the reopening of the road, transport Minister Stewart Stevenson said: "I'm delighted the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful it to reopen just 48 hours after the landslip, minimising inconvenience and disruption to the local community. The response has been swift and we appreciate the patience shown by the general public while the road was made safe and brought back to normal operations.



"Transport Scotland with the support of their maintenance agency, Scotland TranServ have done an excellent job in addressing this challenge within such a short timeframe."

There will be continued presence by Scotland Transerv staff in the coming days to monitor hillside conditions as well as manage traffic.

Early on Tuesday 8th September, following a period of severe weather a landslide patrol identified areas of concern at the rest and Be Thankful To ensure the safety of all road users the road was closed by Transport Scotland's road maintenance contractor Scotland TranServ as a precaution. Shortly after a landslide occurred depositing 1070 tonnes of debris on the road.

Scotland TranServ immediately mobilised vehicles, plant and specialist subcontractors, QTS, to assist with the clear up operation. An immediate safety assessment was carried out which allowed swift progress to be made on the removal of approximately 450 tonnes of debris by the onset of darkness on day one.

At first light on Wednesday morning the work continued apace alongside a comprehensive assessment of the condition of the hillside. By 4pm all the debris had been safely removed from the road surface. Work continued to ensure the structural integrity of the embankment.

The geotechnical assessment concluded this morning and once traffic management system have been installed the road will reopen to all traffic at 3pm today.

1070 tonnes of debris has been removed from the A83, the scoured lower embankment has been repaired with 250 tonnes of rockfill and the blocked culvert and ditches have been cleared and are running free.



While it is not possible to guarantee against future occurrences Scotland Transerv will continue to closely monitor events and implement mitigation measures as appropriate.

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