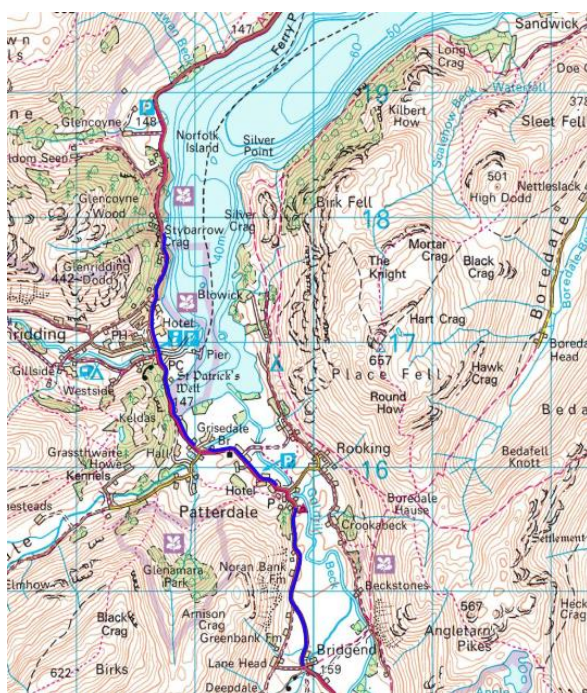


Resurfacing Programme for the A592 – Frequently Asked Questions

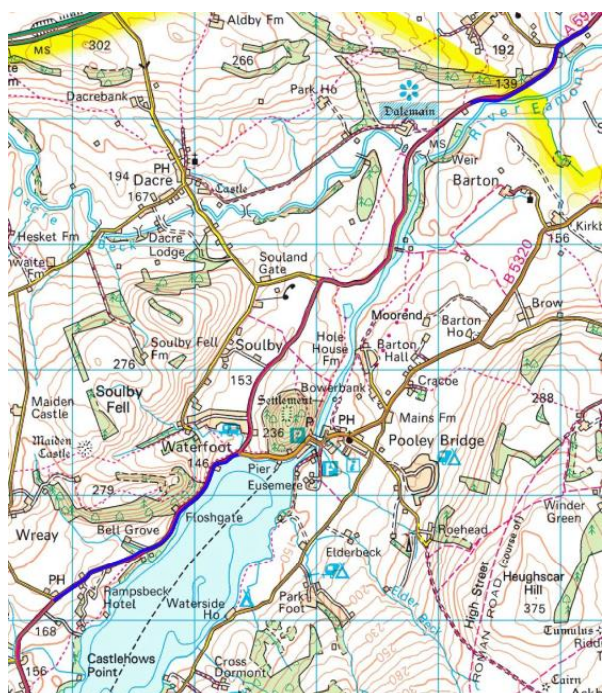
As part of the Department for Transport (DfT) ‘Safer Roads Project’, Cumbria County Council will be resurfacing sections of the A592 between Deepdale and Rheged. Works will also include resurfacing of specific footways and refreshing kerbing.

The below maps highlight the locations of work. Further, more detailed maps can be found on the Safer Roads website: [Cumbria Safer Roads](https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/safer-roads)

Phase 1-3



Phase 4 & 5



Due to the nature of resurfacing, the majority of the work will be completed under a road closure for that specific section. This is with the exception of Phase 1, which will have temporary traffic lights for the initial two weeks for footway works, followed by a road closure for a further two weeks.

The Contractors working hours will be 08:00 to 17:00 Monday to Friday however this will be slightly altered in Phase 3C (Glenridding Car Park to Stybarrow Crag) to 08:30 to 17:00. Outside of these working hours, access will be maintained. However, vehicles do so at their own risk. Please be aware this is a site with a temporary road surface and there will be raised iron works and other hazards.

As mentioned, the resurfacing is between Deepdale and Rheged. However, it is not the length in its entirety. It is sections of the road, which has been divided into ‘Phases’, ranging from 320 metres to 1,615 metres. The lengths are included in the tables below. Therefore, the

road will only be closed at the Phase Location. Access is available from either end and pedestrian and dismounted cycle access will be maintained at all times.

Dates of the phases are included below. **Please note**, these dates are indicative as progress can be affected by external factors, such as weather conditions.

Phase 1	
Location	Deepdale Bridge to Youth Hostel
Length of Works	1,108m
Roadworks Dates	5 – 30 September
Traffic Management Dates (approx.)	Temporary Traffic Lights (for footway works) 5 – 18 September FULL ROAD CLOSURE 19 – 30 September
NORTHBOUND Diversion Route	Travelling south on the A592 towards Windermere, then via the A591 (and a short section of the A593) through Ambleside, joining the A66 near Keswick and heading East towards the A5091 towards Dockray. Approx. 47 miles.
SOUTHBOUND Diversion Route	Travelling north and onto the A5091 through Dockray, onto the A66 towards Keswick and then onto the A591 (and a short section of the A593) through Ambleside, re-joining the A592 at Windermere. Approx. 47 miles.

Phase 2	
Location	White Lion Inn to Patterdale Fire Station
Length of Works	688m (surfacing broken into 3 sections – see below)
Sub-sections	White Lion Inn to Patterdale Hotel – 1 day surfacing
	Patterdale Hotel to Patterdale School – 1 day surfacing
	Patterdale School to Patterdale Fire Station – 1 day surfacing
Roadworks Dates	3 – 14 October
Traffic Management Dates (approx.)	FULL ROAD CLOSURE 3 – 14 October
NORTHBOUND Diversion Route	Travelling south on the A592 towards Windermere, then via the A591 (and a short section of the A593) through Ambleside, joining the A66 near Keswick and heading East towards the A5091 towards Dockray Approx. 47 miles.
SOUTHBOUND Diversion Route	Travelling north and onto the A5091 through Dockray, onto the A66 towards Keswick and then onto the A591 (and a short section of the A593) through Ambleside, re-joining the A592 at Windermere. Approx. 47 miles.

Phase 3a	
Location	Patterdale Estate Hall to Ullswater Steamers
Length of Works	720m
Roadworks Dates (approx.)	17 – 21 October
Traffic Management Dates (approx.)	FULL ROAD CLOSURE 17 – 21 October
NORTHBOUND Diversion Route	Travelling south on the A592 towards Windermere, then via the A591 (and a short section of the A593) through Ambleside, joining the A66 near Keswick and heading East towards the A5091 towards Dockray Approx. 47 miles.
SOUTHBOUND Diversion Route	Travelling north and onto the A5091 through Dockray, onto the A66 towards Keswick and then onto the A591 (and a short section of the A593) through Ambleside, re-joining the A592 at Windermere. Approx. 47 miles.

Phase 3b	
Location	Ullswater Steamers to Glenridding Car Park North Exit
Length of Works	320m
Roadworks Dates (approx.)	7 – 11 November
Traffic Management Dates (approx.)	FULL ROAD CLOSURE 7 – 11 November
NORTHBOUND Diversion Route	Travelling south on the A592 towards Windermere, then via the A591 (and a short section of the A593) through Ambleside, joining the A66 near Keswick and heading East towards the A5091 towards Dockray Approx. 47 miles.
SOUTHBOUND Diversion Route	Travelling north and onto the A5091 through Dockray, onto the A66 towards Keswick and then onto the A591 (and a short section of the A593) through Ambleside, re-joining the A592 at Windermere. Approx. 47 miles.

Phase 3c	
Location	Glenridding Car Park North Exit to Stybarrow Crag
Length of Works	780m
Roadworks Dates (approx.)	14 – 24 November
Traffic Management Dates (approx.)	FULL ROAD CLOSURE 14 – 24 November
NORTHBOUND Diversion Route	Travelling south on the A592 towards Windermere, then via the A591 (and a short section of the A593) through Ambleside, joining the A66 near Keswick and heading East towards the A5091 towards Dockray Approx. 47 miles.
SOUTHBOUND Diversion Route	Travelling north and onto the A5091 through Dockray, onto the A66 towards Keswick and then onto the A591 (and a short section of the A593) through Ambleside, re-joining the A592 at Windermere. Approx. 47 miles.

Phase 3d	
Location	Seldom Seen Culvert
Length of Works	N/A – install culvert and reinstatement
Roadworks Dates (approx.)	28 November – 02 December
Traffic Management Dates (approx.)	FULL ROAD CLOSURE 28 November – 02 December
NORTHBOUND Diversion Route	Travelling south on the A592 towards Windermere, then via the A591 (and a short section of the A593) through Ambleside, joining the A66 near Keswick and heading East towards the A5091 towards Dockray Approx. 47 miles.
SOUTHBOUND Diversion Route	Travelling north and onto the A5091 through Dockray, onto the A66 towards Keswick and then onto the A591 (and a short section of the A593) through Ambleside, re-joining the A592 at Windermere. Approx. 47 miles.

Phase 4	
Location	Brackenrigg to Waterfoot Junction
Length of Works	1,615m
Roadworks Dates (approx.)	5 – 15 December
Traffic Management Dates (approx.)	FULL ROAD CLOSURE 5 – 15 December
NORTHBOUND Diversion Route	Travelling via the A5091 through Dockray and onto the A66
SOUTHBOUND Diversion Route	Travelling via the A66 and onto the A5901 through Dockray before re-joining the A592

Phase 5	
Location	Waterfoot Junction to Rheged
Subsections	Dalemain Mill to Snuffmill - Resurfacing
	Additional 'patching' of the carriageway may also be carried out in this section from Waterfoot to Rheged (TBC)
Length of Works	1309m
Roadworks Dates (approx.)	9 January – 3 February
Traffic Management Dates (approx.)	FULL ROAD CLOSURE 9 January – 3 February
NORTHBOUND Diversion Route	Travelling via the A5091 through Dockray and onto the A66
SOUTHBOUND Diversion Route	Travelling via the A66 and onto the A5901 through Dockray before re-joining the A592

Why are you carrying out these works?

In 2018, the A592 was identified as part of the (DfT) research as requiring improvements to make the road safer. This was based on surveys of the road as well as reviewing accident data. Previously, road safety measures tended to be 'reactive' – in other words making safety improvements after a collision. This method is more **proactive**, looking at the infrastructure of a road **to make safety improvements before a collision happens**.

Once complete, we will have laid approximately 7500 tonnes of asphalt and improved 450m of footway



Who will be doing the work?

Cumbria County Council's contractor is Hanson Contracting. A representative will be available on site as the works are taking place, to advise and update on the ongoing activities. Hanson Contracting has appointed 2Works Traffic Management – their staff will be available onsite to answer any queries, particularly regarding access arrangements. Telephone number for their Site Supervisor is 07471 463858. Clear signage will be available onsite with contact details as well.

How long will the works take?

The programme of work will be carried out in several phases, commencing on Monday 5 September 2022 and it is anticipated all works will be completed by 23 December 2022. Note that each section of closure will be kept as confined as practicably possible to minimise disruption (please refer to tables of phases above). Note that this programme is dependent on other factors, including weather conditions, and the condition of the existing surface. We will keep the local community updated, and please look out for social media posts also providing updates.

How will the works affect my journey?

Due to the nature of the works, road closures will be required to complete the works. During the working hours of 8 – 5pm, the road will be closed to all vehicles except emergency vehicles (including Mountain Rescue). You will therefore need to plan your journey accordingly, following the signed diversion. Outside of these hours, access will be made available as much as possible. Please refer to the attached leaflet from Hanson which gives guidance on what to expect on a temporary road surface, including important safety precautions.

If the road is closed, how can I complete my journey?

Diversion routes will be clearly marked by signage on the highway itself, as well as in advance on our website and through social media. Unfortunately, due to the nature of the highway network in this location, the diversion routes will at times be very long, taking drivers over the Kirkstone Pass. We therefore ask drivers to allow extra time and plan their journeys accordingly. Remember that before 8am and after 5pm, access will be possible through the closed sections. Please refer to the attached leaflet from Hanson which gives guidance on what to expect on a temporary road surface, including important safety precautions.

I am a farmer and will need to take livestock to and from sales. How can I do this?

The contractor will work with local farmers to accommodate their needs as much as possible, whilst ensuring the safety of the workforce, public and livestock. The road will be open before 8 and after 5pm, over the temporary road surface. If you have particular needs to discuss please contact the contractor's Traffic Management Contractor on 07471 463858 as soon as possible, especially if you already know the dates and times you will need access.

I need to regular access to my fields during the day to tend to livestock. How can I do this?

The contractor will work with local farmers to accommodate their needs as much as possible, whilst ensuring the safety of the workforce, public and livestock. The road will be open before

8 and after 5pm, over the temporary road surface. If you have particular needs to discuss please contact the contractor's Traffic Management Contractor on 07471 463858 as soon as possible, especially if you already know the dates and times you will need access.

What if I live within the closure? Can I still access my property?

The vehicle access for residents will be maintained most of the time, although it will be periodically affected as the works progress and depending on the type of activity. For example, the bond coating is applied hot by a tanker and takes roughly half an hour to set and cool down. It may be necessary to delay access to properties at times, depending on the location of the work operations. Staff from Hanson Contracting and 2Works Traffic Management will be available onsite to discuss your access needs.

I have a business on the A592. How will my customers access my business?

Your customers will be directed around the diversion routes. We will keep residents and businesses as up to date as possible, allowing you time to let your customers know. Remember the actual sections of closure are relatively short in length and pedestrian access will be maintained at all times. Please refer to the maps on the Website for details of each section. [Cumbria Safer Roads](#)

Can emergency vehicles still get through?

Yes, we have made arrangements with the contractor to ensure that emergency vehicles can still get through. In addition, the emergency services have prior warning of the works so can plan their response to an incident accordingly (for example sending a police car from a different station to respond depending on where closures are). The Mountain Rescue Service are also aware of the closure and again, will be given access if needed.

My child takes the school bus. How will they get to school?

Access will be available for school buses as needed at the start and end of the working day.

I drive my child to school. How can I make sure they get there safely?

If you are able to arrange school drop off and pick up outside of the working hours (8-5) then you should be able to get through. During the working day there will be access for pedestrians so you may need to park safely before the closure and walk your child through. Please speak to staff on site for assistance and advice.

Will there be access for pedestrians and cyclists?

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times. Cyclists will be asked to dismount and walk their bikes through the route, to ensure the safety of pedestrians.

Will public transport (buses) be able to get through?

Regrettably, there will be no access for public transport buses during the closures.

Why can't you do the works overnight to minimise disruption?

Unfortunately, overnight works are not possible for several reasons:

- There are noise and light level restrictions which apply to night works. Due to the proximity of residential and guest accommodation these limits would be exceeded by the vibrating rollers, reversing alarms, planting machines and peckers.
- Night works require the use of large 'tower lights' – and there is little or no space to locate this along much of the route.
- Natural England object to night works due to the light (and noise) pollution disturbing wildlife in this sensitive location.
- The Health and Safety of our workforce and the public are of great importance. Night works are inherently riskier, particularly working in a rural location with uneven ground, adjacent to the lake with no barriers.
- As we draw towards autumn and winter, we will struggle to carry out the works within the required laying temperatures, since nights are generally colder than daytime. The material can only be laid if the surface temperature is over 5°C.

Why can't you do the works in winter, when the roads are quieter and there are fewer tourists?

Winter working is not possible due to the health and safety implications of sending vehicles over the Kirkstone Pass as part of the diversion. In addition, Kirkstone Pass occasionally needs to be closed due to snow and ice – this would make the diversion route unavailable. The road surfacing material also needs to be laid when the air and road temperature are above 5°C – if it's too cold, the surfacing cannot be laid. Additionally, due to the shorter daylight hours available, the works would take longer to complete. Bad weather is much more likely in winter, which would also delay the programme further.

Why can't all the work be done under temporary traffic lights?

There are strict Health and Safety regulations which we must adhere to when carrying out works on the highway – to protect both our workforce, but also members of the public. There are two main factors which must be considered when using temporary traffic lights – one is the width of the road, and the other is the speed limit. A 'clear running lane' of 3.25-3.5m must be maintained for passing vehicles. Along this section of the A592 we are not able to achieve these safe widths of working. The only section where we can use temporary traffic lights is in the Deepdale Bridge to the Youth Hostel section, where we are working on the footway for two weeks.

Who can I contact for further information?

In the first instance, please speak to the contractors onsite who should be able to answer your question particularly if it relates to specific needs. Otherwise check the Safer Roads [Cumbria Safer Roads](#) website which we will keep up to date with FAQs and updates. There is also the Cumbria County Council Facebook page. Otherwise please email A592@cumbria.gov.uk