

Queensferry Crossing reopened overnight

The Queensferry Crossing fully reopened to traffic just before 2am today after being temporarily closed as a safety precaution due to a risk of falling ice.

Dave Bishop, BEAR Scotland's South East Unit Bridges Manager, said: "The safety of bridge users comes first, and we therefore made the decision to temporarily close the Queensferry Crossing when we identified ice falling from the cable stays and towers of the Queensferry Crossing. One vehicle was damaged.

"The diversion over the Forth Road Bridge using the recently installed, fully automated barriers went well.

"We constantly monitor conditions in real time using a bespoke system of weather sensors on the bridge towers and deck. At 10.20 on Saturday morning the system reported conditions conducive for ice formation which was verified by patrols on the bridge.

"We had already mobilised additional ice patrols, traffic management teams and barrier operators and the Queensferry Crossing was closed at 10.20 and the Forth Road Bridge was opened at 10.50.

"The risk has now passed, and it is safe to reopen the bridge. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this closure."