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TEENAGER'S ROAD CLOSURE

PROTEST SONG FOR

'FORGOTTEN' CUMBRIA

*"We can put a man in space but it takes six months to fix a road!
It's ridiculous," - teenager Eden Rose Hunter on the delay to repair
Cumbria's vital A591, the main artery of the Lake District.*

A 15-year-old schoolgirl has taken to YouTube to voice her anger at a six-month road closure in 'forgotten' Cumbria.

Eden Rose Hunter recorded her version of the hit Keane song *Somewhere Only We Know* to draw attention to the Lake District's damaged A591 which won't be open until May at the earliest!

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It's ridiculous," "said the 15-year-old.*

Her mother Joanne, co-owner of the iconic Grasmere Gingerbread Shop, stormed: “Would it have taken so long if it had been in the south? I doubt it.”

View the video here: <https://youtu.be/-f5Up6KRllw>

The A591 was affected by last December’s Storm Desmond which also deluged huge swathes of Cumbria.

Ironically, Eden Rose is named after the River Eden which flooded thousands of Carlisle homes before Christmas.

The road’s closure has cut the Lake District in half as it’s the only north-south route through the national park.

Visitor numbers have crashed - disastrous for a county that relies on tourism for its very existence.

Eden Rose is the daughter of Andrew and Joanne Hunter who run the iconic 162-year-old Grasmere Gingerbread Shop.

Like lots of other family businesses in the Lake District it has been badly hit by collapsing trade.

Mum Joanne Hunter explained that the song was her daughter’s idea.

“The song’s lyrics perfectly reflect a lot of the frustrations felt by people living and working here,” said Joanne.

“The floods put Cumbria in the headlines and we got government promises of help but now we just feel forgotten.

One line from the song - ‘Oh simple thing where have you gone?’ - sums up everyone’s frustrations about the road, she added.

“The A591 is the vital artery of the Lake District. Is it any wonder so many of us here feel so heartbroken?”

Cumbria County Council is currently repairing the road.

Eden Rose recorded *Somewhere Only We Know* at Dedleg studios near Ormskirk.

She then recorded the video above Grasmere with local film-maker John McKeown of Lakes Creative.

“We’re trying so hard to be positive but some days we are very despondent,” said Joanne.

“I was quite nervous doing the filming as I’ve never done anything like this before,” admitted Eden Rose.

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Notes to editors:

- **Joanne Hunter is available for interview;**
- **Please contact Alan Air Media Services for further information;**
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