

Upgrading the railway through Wiltshire & South Glos Update - August 2017

Gearing up for 28 days of work along the line



Preparation is well under way for our plans for four weeks of round-the-clock work to upgrade the railway from the outskirts of Royal Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire, to Patchway/Filton junctions, South Gloucestershire.

As part of the Greater West Programme, we are electrifying the line to bring passengers quieter, more frequent and more reliable services between London Paddington and Cardiff.

Between 19 August and 15 September, we'll be working from the outskirts of Royal Wootton Bassett, through Brinkworth, Little Somerford, Rodbourne, Hullavington, Acton Turville, Old Sodbury, Chipping Sodbury and Yate to Westerleigh Junction.

From 2 September to 15 September 2017, our work area will extend to include Westerleigh Junction towards Yate station, Coalpit Heath, Winterbourne, Stoke Gifford and Bristol Parkway station, up to Patchway/Filton junctions.

The work, to be carried out night and day, includes:

- Carrying out the piling required to install the foundations which will support the electrification equipment.
- Installing the equipment, including trackside masts and overhead wires at some locations.
- Installing electrification equipment in Chipping Sodbury and Alderton tunnels.
- Improving flood resilience at Chipping Sodbury sidings.
- Preparing Bristol Parkway station for the arrival of new Intercity Express Trains, including the construction of a fourth platform.

Find out more at

www.networkrail.co.uk/westernupgrade

Please plan ahead before you travel

How will trains between Swindon and Bristol Parkway be affected?

Saturday 19 August - Friday 1 September

Services between Swindon and Bristol Parkway will be diverted, and from Monday 21 August most will call at Patchway instead of Bristol Parkway. When trains are diverted, a shuttle bus service will operate between Patchway and Bristol Parkway.

Saturday 26 until Monday 28 August (Bank holiday weekend)

Services will call at Bristol Parkway

Saturday 2 - Friday 15 September

There will be no trains calling at Bristol Parkway.

Services to and from Swindon will call at Patchway instead of Bristol Parkway, with buses running between the two stations

How will trains between Cheltenham Spa and Bristol Temple Meads be affected?

Saturday 19 August - Friday 1 September

Trains on this route will run as normal.

Saturday 2 - Friday 15 September

There will be no trains calling at Bristol Parkway. Trains will be amended with replacement buses running between Yate and Filton Abbey Wood.

To plan your journey, please visit:

www.gwr.com/bristolparkway2017

www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk/bristol2017

How can I find out more?

Thank you to the hundreds of residents who attended our drop-in sessions in Wiltshire and South Gloucestershire during June and July.

There will be further opportunities to talk to us on:

- Thursday, 3 August, Yate Shopping Centre, 9am to 4pm.
- Friday, 4 August, Chipping Sodbury Market, 9am to 4pm.
- Thursday, August 17, The Old School Rooms, Stoke Gifford, 4.30pm to 7.30pm.

You can also find us at our orange tent next to the multi-storey car park at Bristol Parkway station on:

- Monday, 4 September - 4.30pm to 7.30pm
- Friday, 8 September - 4.30pm to 7.30pm
- Saturday, 9 September - 10.30 am to 2.30pm
- Wednesday, 13 September - 4.30pm to 7.30pm.



Paving the way for more trains at Bristol Parkway



We'll be working at Bristol Parkway from 2 to 15 September, while no trains are running through the station. The work will pave the way for GWR's new Intercity Express Trains, with more seats and more room for you and your luggage. Over the fortnight, we will be:

- Starting work on a fourth platform (Platform 1) adjacent to Platform 2, and waiting room. The new platform is due to be in use by late December 2017.
- Extending the existing platforms by 30m each to accommodate the new trains.
- Carrying out track works, including renewal of 2.5km of railway line.
- Installing new signalling equipment.
- Installing electrification equipment in and around the station.

Watch our video

Visit www.networkrail.co.uk/westernupgrade to watch an animated film which shows how we install the overhead line equipment required to power the new fleet.

The video explains how the electricity reaches the trains and why we need to cut back trees close to the line. It also shows the different types of masts that are needed to support the wires.



Deliveries of overhead line equipment are being made to a number of sites along the route

Thank you for your patience

Unfortunately, some of the work will be noisy and we would like to thank our neighbours in advance for bearing with us. In addition, deliveries of materials to our compounds along the route are being made by road, and some settlements will see an increase in lorries, vans and cars travelling to our sites.

If you have any queries or concerns about our work, please contact our 24-hour National Helpline on 03457 114141
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