

Our upgrade work will enable new trains to be introduced with GWR

4,500 extra seats

every day between Newbury and London from January 2019



- More space for wheelchair users
- At-seat power sockets
- Toilets accessible for all
- Free WiFi

**Newbury is
going electric**



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As part of our Railway Upgrade Plan we are undertaking the largest modernisation of our railway since Victorian times.

We are electrifying the railway from London Paddington to Cardiff, via Bristol, and down to Newbury. Our work in 2018 will enable GWR to introduce brand new electric trains between Newbury and London from January 2019; as well as extending operation of the brand new Intercity Express Trains beyond Newbury to Bedwyn and the south west.

What does the work involve?

We will be installing overhead electric power lines along the 40 miles of railway between Reading and Newbury. To do this we need to install foundations and erect steel masts every 40 to 70 metres along the railway.

This is a significant project for Network Rail, which is why we need to close the railway to maximise the efficiency of the works undertaken and to provide a safe working environment.



When will the work take place?

We will be working throughout 2018. The following dates have been confirmed. Please note that there will be further closures.

- 00:45 Monday 12 March - 04:55 Friday 16 March
- 00:45 Monday 23 April - 04:55 Friday 27 April
- 00:45 Monday 4 June - 04:55 Friday 8 June

We will also be temporarily closing the following level crossings during the blockades to enable us to do our upgrade work.

- Thatcham: 22:00 - 06:00
- Midgham: 22:00 - 06:00



Rail Replacement Services

Throughout our upgrade work there will be a comprehensive rail replacement service in place. The railway closures will start after train services finish on Sunday evenings. The railway line will reopen with train services operating according to normal timetables.



How does this affect my journey?

GWR are enabling season ticket holders to change the station that their ticket commences from, if it is easier. There will be buses operating on the following routes:

- Newbury <-> Didcot Parkway (peak only)
- Reading <-> Thatcham (peak only)
- Newbury <-> Reading
- Reading <-> Bedwyn (stopping service)
- Westbury <-> Pewsey (10 buses throughout the day in both directions)
- Westbury <-> Chippenham (calling at Trowbridge and Melksham [off-peak only])
- Pewsey <-> Swindon

How do I find out more information?

We will be holding public drop-ins across the route, as well as handing out information at stations, between late January and early March 2018. The dates for these, and other information can be found at:

GWR.com/Newbury2018

networkrail.co.uk/great-western-mainline/west-berkshire

Alternatively you can ring our 24 hour National Helpline on 03457 11 41 11 or email us at crwest@networkrail.co.uk