

Moving ahead *Making the sparks fly*



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*Patrick Hallgate, Programme Director
Signalling and Electrification.*

Patrick Hallgate is Programme Director of Signalling and Electrification, responsible for the design and delivery of major renewals projects involving signalling and electrification. With a team of just over 1,000 people geographically spread around the UK, the programme is also delivering some large enhancement schemes such as the new electrification programme which will change the network.

The network upgrade along the Western corridor will bring real passenger benefits for generations to come. Our team is also working with the Thameslink Programme on the resignalling of London Bridge, and Crossrail, and on the resignalling of Reading, delivering over £400m of work for the two schemes.

After joining the graduate scheme in 1999, Patrick has worked in a wide range of roles including Area Customer Services Manager, Maintenance Programme Manager and Route Director until his recent appointment to Programme Director in 2009.

It's a fantastic challenge. I love the fact that for the last six months I've been learning about an area of the business that I didn't know whilst having the responsibility to deliver real improvements to the reliability and capacity of the UK rail network. It's a very busy job that

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makes huge time demands so often it's a case of prioritisation and effective use of my time. Both were skills taught back on the graduate scheme and they've been invaluable ever since.

Here at Network Rail we believe that investing in our people is one of the most effective ways of improving the safety, reliability and efficiency of the railway. We offer fantastic opportunities to develop a long and rewarding career, with many different career paths to follow. It is this opportunity that Patrick believes sets us apart from our industry peers.

Network Rail is a great place to work with many opportunities to develop your skills in a wide variety of roles. There are few organisations that can boast such an exciting agenda with a future of growth and expansion as ours. It's also a company

that really invests in its people who strive to be the very best at the services we offer. I have really enjoyed my time here. When I joined in 1999 if someone told me I'd still be here 10 years later I wouldn't have believed them! With the portfolio of projects ahead in the near future I can't see a more exciting challenge.

In order to meet the travel demands of an ever-increasing population, we're expected to grow by at least 30 per cent over the next 10 years. You can be part of one of the biggest growth sectors in the country at the moment, and have a chance to watch some big projects deliver real improvements.

There's never been a better or more exciting time to join so what are you waiting for!

Major improvements by 2012 include 50 per cent longer trains running for the first time and new stations opening at Blackfriars and Farringdon.

Learn more about the exciting opportunities and projects at www.networkrail.co.uk/betterstations and www.networkrail.co.uk/betterjourneys and information about our graduate scheme at www.networkrail.co.uk/graduates

