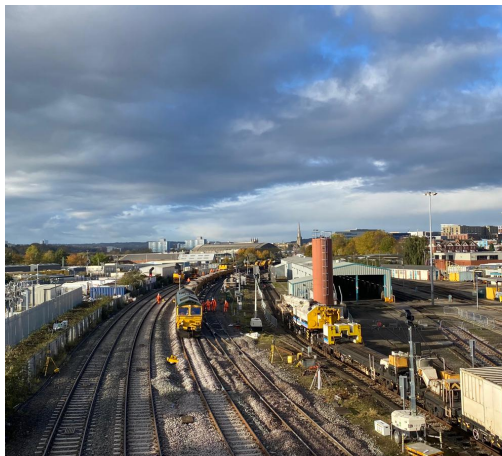


Bristol railway work update

December 2020



Overview

We have a huge programme of work underway in the Bristol area – this newsletter aims to keep you updated..

COVID-19

Safety of our workers is paramount and we are carefully following Government guidelines on COVID-19 to protect our staff and the public, and prevent the spread of the virus.

We are constantly reviewing our planned projects to comply with social distancing and other essential measures.



A busy autumn of track and roof work

Bristol East Junction preparations

At the end of October we completed our fourth full weekend of track work on Bristol East Junction; crucial preparations that reduce disruption next summer when we change the entire layout of the junction.

Throughout 2020 we replaced straight sections of track and installed new sets of points where the junction meets the four Filton Bank lines (leading to south Wales, Bristol Parkway and the Midlands) and the main lines (leading on to Bath Spa and London Paddington).

Alongside this, next to Dings park, we also demolished an old substation and relay room and have installed the legs for a new signalling gantry, making way for the new track layout.

The project will improve capacity, flexibility and reliability, making more efficient use of platforms at the station and reducing delays for passengers. An extra line is also being introduced to support additional suburban services being planned for the future.

Bristol Temple Meads roof & rewire project

Since the summer, we have been cleaning, repairing and painting the platform canopies and planning the scaffolding needed for the refurbishment of the main train shed roof.

To make room on the station we successfully relocated all bikes from platform 3 and 4 to a new storage facility on Friary. Work to erect scaffolding starts over the Christmas period and will be completed next year.

A brand new look for Bristol

We kick off 2021 with a brand new look. Our Bristol Rail Regeneration programme design will begin to appear as we start to put up scaffolding hoardings from January. We hope the colourful design brings everyone some much needed hope and positivity!

As seen here in a picture of Temple Meads station, it takes its inspiration from the vibrancy and colour that is so uniquely Bristol.

The brand embodies the regeneration that the programme will deliver to the city and wider region over the coming years.

What to look out for

A new style newsletter should be coming your way early in the new year.

We are also giving our online content a refresh with improved web pages dedicated to the programme and a new hashtag to help you follow the action on Twitter. See:

www.networkrail.co.uk/bristolrailregen

and

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Christmas work in and around Temple Meads

2021 is going to be an extremely busy year and we're working 24/7 over Christmas to get ready.

Bristol East Junction

From Christmas Eve until early on Monday 28 December we'll be replacing five sets of points near Kingsland Road, installing a new signalling gantry next to Dings Park, and erecting a signal base inside Temple Meads.

Engineering trains, large track-mounted cranes and our special diggers (Road Rail Vehicles) will be in use.

Bristol Temple Meads roof renovation

From Christmas Eve until early on Monday 11 January 2021, we'll begin installing scaffolding towers through Bristol Temple Meads station.

We'll get as much work done as possible over the 17 days, with an initial focus on foundations. Over the coming months we need to install a total of 60 towers on Platforms 3-6, with installations to continue on Saturday nights until it's completed

Temporary crowd control barriers are being put in place to keep passengers safe when the station reopens on 27 December after the Christmas Day and Boxing Day shut down.

The station will look quite different to what passengers are used to and we advise allowing a little extra time to get orientated.



Looking ahead to 2021

In 2021, a two-year programme of grit blasting and repair work gets underway on Temple Meads roof.

Early in the new year we'll be confirming our contractor for the rewire of the station and work to install WiFi will begin. Work to create a new eastern entrance to the station moves

forward, aspiring to complete ready for the university site's opening in autumn 2023.

In February we're installing new track inside the station and are developing plans for platform improvements. Over eight solid weeks in the summer we'll be changing the track layout at Bristol East Junction.

Travel advice

Passengers must wear a face covering in stations and on all forms of public transport, including rail replacement buses and coaches. Please also carefully check local travel rules.

Friday 25 & Saturday 26 December:

There will be no train services on Christmas Day or Boxing Day.

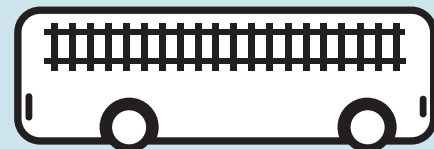
Sunday 27 December:

Buses replace trains between Bristol Temple Meads and Bath Spa, and between Bristol Temple Meads and Bristol Parkway (including the Severn Beach line). Trains between London and Bristol Temple Meads will start/terminate at Bath Spa.

Mon 28 December - Sun 10 January:

Installation of scaffolding for our roof renovations means Platforms 3-6 will be closed and services that normally use those will call at other platforms instead. Trains in the Bristol area will run to an amended timetable.

Please remember to check before you travel at nationalrail.co.uk or GWR.com/Bristol



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