

# 130-year-old embankment in Morpeth successfully stabilised

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Network Rail engineers have completed a £13.2 million project to secure a railway embankment near Morpeth station on the East Coast Main Line, protecting the line for years to come.

Trains in Northumberland have been running at reduced speeds since February 2021, after movements in the ground caused a landslip, weakening the embankment which supports the railway.

Jonny Ham, lead portfolio manager for Network Rail's East Coast route, said: "I'm very pleased that this essential work is now complete, allowing the embankment to remain safe with trains running at normal speed once again.

"Passengers travelling on the East Coast Main line can now look forward to smoother, more reliable journeys in Northumberland, and I would like to thank everyone for bearing with us throughout the duration of the project."

Between May and October 2022, over 4000 metres of steel and more than 4000 tonnes of concrete was installed as part of the piling process – which involves driving foundations, or piles, deep into the ground –

making sure that the embankment remains strong and stable for years to come.

With the stabilisation work now finished, trains can now run at normal speeds once more, helping passengers to get where they need to be on time and reducing delays.