

# £765,000 upgrade of the footbridge at Caterham station in Surrey, first built in 1900

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Passengers at Caterham station can cross the railway more safely thanks to footbridge refurbishment as part of Network Rail's Railway Upgrade Plan.

Caterham station is at the southern terminus of the Caterham line which branches from the Brighton Main Line at Purley. A station was first built in Caterham in 1856, but that was replaced by the current station when it opened at the dawn of the 20th century on 1st January 1900.

The station has a single island platform accommodating platforms 1 & 2 with a short siding on the western side and the footbridge provides access between a concourse building and platforms.

The footbridge refurbishment included:

- Jetting and painting the existing steelwork
- Installing new portal frames
- Glazing
- Guttering and roofing

Shaun King, route director, Sussex said: “Our Railway Upgrade Plan is all about providing a safer and more reliable railway fit for the 21st century. The upgraded footbridge will make crossing the railway safer and easier for everyone. I would like to thank local residents and passengers for their patience and understanding while we completed this important upgrade.”

Angie Doll, Managing Director for Southern and Gatwick Express, said: “On behalf of our Caterham passengers, we welcome Network Rail’s investment in maintaining the safety of the footbridge. The refurbished footbridge will be complemented by our comprehensive makeover for the station this year, including landscaping, lighting, toilets and seating, all part of our network-wide, multimillion-pound station improvement programme.

“During the current restrictions, please only travel if essential, and if you have to go by train, remember the hands-face-space rules to make your journey safe for everyone.”

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