

Barmouth Viaduct to reopen for four weeks, before second stage of restoration works starts

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Barmouth Viaduct will reopen to passengers for four weeks from Sunday 15 October to Sunday 13 November.

The viaduct has been closed for five weeks to allow for essential repairs and restoration works to be carried out. Network Rail and teams from Alun Griffiths have worked around tide times and weather conditions to repair the timber supporting beams and restore the metallic sub-structure section.



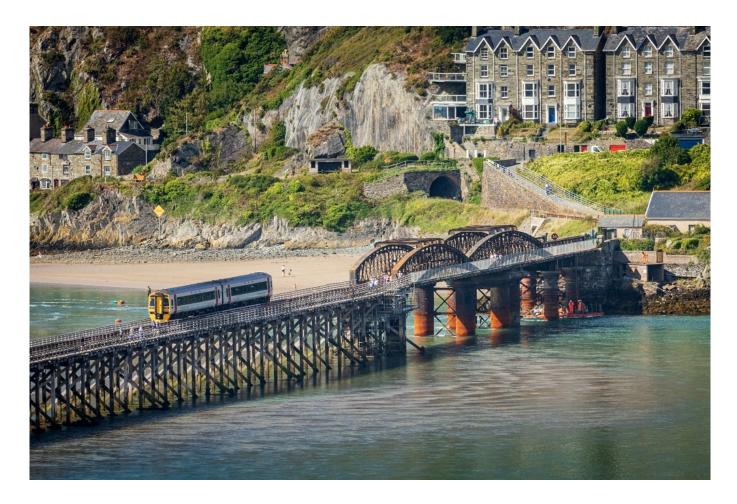


Barmouth Viaduct engineers on pontoons

More than 2,000 working hours have been spent finishing this stage of works, with the next stage planned for November. Phase two will include additional repairs and strengthening work as well as further metallic restoration and a track renewal. During this period, both the railway and the footpath across the viaduct will also close to keep passengers and pedestrians safe.

The restoration of Barmouth's metallic elements was originally planned to take place in one period this autumn but is now being split across the next two years to reduce the impact on rail services, the community and local economy. Dates for working on the viaduct during 2023 are still being finalised.





Barmouth Viaduct TfW train passing over

Buses will replace train services from Sunday 15 November to Saturday 10 December, so passengers are urged to check before they travel to avoid disappointment.

Ben Perkins, scheme project manager at Network Rail, said: "I would like to thank passengers for their patience as we continue to safely carry out these works on this vital transport link.

"Our efforts will ensure that the viaduct will continue to be secure and will remain operational for future generations."

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