

Bridge revamp begins this week

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Network Rail will overhaul a footbridge at Cramlington railway station, beginning this week.

Starting Thursday, teams will take the bridge off site for inspection. During this time, the bridge will be grit blasted to remove rust as well as old paint – at which point engineers will be able to carry out any repairs needed.

When the footbridge is put back into place it will be fitted with new handrails and stair treads – as well as improved drainage.

The project will cost £590,000 and it is hoped to make using the footbridge a more pleasant experience for passengers, as well as ensuring the structure remains reliable, fit for purpose and in good condition.

For work to take place the bridge will be closed from 1 December until late March 2022.

Access to both platforms at the station will be maintained via pedestrian access ramps and this diversion route will be signposted. Network Rail says work will not impact train services.

Sarah Reid, route director for Network Rail's East Coast route, said: "This is a much-needed project which

will help to future proof Cramlington railway station and create a nicer environment for everyone who uses the station.

“This work does require the footbridge to be closed for over three months and we are sorry for any inconvenience which this causes. We are working closely with Northern to make sure that passengers can still move around the station easily and we’d like to thank all those using Cramlington station during this time for their patience.”

Kerry Peters, regional director at Northern said: “This vital work being carried out by Network Rail will improve the footbridge at Cramlington railway station.

“We will work closely with colleagues across the rail industry to minimise the impact on our customers and I’d like to thank them in advance for their patience and understanding while the work is completed.”