

Burton's 'diamond' crossing given a polish over weekend works

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When you think of Burton and diamonds, generally Elizabeth Taylor springs to mind. In this instance though, the Burton Diamond is actually a vital railway junction in East Staffordshire. However, after some significant upgrades, it sure is sparkling!

Network Rail engineers carried out major works on the key section of track in Burton, bringing more reliable train journeys for passengers and freight services.

The junction, which forms a diamond where the two railway lines cross over each other, hasn't had a polish since 2013, so the £120,000 project has certainly given it some sparkle.



Gary Walsh, East Midlands route director for Network Rail said: "I'd like to thank passengers for bearing with us as we delivered this important upgrade over the weekend.

"We've updated a crucial junction, which serves to seamlessly separate trains travelling between Derby and Birmingham with those headed for Leicester to join the Midland Main Line.

"Improving this vital kit will bring smoother, more reliable journeys to help passengers and freight get to where they need to be on time, as well as making it easier for our teams to maintain this section of track in the future."



Specialist teams worked throughout the weekend, from Saturday 29 October until Monday 31 October, to complete the work and successfully reopen the railway for commuters and leisure travellers.