

Easter upgrades of £31m on railway between London and Scotland

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Network Rail is keeping people on the move this Easter (2-5 April) while carrying out £31m of upgrades to improve future passenger and freight journeys between London and Scotland.

Government is advising people to minimise travel and stay local over the Easter bank holiday due to COVID-19. But for those who do need to use it, the railway is open.

Where possible Network Rail has moved planned work to minimise disruption for passengers needing to travel:

- Upgrades at Bletchley over Easter, affecting London to Birmingham journeys, will finish earlier on Easter Sunday to allow more trains to run.
- Essential work in North London and Northamptonshire has been brought forward so it is completed before Easter.

Passengers are urged to check www.nationalrail.co.uk before travelling so they know in advance whether their journeys will be affected by the upgrade work on the West Coast main line, Chiltern main line and

some rail routes in the Midlands and the North West.

Tim Shoveller, managing director for Network Rail's North West & Central region, said: "Our work will make the West Coast main line more reliable for our passengers and pave the way for HS2, which will bring much-needed extra railway capacity.

"There is no question such large scale improvements will mean changes for passengers, but we're working with the industry to minimise disruption to passengers as much as possible.

"We're letting people know in advance so none of this comes as a surprise and passengers can stay on the move while we do this vital work."

Passengers can find out more information at www.nationalrail.co.uk/westcoast

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