

Great Malvern's historic platform canopies to be restored

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Victorian platform canopies are being renovated at Great Malvern station in Worcestershire as part of further improvements for passengers.

Overhead glazing will be replaced and the ornate ironwork will be repainted as part of a £4m investment by Network Rail.

The station was opened by the Worcester and Hereford Railway in 1860 and was awarded Grade II listed building status in 1969.

Despite being 162 years old, the station has retained many of its original Victorian features – including elaborate cast-iron girders supported by impressive sculptures of floral arrangements.

The project to restore the canopies started this week and is expected to be complete early next year.

The work won't impact on train services but passengers are advised the look and feel of the station will be different while the careful restoration work takes place.

Lawrence James, Network Rail scheme project manager, said: “It’s great to be returning to Great Malvern again and investing a significant amount to improve this picturesque station and secure its future for the next generation.

“Working on the canopy roofs and repainting the ironwork will not only benefit local people but also tourists who travel to the area and nearby Malvern hills.”

Jonny Wiseman, customer experience director for station operator West Midlands Railway, said: “Great Malvern is a truly unique station which is regularly rated as one of the most attractive in the region. We are delighted to work with Network Rail to deliver this significant investment which will keep the station looking its best for many years to come.

“The station will look a little different for our customers while the work is completed but I am pleased that train services will continue to call at Great Malvern as usual throughout.”

This latest investment comes after £8,000 was spent last year getting Great Malvern’s station clock working again after being stuck on the same time for over three years.

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