

## Major upgrades at Bridlington station are now underway

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Bridlington station is a hive of activity as a multi-million-pound overhaul to offer a better experience for passengers and make the station more accessible gets underway.

By summer 2023, there will be a revamped footbridge with lifts to make it easier for passengers with limited mobility, pushchairs, bikes or heavy luggage to make the most of Bridlington's rail connections.

Rail minister Huw Merriman said: "We're making this investment in Bridlington Station to ensure those with additional needs can travel with confidence.

"Our Access for All programme is improving hundreds of stations across the country, so local passengers can make the most of our rail network."

Over the next few weeks, Network Rail engineers will be building a base at the station and getting everything ready for a temporary footbridge to be installed at the start of December. This will allow passengers to continue to access the station's platforms while the work is carried out.



Anna Weeks, principal programme sponsor for Network Rail said: "People can expect to see a lot more activity at Bridlington station, as we get ready to deliver an accessible footbridge and key station improvements to improve the customer experience.

"We're working with our partners at Northern and the Department for Transport to transform the station with the minimum impact on passengers. I'm looking forward to seeing the improved bridge start to take shape and officially open next Summer."

The £4.6 million investment has been majority funded by the Department for Transport's Access for All programme. An additional £1.3 million will also be invested to refurbish the station's roof, completing this major upgrade which will deliver a better experience for passengers.

Tony Baxter, regional director for Northern, said: "We are working closely with Network Rail and the Department of Transport on this project which will improve the facilities at Bridlington for our customers.

"We want to make our stations, trains – and our wider network – as accessible as possible, and this scheme is the next step in the journey to deliver a Northern that works for everyone and makes a positive difference."