

More than a mile of new track laid in major Trent Valley Line railway upgrade

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Passengers are being thanked for their patience after work to improve future journeys between Rugby and Stafford.

Over the last four weekends more than a mile of new railway track has been laid as part of a £2.6m Network Rail investment.

The improved railway lines reopened today (Monday 16 August) providing smoother, faster and more reliable journeys for passengers.

More than 500 railway workers carried out the essential work over a total of 240 hours.

James Dean, Network Rail's West Coast South route director, said: "I'd like to thank passengers for bearing with us over the last month while we carried out this essential work to improve the Trent Valley line for the future.

"The section of track between Rugby and Stafford is one of the busiest sections of mixed use passenger

and freight railway line in Europe, so making sure it takes people and goods to where they need to be safely, quickly and reliably is our top priority as we build back better from the coronavirus pandemic.”

For more on how Network Rail carries out its upgrade work, visit:

www.networkrail.co.uk/looking-after-the-railway/.

Meanwhile passengers are being advised to ‘look before you book’ ahead of more railway improvements over the upcoming August bank holiday weekend.

To find out which sections of the West Coast main line are impacted

visit: <https://www.networkrailmediacentre.co.uk/news/look-before-you-book-august-bank-holiday-travel-advice>

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