

Network Rail begins work to improve three level crossings in Leicestershire

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Network Rail will begin work to improve three level crossings in Leicestershire next month, which will make sure they can continue to be used reliably for years to come.

Network Rail engineers will be replacing the old barrier gates with new, modern ones at Coalville level crossing in North West Leicestershire, Bardon Hill level crossing in Hugglescote and Desford level crossing in the Hinckley and Bosworth District.

Installing new, modern level crossing barriers will create a more resilient railway, help to reduce delays to services and mean that the level crossings remain fit for purpose.

In order for the work at each level crossing to be carried out safely, there will be changes to access for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

The improvement work will take place during the following dates:

- Work will take place at Coalville level crossing between Thursday, 2 April and Monday, 6 April. A clearly sign-posted diversionary route for motorists will be in place and pedestrian access will be maintained during this time.
- Bardon Hill level crossing will be closed between Thursday, 16 April and Sunday, 19 April. A clearly sign-posted diversionary route for motorists will be in place.
- Desford level crossing will be closed between Thursday, 30 April until Monday, 4 May. A clearly sign-posted diversionary route for motorists will be in place during this time.

Vinny Briggs, Route Level Crossing Manager for Network Rail, said: “This is really important work to modernise these level crossings and make sure they remain fit for purpose.

“The new barriers will improve the reliability of the level crossings in Leicestershire and therefore, help to reduce delays on the railway.

“We are working hard to minimise any disruption whilst this work takes place and would like to thank all those impacted for their patience.”

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