

Network Rail: network open for passengers on Queen's Platinum Jubilee

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Network Rail has said that the "vast majority" of Britain's rail network will be open as usual during the Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday weekend (2-5 June).

It says that there will be no closures into any of the major London stations, which means that travellers can rely on the railway to take part in the Queen's landmark celebrations.

There are still hundreds of projects being delivered, the infrastructure owner says, but most of them are maintenance works resulting in disruption to passenger or freight services.

A total of £55 million will be invested in the rail network – lower than the £80 million programme that was delivered in the Late May Bank Holiday last year.

Andrew Haines, Network Rail chief executive, said: "We are really pleased to say that all routes into London's major stations will be open across the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend. We know that demand will be high as people travel into the capital to celebrate this special occasion and our station staff will be on hand to welcome passengers and help them with their journeys.



"Of course, we are still carrying out hundreds of important projects to upgrade the railway, but the majority of these will have no impact on passenger or freight services. As ever I'd like to thank the countless railway staff who will be out delivering upgrades or who will be working hard to keep services running for passengers."

Network Rail says that passengers are still advised to check their journeys before travelling as a small number of routes will be impacted by upgrade works.

- There will be rail replacement bus services running between Manchester and other locations in the north west, including Stalybridge, Rochdale and Salford Central, due to works being delivered as part of the Transpennine Route Upgrade.
- There will be switches and crossings renewals at Hayes to improve passenger safety. Bus replacement services will operate between Lewisham and Hayes.
- Roof renewal works will be carried out at Liverpool Street station to improve safety and the customer experience. On Sunday 5 June, c2c services that usually run to/from Liverpool Street will be diverted via West Ham and will run to/from London Fenchurch Street instead.

People can find out how their journeys will be affected with their train operator or via National Rail Enquiries.