

# Network Rail upgrading the track in Hensall over the August Bank Holiday

August 19, 2021



Network Rail is upgrading the track in Hensall, near Snaith, over the August Bank Holiday weekend to bring smoother, more reliable journeys for passengers travelling in and around North Yorkshire.

Work will begin on Friday 27 August and continue throughout the Bank Holiday until Wednesday 1 September. In order for the work to be carried out safely, the line will be closed with buses replacing Northern trains between Goole and Knottingley for the duration of the closure.

Teams will be lifting and replacing around 1.8km of track between Whitley Bridge and Snaith, near Drax Power Station in North Yorkshire to improve reliability and reduce the amount of maintenance work needed in the future. The ballast – stones which support the track – and the sleepers will also be replaced.

Network Rail has carefully planned work over the Bank Holiday weekend to keep over 95% of Britain's rail network open, meaning passengers can reconnect with family, friends, and their favourite holiday destinations.

Matt Rice, Route Director for Network Rail's North and East route, said: "Upgrading the track at Hensall will

bring smoother, more reliable journeys for passengers and freight services using this line. We've planned the work carefully to minimise the impact on the local community.

"As we welcome passengers back to the railway, the vast majority of services are running as normal. We're advising people to check their journey and allow plenty of time."

Passengers can find out how their journeys will be affected with their train operator, via National Rail Enquiries, or by following #AugustBHWorks on Twitter.

People are advised to follow government guidance and wear a face covering in busy indoor settings, unless they are exempt. With good ventilation systems on trains, extra cleaning and improved information about quieter times, passengers can continue to travel with confidence.

*Photo credit: Network Rail*