

Rail passengers benefit from new platforms at Aldrington station in East Sussex thanks to significant investment

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Over £500k has been invested at Aldrington station to improve the platforms; resulting in safer and easier access for passengers to and from trains.

Access to the worksite was gained by using a private business park located next to the station and engineers were able to carry out remedial works to restore and strengthen platforms 1 and 2.

The platform upgrades at Aldrington were planned to be delivered in a 52 hour closure which was later reduced to 27 hours. Engineers were also able to deliver the work during the reduced closure and midweek night working.

As part of the refurbishment project, de-vegetation works took place while the station platform surfaces were jet washed and litter was cleared from site.

Shaun King, Sussex route director for Network Rail, said: "Network Rail is committed to providing the best

possible environment for passengers and these works will improve Aldrington station for many years to come. A considerable amount of work and effort has been put into the refurbishment scheme and I'm very pleased it has been so successful."

Chris Fowler, Customer Services Director for Southern, said: "On behalf of our Aldrington customers I welcome this investment in safety and comfort at the station, and thank Network Rail for the way they planned this work to minimise disturbance for our passengers, neighbours and station staff."

Aldrington train station was opened in Hove in 1905 and formed part of the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway; connecting London with the south coast towns of Brighton and Bognor Regis. It is now part of the West Coastway Line and is a 7 minute train journey from Brighton.

Community engagement in Hove included letter drops, project information boards installed at the station and teams advising train passengers and local residents of the works. The station refurbishment was also completed without major disruption to commuters and those living in the area.

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