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Safety reminder a new timetable changes rail services on the Heart of Wales Line

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Network Rail is urging people who are using level crossings on the Heart of Wales Line to take care when crossing the railway and to familiarise themselves with the new timetable that came into effect on Sunday (11 December).

With more than 170 level crossings on the Heart of Wales line alone, Network Rail are urging level crossing users to check journeys ahead of crossing the railway.

As well as changes to the times of rail services, the new timetable will also increase the frequency of trains on the line in the future. The new timetable will help to improve community links and provide more tourism opportunities along the scenic rural route.

Nick Millington, interim route director for Network Rail, Wales & Borders said: "We're delighted passengers are set to benefit from more frequent rail services, especially in those rural areas, which will boost tourism and transport links for local communities.

"However, safety remains our number one priority at Network Rail, which is why we're urging passengers

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and level crossing users to familiarise themselves with the new timetable in Wales.

"Trains will be running at different times, starting earlier, and finishing later in the day so, please stay alert when near the railway and check journeys before travelling."

Thomas Matthews, project sponsor at Network Rail, Wales & Borders added: "We know when people use a level crossing frequently they often assume they know the timetable and when trains pass through.

"The new timetable will affect level crossing users in these rural areas as there will be more trains running, including early morning and late evening services.

For more information visit: www.networkrail.co.uk/levelcrossings

Please visit www.nationalrail.co.uk or Wales and UK Train Timetables | TfW for information on the new timetable.

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