

Step-free access now available at Patchway station

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Passengers can now benefit from improved accessibility at Patchway station after two lifts installed.

Alongside a new stepped footbridge, the new lifts will help connect platforms one and two and provide step-free access for the elderly, people carrying luggage or with limited mobility, and pushchairs.

The lift installation is the latest in a series of improvements to stations across the west following electrification of the railway.

Samantha Patterson, Network Rail sponsor, said: "We're pleased that passengers using Patchway station will now benefit from the station being fully accessible with the introduction of two new lifts to both platforms.

"It has been a challenging yet rewarding project that we hope will serve the local community well for years to come."

Danny Matthews, Great Western Railway Patchway station manager, said: "We're committed to supporting

projects which help to improve accessibility at stations and we're delighted these lifts are now open and available for use by our customers."

Councillor Steve Reade, South Gloucestershire Council's cabinet member for regeneration, environment and strategic infrastructure, said: "I am delighted to see that the new lifts installed at Patchway station are now open for people to use.

"The lifts were installed as part of the electrification project, as the original footbridge had to be replaced, and provides an accessible route between the platforms. They will help encourage sustainable travel and it is anticipated that they will be well used by employees of local businesses such as Rolls Royce and local residents travelling from the station."

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