

Storm-damaged railway repaired at St Albans ahead of Storm Eunice

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Network Rail has repaired the railway at St Albans after a tree fell onto the electric wires during the gusts of Storm Dudley.

While the large tree was removed just after 11pm on Wednesday (16 February), engineers needed to work in calmer conditions to complete repairs to the train-powering electric wires. Teams worked tirelessly through Thursday (17 February) night to successfully restore the railway.

The repairs have been made ahead of Storm Eunice, which is expected to bring strong winds, heavy rain, and widespread disruption for the railway. Passengers in the East Midlands are reminded not to travel by train today and to replan their journeys when conditions improve.

Steve Hopkinson, East Midlands Operations Director for Network Rail said: “Completing these repairs before the worst of Storm Eunice has been essential for our plans to keep passengers moving when the bad weather lifts – so I’m pleased we’ve been able to repair the railway at St Albans overnight.

“I’d like to thank passengers for bearing with us and remind them to avoid travelling across our region

today.”

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