

Work begins on £1.5m Bedfordshire bridge strengthening scheme

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A £1.5 million programme to strengthen a railway bridge in Kempston Hardwick, Bedfordshire will get underway this month to improve reliability for passengers.

Over the next five months, Network Rail engineers will repair and strengthen the steel girders, bridge deck and improve drainage and guttering on the structure which carries the Midland Main Line over the B530 Ampthill Road.

Reinforcing this important bridge which millions of rail passengers rely on each year when travelling between Luton and Bedford and further afield, will offer more reliable, on time journeys and mean that less maintenance work is needed for the next decade.

As part of the work, the B530 Ampthill Road will be closed to keep drivers and pedestrians safe on:

- 11pm Saturday 18 until 7am Sunday 19 March
- 11pm Saturday 25 until 7am Sunday 26 March
- 4pm Saturday 1 until 5am Monday 3 April
- 11pm Saturday 15 until 7am Sunday 16 April
- 11pm Saturday 22 until 7am Sunday 23 April
- 11pm Saturday 29 until 7am Sunday 30 April
- 6am Monday 8 May until 5pm Friday 14 July

A signed diversion will be in place via A6 Wixams Bypass, Wilstead Bypass, Ampthill to Mauden Bypass and Hazelwood Lane.

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