

South Gloucestershire Summer railway work

June - August 2022



Overview

We have a busy summer ahead in South Gloucestershire with track renewals and drainage work at Filton, Stoke Gifford, Chipping Sodbury and Westerleigh, as well as inside the Severn Tunnel.

Alongside this we are also completing follow up work inside the Patchway Tunnels and will be carrying out repairs on the railway bridge on Station Road in Pilning.

We are currently planning work to replace two level crossings on our freight line through Iron Acton, aiming for the end of August (to be confirmed).

We would like to thank you in advance for your patience as we complete this essential work to keep passenger and freight services safe and reliable.

Contact us

If you have any questions or concerns about the work taking place, call our dedicated 24 hour National Helpline: **03457 11 41 41**

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June track renewals at Filton and Westerleigh

Filton Abbey Wood

We need to replace a section of track on the relief lines that run through Filton Abbey Wood station.

The track was not due for renewal when we installed our two new railway lines in the area a few years ago. It is now worn and needs replacing.

We'll be working through a number of day and night shifts on 4 & 5, 11 & 12 and 18 & 19 June, as well as a block of continuous working from 11.40pm on Saturday 11 June until 3.35am on Monday 13 June.

We have additional work taking place a little further up the line when we'll be replacing track and points on the Filton West Curve in Stoke Gifford in July (see page 2).

Compounds and access points

Throughout June and July our two project teams will be working from various bases including Bristol Parkway, Aviva, Hunts Ground Car Park, Filton Abbey Wood car park and Conygres Road car park. They will be bringing machines and workers onto the track via our access points at Muller Road and Junction 2 of the M32.

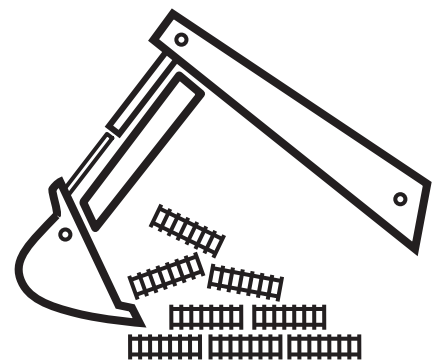
Westerleigh

A section of track that runs parallel to Shire Way and Wapley Bushes in Westerleigh needs to be replaced.

Work starts with a night shift on Saturday 4 June and continues until 31 July. The bulk of the work will be completed over three longer continuous shifts as follows:

- 11.40pm Sat 11 – 4.50am Mon 13 June
- 11.40pm Sat 18 – 4.50am Mon 20 June
- 11.40pm Sat 25 – 4.50am Mon 27 June

There are also midweek night shifts from Monday 11 - Friday 15 July.



Drainage work between Chipping Sodbury and Alderton tunnels

Drainage refurbishments are needed along the open line between Chipping Sodbury tunnel and Alderton tunnel. The bulk of this work will be completed on Sundays – 12, 19 and 26 June, with shifts starting from 11.40pm on the Saturday night through to

4.50am on the Monday. Work involves high pressure jetting to clear and survey the drainage system and completing repairs. We will also potentially be replacing rail within Chipping Sodbury tunnel at the same time but this is to be confirmed.

July: Severn tunnel & Patchway tunnel work

Severn Tunnel

We are returning to the Severn Tunnel this summer, to replace a four-kilometre stretch of track on the Welsh side of the tunnel.

The work will be completed during a 10-day closure of the line between England and South Wales, from the evening of **Friday 1 July until early on Monday 11 July**.

Making best use of the opportunity while we have access to work on the line, we will be carrying out maintenance on electrification equipment inside the tunnel, as well as other work at Pilning, Patchway and Stoke Gifford.

Patchway tunnel

Last October we successfully replaced track and drainage inside one of the Patchway tunnels. We now need to complete some follow up work.

On **Friday 8 and Saturday 9 July**, during the closure of the line for the Severn Tunnel work, two road rail diggers will clear spoil left over from the track work in the autumn.

Our workers will use Patchway Station as the main access point with minibus drop offs for staff accessing on foot via Cattybrook brickworks.



Stoke Gifford track and points

Following on from the track renewal at Filton Abbey Wood in June, we head slightly north in early July to replace track and points at Filton Junction, to the west of Bristol Parkway Station.

The main part of the work takes place between **Thursday 7 July and the early hours of Monday 11 July**, making use of the tail end of the line closure for the Severn Tunnel work.

Our workers will be parking vehicles at Hunts

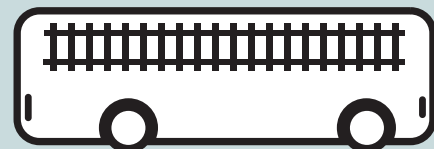
Ground car park, Bristol Parkway and Aviva and they will be using access points at Muller Road, Junction 2 of the M32 and at Conyngres Road.

As with the track work around Filton Abbey Wood, heavy machinery will be in use to install the huge track panels needed for these points. A tamping train will compact the stone around the new track and sleepers to meet safety standards, improve performance and increase the life of the new track. This is a noisy process.

June travel info

Train journeys are affected by our work on Sundays 12, 19 and 26 June:

- Buses replace all trains via Bristol Parkway.
- Trains between London & South Wales stop at Patchway not Bristol Parkway.
- CrossCountry trains stop at Gloucester not Bristol Parkway.



July & August

Train journeys are affected 1 - 10 July as well as on Sundays 17 July and 14 August:

- Buses replace trains Bristol Parkway <-> Newport.
- Buses replace trains Bristol Parkway <-> Filton Abbey Wood, Stapleton Road, Lawrence Hill & Bristol Temple Meads on Friday 8 and Saturday 9 July.
- Trains London Paddington <-> Swansea divert via Swindon & Newport.
- Trains London Paddington <-> Bristol Parkway run weekdays only 5am - 10am & 4pm - 8pm.
- Trains Cardiff Central <-> Portsmouth Harbour run Bristol Parkway <-> Portsmouth Harbour instead.
- Trains Cardiff Central <-> Taunton run Bristol Temple Meads <-> Taunton instead.
- Trains resume 12pm on Sunday 14 August.

Check nationalrail.co.uk, GWR.com/bristol or Crosscountrytrains.co.uk



Pilning bridge refurbishments

During July and August we will be working in the Pilning area, carrying out structural repairs to the railway bridge on Station Road.

Work involves brickwork and steelwork repairs, as well as waterproofing to the bridge deck.

Some parts of the bridge will require grit-blasting to strip back old paintwork ready for repairs and repainting. This is a noisy process and we apologise in advance for any disturbance this causes.

In order to complete this work safely we will need to close the road to vehicles and pedestrians at various points, including a solid 13-day closure during July:

- 10am on 7 July – 6am on 20 July
- 10pm on 23 July – 9am on 24 July
- 10pm on 30 July – 9am on 31 July
- 10pm on 6 Aug – 9am on 7 Aug

We will be writing to residents soon to inform of this work once further details have been confirmed.

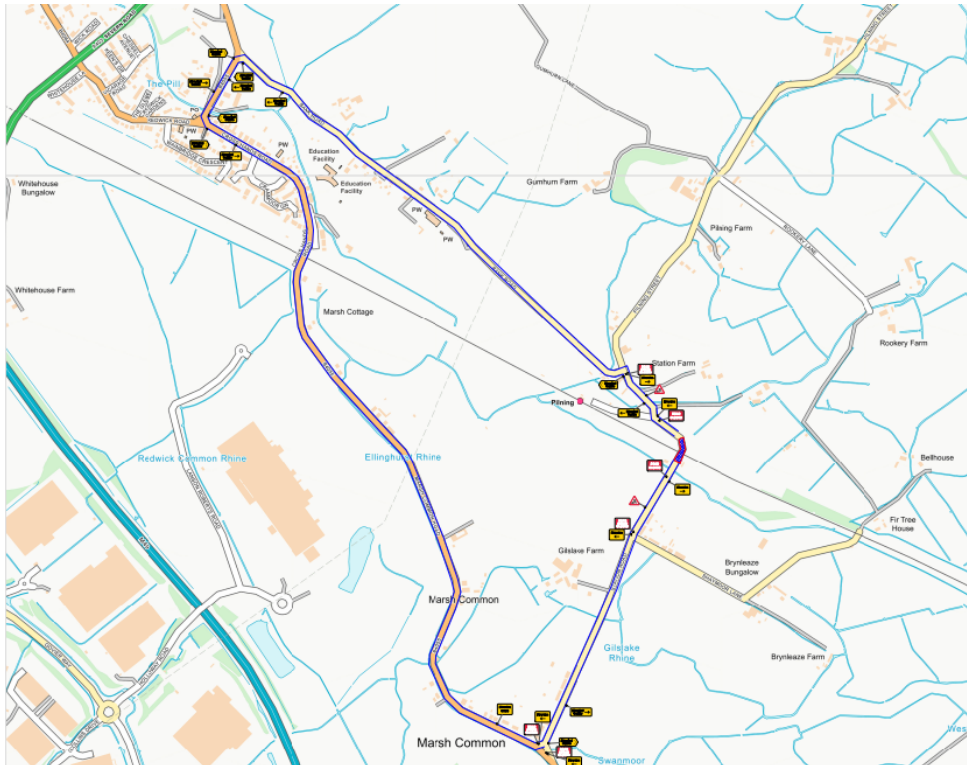


Pilning Station Rd diversionary route

A diversionary route will be in force on the following dates:

- 10am on 7 July – 6am on 20 July
- 10pm on 23 July – 9am on 24 July
- 10pm on 30 July – 9am on 31 July
- 10pm on 6 Aug – 9am on 7 Aug

As per the map (left) road users will be directed from Station Road on to Marsh Common Road, Cross Hands Road and Bank Road.



Iron Acton level crossings

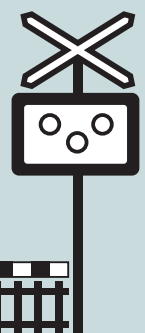
We are currently planning work on two level crossings at Iron Acton.

The level crossings on Bristol Road and Station Road are both worn and need to be replaced to ensure the continued safe and reliable running of freight services through the area.

Work was previously planned for early May but was postponed. We now hope to be able to complete this work over a 10-day period around the August bank holiday (Monday 29 August), but this is yet to be agreed.

As we continue to plan for this work, we're moving sections of new rail from our temporary compound at Orchard Farm to the area between the railway tracks, with an overnight road closure needed on Bristol Road to do this. This takes place between **11pm on Saturday 18 June and 8.45am on Sunday 19 June.**

Further road closures will be required at Bristol Road and Station Road to complete the level crossing renewals. We will write to residents with details and post information on our South Gloucestershire web page.

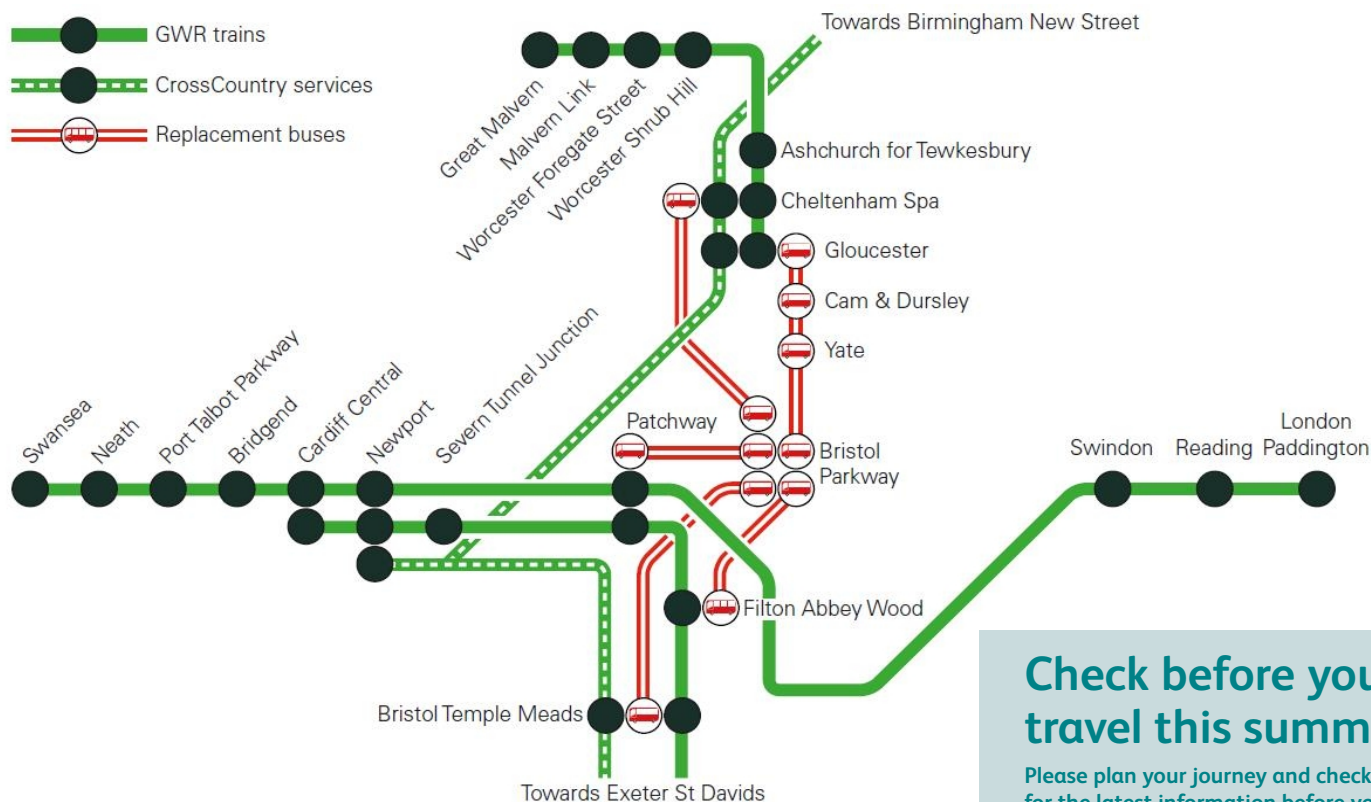


Sundays 12, 19 & 26 June

- No trains via Bristol Parkway.
- Trains London <-> South Wales stop at Patchway instead of Bristol Parkway.

- CrossCountry trains diverted stopping additionally at Gloucester but not at Bristol Parkway.

- Buses will replace all train services via Bristol Parkway.



Check before you travel this summer

Please plan your journey and check online for the latest information before you travel:

nationalrail.co.uk
GWR.com/bristol
Crosscountrytrains.co.uk

July & August

1 - 10 July, Sundays 17 July and 14 August

- No trains can run between Patchway and Severn Tunnel Junction.
- Trains London Paddington <-> Swansea will be diverted at Swindon & Newport.
- Trains London Paddington <-> Bristol Parkway will run weekdays only 5am - 10am & 4pm - 8pm.
- Trains Cardiff Central <-> Portsmouth Harbour run Bristol Parkway <-> Portsmouth Harbour instead.

- Trains Cardiff Central <-> Taunton will run Bristol Temple Meads <-> Taunton instead.
- Only morning services affected Sunday 14 August - trains resume midday.
- Buses will replace trains Bristol Parkway <-> Newport.
- Buses also replace trains between Bristol Parkway, Filton Abbey Wood, Stapleton Rd, Lawrence Hill and Bristol Temple Meads on Friday 8 and Saturday 9 July.

