North Cotswolds line track renewals – spring 2024

What's happening:

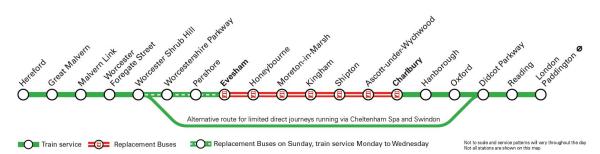
Network Rail plans to carry out track renewals on the North Cotswolds line between Charlbury and Worcester Shrub Hill over two separate blockades this spring.

Train services using this route will be affected for four days between Charlbury and Evesham from **Sunday 24 to Wednesday 27 March**.

Trains will then be affected for five days between Evesham and Worcester Shrub Hill, plus between Cheltenham Spa and Worcester Shrub Hill from **Monday 22 to Friday 26 April**.

How trains will be affected:

Sunday 24 to Wednesday 27 March



Trains will still run between London Paddington and Charlbury via Oxford

Limited trains will run between London Paddington and Hereford diverted via Swindon

Shuttle trains will run between:

- Worcester Shrub Hill and Great Malvern/Hereford (Sun 24 Mar)
- Evesham and Worcester Shrub Hill/Great Malvern/Hereford (Mon 25 to Wed 27 Mar)

Replacement buses are planned between:

- Charlbury and Worcester Shrub Hill (Sun 24 Mar)
- Charlbury and Evesham (Mon 25 to Wed 27 Mar)

Monday 22 to Friday 26 April



Trains will still run between London Paddington and Evesham via Oxford

Trains between Bristol Temple Meads and Worcester Foregate Street will terminate at Gloucester

Other trains will still operate between Gloucester and Cheltenham Spa

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CrossCountry train services will still operate to/from Ashchurch for Tewkesbury

No GWR trains will run between Cheltenham Spa/Evesham and Hereford

Replacement buses are planned between:

- Evesham and Worcester Foregate Street
- Cheltenham Spa and Worcester Foregate Street

Other train operators:

CrossCountry and West Midlands Railway train services are unaffected by either blockade.

Rail replacement services:

GWR is planning to provide replacement road transport on the following routes:

Sunday 24 March

| Route | Journey time | Frequency |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Charlbury – Worcester Shrub Hill * | 2 hours 35 minutes | Hourly |

Monday 25 to Wednesday 27 March

| Charlbury – Evesham * 1 hour 45 minutes Hourly | Route | Journey time | Frequency |
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| | Charlbury – Evesham * | 1 hour 45 minutes | Hourly |

* Limited rail replacement services at Ascott-under-Wychwood or Shipton on weekdays only

Monday 22 to Friday 26 April

| Route | Journey time | Frequency |
|--|-------------------|-----------|
| Evesham – Worcester Foregate Street | 1 hour 8 minutes | Hourly |
| Cheltenham Spa – Worcester Foregate Street | 1 hour 15 minutes | Hourly |

Changes to parking arrangements:

Parking spaces will be suspended in the station car parks at Charlbury, Evesham, Kingham and Moreton-in-Marsh from Thursday 21 to Thursday 28 March.

Parking spaces will also be suspended again at Evesham station from Thursday 18 to Friday 26 April.

Looking ahead

Further engineering work is planned on this route in the summer and in the autumn:

- Monday 12 to Thursday 15 August Charlbury to Moreton-in-Marsh
- Monday 21 to Wednesday 23 October Evesham to Worcester Shrub Hill