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Great Western Railway

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**Bristol & South Wales  
railway upgrades**

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# What's happening and when?

## **Hullavington (between Swindon and Bristol Parkway)**

- 19 August to 15 September
- Overhead Line Equipment (OHLE) installation in Chipping Sodbury Tunnel and between Bassett Junction (west of Swindon station) and Westerleigh Junction (east of Bristol Parkway)
- Preparatory works for Bristol Parkway new platform and extensions
- Track layout work
- Embankment securing
- 2 week closure of Bristol Parkway 2-15 September
- #Patchway



## **Cardiff Intersection Bridge Works**

- Bank Holiday weekend
- Installation of slab track (no ballast – enables tracks to be lowered) to provide clearance for OHLE at Intersection Bridge (where the Valley Lines cross over the main lines to the east of Cardiff Central)

# How does this affect train services?

- **Patchway used vice Bristol Parkway – Inter City trains diverted**
- **No trains in or out of Bristol Parkway from 2-15 September**
- **Buses replace trains between Yate and Filton Abbey Wood**

## What's our travel advice to customers?

- The railway is open for business, but check before you travel because trains to or via Bristol and/or Cardiff may be affected
- There are different plans in place for different days and weeks – check before travelling
- Allow yourself time to make connections. Some journeys will take longer than usual
- There is no step-free access or car parking facilities at Patchway station

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# Tickets, car parking and bikes

## Tickets

**Some ticket restrictions will be relaxed to allow travel on earlier services than normal**



## Car parking

**Bristol Parkway – The West car park will be closed from Saturday 2 to Friday 15 September 2017 inclusive**

**Patchway – the station car park will be closed to enable a safe bus operation**

**Yate – car parking will be restricted to allow buses to operate safely**

## Bikes

**Only folding bikes can be carried on replacement buses**

**Bike bus**

# Looking ahead



- Much work across our network linked to new trains and electrification
- New trains already launched
- IET this autumn BRI-PAD
- Infrastructure work continues at least until the end of 2018 – especially this year between Bristol Parkway and Cardiff
- The December 2018 timetable will see the real benefits of all this work
- Fleet cascade

## 2018

- 5 day closure of Bristol Temple Meads over Easter
- 11 June – 1 July Patchway tunnels electrification
- 27 October – 18 November Filton 4-tracking
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