We’re working to modernise the railway in your area

Our work to electrify the railway between Severn Tunnel Junction and Cardiff Central station is well under way. This will create a quieter and greener environment for our lineside neighbours with more seats and a faster service for passengers.
In some areas, elements of our work are nearing completion but depending where you live, we will be working hard in the coming months on a range of activities, including:

- **Piling** - installing the foundations that will support the overhead line equipment.
- **Erecting masts and overhead wires** which will carry the electricity to power the new trains.
- **Managing vegetation** – cutting back trees and bushes either side of the track for safety reasons.
- **Installing or renewing fencing** along the railway.
- **Testing the new equipment** before it comes into use.
When will the work take place?

Between now and the end of 2019, the majority of work will take place overnight on Saturdays and during the day on Sundays. However, some work will also take place during the day and overnight during the week (Monday to Friday inclusive).

Over Easter weekend (Friday 19 April - Monday 22 April) we will be working around the clock between Severn Tunnel Junction and Newport and in and around Cardiff Central station when trains are not running.

What can our neighbours expect?

During Saturday night shifts and over the Easter weekend, a 700-strong team will be working on the railway between the Severn Tunnel and Cardiff Central station, supported by a large fleet of engineering trains, road-rail vehicles and specialist machinery.

The nature of this work means some noise is unavoidable but our teams will be briefed to minimise any unnecessary disturbance to our lineside neighbours. Thank you for your ongoing patience as we work to complete the modernisation of the railway in your area.
Will rail services be affected?

Over the Easter weekend (Friday 19 April – Monday 22 April) buses will replace trains between Newport and Bristol Parkway/Chepstow/Gloucester. We advise all passengers to plan ahead and check their journey before travelling at www.nationalrail.co.uk

Want to find out more?

For more detailed information on when we will be working near you, please visit our website at www.networkrail.co.uk/southwales