



As part of our Railway Upgrade Plan we are electrifying the railway from London Paddington, via Bristol, to Cardiff as well as down to Newbury. This enables GWR to introduce brand new Intercity Express Trains offering 24 % more seats, better legroom, improved air conditioning and upgraded WiFi.

We have already electrified the railway to Didcot Parkway and we are now working on the section between there and the outskirts of Royal Wootton Bassett, through Swindon. On weekends, between **March and May 2018**, the railway line in this area will be closed while we install electrification equipment.

Additionally, to take advantage of these blockades on the railway, we will be undertaking supplementary work. We will carry out vital station enhancement works; and we will be installing new track between Cheney Manor Industrial Estate in Swindon and Swindon station.

When will the upgrade work take place?

Work will take place during the day and night over four weekends starting in March 2018 until May 2018. The dates and times are detailed below:

- 01:15 Saturday 17 March to 05:20 Monday 19 March *
- 01:15 Saturday 24 March to 05:20 Monday 26 March *
- 01:15 Saturday 14 April to 05:20 Monday 16 April
- 01:00 Saturday 26 May to 05:00 Tuesday 29 May

*Track replacement work between Swindon and Kemble also taking place.

What is the impact for rail passengers?

During the weekend upgrade works trains will not be able to run through Swindon. Rail services will be replaced by bus services running on an amended timetable.

Please see full details overleaf.

Service impact

The following rail services will run during the upgrade work:

- London Paddington to/from Bristol Temple Meads services will run via Newbury
- London Paddington to/from Cardiff Central / Swansea / South Wales will run via Newbury and call additionally at Patchway on Saturday and Monday
- Shuttle services will operate between Chippenham and Bristol Temple Meads

In addition, during the March weekends there will be additional rail services:

- Shuttle services will operate between Kemble and Cheltenham

Rail replacement services

Buses will replace trains between the following destinations:

- Swindon to/from Reading
- Swindon to/from Kemble
- Swindon to/from Chippenham
- Swindon to/from Didcot Parkway
- Swindon to/from Bristol Parkway
- Swindon to/from Patchway (Saturday only)

In addition, during the March weekends there will be additional rail replacement services:

- Swindon to/from Bath Spa and Bristol Temple Meads
- Swindon to/from Cheltenham Spa

Checking your journey before you travel during the upgrade work

Passengers can go to:

- nationalrail.co.uk
- [GWR.com/check](https://gwr.com/check)
- crosscountrytrains.co.uk

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