

# Major upgrade works between Huddersfield – Dewsbury – Leeds

On weekdays between Monday 3 and Friday 21 March, major improvement works will take place on the line between Huddersfield, Dewsbury, and Leeds, affecting rail services.

This work is part of the Transpennine Route Upgrade (TRU), a multi-billion-pound programme of railway upgrades to enable faster, more reliable, greener services for customers travelling between York, Leeds, Huddersfield, and Manchester.

During these works, we will:

- Renew around 2,000 metres of track around Batley
- Install overhead line equipment (OLE) foundations and main steel between Morley and Leeds
- Renew 850 metres of drainage west of Leeds
- Install a new maintenance storage area at Morley station

# What we delivered between Huddersfield and Leeds in 2024

The work that's coming up comes on top of all the upgrades that were delivered between Huddersfield, Dewsbury and Leeds in 2024, when, among other things, engineers:

- Installed 8,000 meters of new track, future-proofing the line
- Upgraded signalling, improving the reliability of train services
- Continued work at Mirfield, with platform 3 extended and progress in other areas as well
- Installed over 100 OLE masts and gantries between Morley and Leeds, as we progress towards electrification



An aerial shot of Mirfield station



An OLE gantry is installed between Morley and Leeds in November 2024

# What we delivered elsewhere in 2024

**2024 was a special year for TRU, with several achievements and progress being made in key areas.**

A milestone was reached between Manchester Victoria and Stalybridge, where trains from Northern and TPE have started using the electric wires.

We're inching closer to doing the same between Church Fenton and York, where the testing of the wires began in September.

In Huddersfield, the work to upgrade the station continued, with engineers completely dismantling the station's listed tearoom in 8,000 different pieces and carefully stored away ahead of being reinstated in the future.



Two trains sit at Huddersfield station, with the roof encapsulated for restoration works

They also raised scaffold towers and a working platform to commence trainshed canopy restoration works, while strengthening work to Huddersfield viaduct has been undertaken in advance of new track being installed.

The programme was also granted a Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO) to bring further upgrades to the route between Leeds and Micklefield.



A Northern train at Stalybridge having just used the electric wires



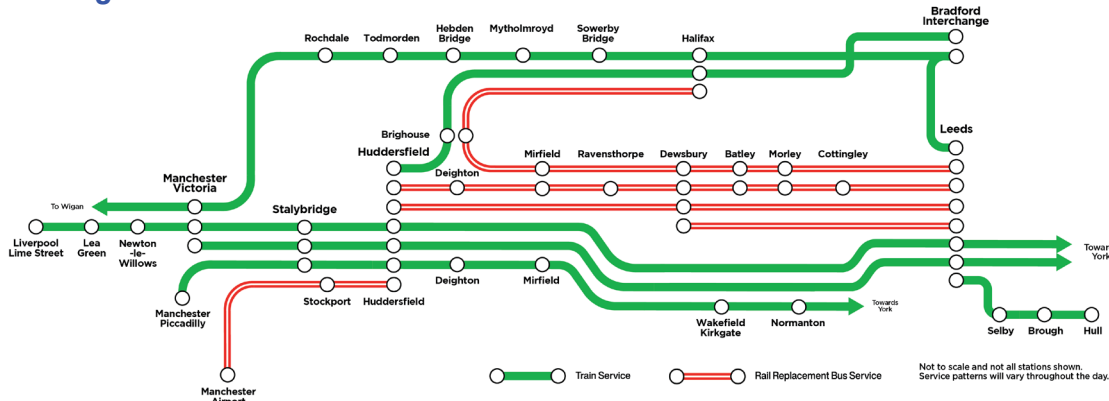
For more information on the projects of TRU, scan the QR code.

# Keeping you on the move

## Weekdays between Monday 3 and Friday 21 March

While work upgrading the line through Dewsbury and Morley is happening, some services are being diverted to keep you on trains where possible. Where this isn't possible, rail replacement buses will run to keep you moving. Amended timetables will be in operation on weekdays from Monday 3 and Friday 21 March. Customers are advised to plan ahead and check before they travel on the day.

### Changes to services



For more information about your journey, please visit your train operator's website or plan ahead at [nationalrail.co.uk](http://nationalrail.co.uk).

### Northern

- Services between Wigan Wallgate and Leeds will divert via Bradford Interchange between Leeds and Sowerby Bridge and will not run via Dewsbury. These will call additionally at Bradford Interchange and Halifax.
- Buses will replace trains between Halifax, Brighouse, Dewsbury, and Leeds.
- The local stopping service between Huddersfield and Leeds will not run. A TPE replacement bus will run in its place.

### TransPennine Express

- Services between Huddersfield and Leeds will be diverted via Wakefield Kirkgate, increasing journey times. They will not call at Dewsbury.
- Services from Hull will start/terminate at Leeds instead of Liverpool Lime Street.
- Services from Scarborough will start/terminate at York instead of Manchester Victoria.
- Services from Redcar Central will start/terminate at Manchester Victoria instead of Manchester Airport.
- Buses will replace trains between Huddersfield, Dewsbury, and Leeds, and between Manchester Airport, Stockport, and Huddersfield.