

Engineering Work Alterations

January 2025

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NATIONAL SUMMARY

Nothing to report at the time of posting.

ALL OPERATORS INCLUDING FREIGHTLINER

The reported alterations below focus on corridors which are operated by class 90s for Freightliner but these alterations also apply to other operators who do not use Class 90s.

West Coast Main Line

Crewe area 1st to 3rd January 2025

The signalling equipment is being renewed in the Crewe area during the above period, which means there will be limited or no access to Basford Hall, the Independent Lines, parts of Crewe station / depots or the route towards Gresty Bridge. The blockade is being carried out in four key phases, but this document focuses on phase 3 and 4 because phases 1 and 2 took place in December 2024.

The blockade is highly complex in terms of what can run and needs diverting with many lines shut or partially open throughout the period, therefore the blockade has been condensed into a high-level summary provided below:

Phase 3:

1st January 2025 - limited access through the entire Crewe area. The lines from Manchester towards Kidsgrove / Stoke and from Crewe to Chester will be open, but Basford Hall, the Independent Lines, the Shrewsbury corridor and Crewe South towards Madeley and Norton Bridge in addition to Crewe North towards Weaver / Liverpool / Warrington will be shut.

Trains which normally stop / pass through Crewe will be diverted via alternative routes where applicable but still serve Crewe, but a number of other services (freight and passenger) will avoid Crewe altogether and be diverted via Hixon, Stafford, Stone / Macclesfield / Cheadle Hulme / Manchester / Chat Moss etc.

It is recommended that you check RTT and/or other real-time data sources to see which trains are running or are replaced by a bus.

Phase 4:

2nd January 2025 - limited access through the entire Crewe area. The lines from Manchester towards Kidsgrove / Stoke and from Crewe to Chester will be open along with the route via Madeley will be open, but Basford Hall, the Independent Lines, north to Winsford / Weaver and the Shrewsbury corridor will be shut

Trains which do stop / pass through Crewe will be diverted via alternative routes where applicable, but a number of other services (freight and passenger) will avoid Crewe altogether and be diverted via Hixon, Stafford, Stone / Macclesfield / Cheadle Hulme / Manchester / Chat Moss etc.

It is recommended that you check RTT and/or other real-time data sources to see which trains are running or are replaced by a bus.

All routes via Crewe are expected to re-open on Friday 3rd January 2025 assuming the engineering work goes to plan.

WCML / Scotland / Midlands / South / NW England:

- Saturday / Sunday 11th and 12th January - Preston to Carlisle shut
- Saturday / Sunday 18th and 19th January – Preston to Carlisle shut

There were no other known alterations at the time of publication.

East Anglia / GEML

- Saturday / Sunday 25th and 26th January – The GEML is shut between Witham and London Liverpool Street. Diversions shall apply.

There were no other known alterations to report on at the time of publication. However, engineering work does take place on various sections of the GEML during the week and at weekends at short notice. It is advisable to check real-time data sources for specific trains on specific days just to be sure that the train you're looking for is a runner or diverted.

DB CARGO

WCML / Scotland / Midlands / NW England:

Alterations for DB Cargo are no longer reported for the time being.

