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**Passengers advised to  
check before they travel  
between Birmingham  
and Stratford-upon-**

# Avon this afternoon

West Midlands Railway passengers are being advised to check their train times on the Snow Hill lines this afternoon (22 March), following a bridge strike near Yardley Wood.

A lorry struck the railway bridge on Robin Hood Lane around midday today, and the line has been closed for an inspection to take place.

Until this inspection has taken place and the bridge cleared to re-open, trains between Birmingham Snow Hill and Whitlocks End and Stratford-upon-Avon via Shirley, may be delayed or cancelled.

Trains between Birmingham and Stratford-upon-Avon are able to operate an hourly service on the line via Dorridge.

Rail replacement buses are operating between Shirley and Stratford-upon-Avon for intermediate stations.

Tickets are being accepted on local bus routes between Birmingham and Shirley until further notice.

For the latest updates, follow [@westmidrailway](https://twitter.com/westmidrailway) on Twitter

Passengers delayed by 15 minutes or more by this disruption can claim compensation through [Delay Repay](#)

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## About West Midlands Trains

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West Midlands Trains operates both West Midlands Railway and London Northwestern Railway services.

- **London Northwestern Railway** services operate between Liverpool and Birmingham, and on the West Coast mainline to and from London Euston.
- **West Midlands Railway** services operate to destinations across the West Midlands via Birmingham New Street.

For more information on these services visit [westmidlandsrailway.co.uk](https://westmidlandsrailway.co.uk) or [londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk](https://londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk)

The West Midlands Trains franchise started on 10 December 2017 and will run until 2025/26.

West Midlands Trains operates 1,300 services a day, manages 150 stations and provides over 70 million passenger journeys a year. Over the course of the franchise, West Midlands Trains will be investing £1 billion into the rail network to deliver new trains, improved routes and station upgrades. This will include 400 new train carriages across the network and space for an extra 85,000 passengers into Birmingham and London at peak times.

The franchise is a joint venture between Abellio (70.1% share) and East Japan Railway Company / Mitsui & Co., Ltd (29.9% share in a 50:50 split). Abellio is the international passenger transport subsidiary of the Dutch national railway company, Nederlandse Spoorwegen. In the UK, Abellio operates ScotRail and Greater Anglia train services, Merseyrail services in a joint venture with Serco and buses through Abellio London. For more information visit [www.abellio.com](http://www.abellio.com)

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