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Shropshire Landslip: West Midlands Railway resumes services to Telford Central

Train services have resumed calling at Telford Central following disruption caused by a landslip earlier this month, West Midlands Railway (WMR) has confirmed today (Thu 21 Mar).

Train services were suspended between Shrewsbury and Wolverhampton following the landslip near Oakengates in Shropshire on Friday 8 March. A partial service began running between Birmingham and Shifnal from Monday 18 March. Due to operational challenges related to the track layout it was not initially possible for the partial service to call at Telford Central but following agreement on a safe method of working, trains have resumed calling at the station from today.

The railway remains closed between Telford and Shrewsbury. Rail replacement buses are continuing to serve stations along the line. Network Rail estimates the repair work will take until at least Thursday 28 March to complete.

Jonny Wiseman, WMR customer experience director, said:

"I would like to thank passengers for their continued patience while Network Rail completes these crucial repairs.

"Earlier this week we were able to introduce a limited train service along part of the line and I am pleased that we are now able to begin calling trains at Telford Central after a safe method of working was agreed.

"Rail replacement buses will continue to support the train service until the line is ready to reopen."

Journey Planners have been updated to show departure times to and from Telford Central. To keep up to date with details on the landslip and for information on the limited train timetable, visit the WMR website <u>here.</u>

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