

Chiltern Railways is urging customers to check journeys ahead of further industrial action and engineering works next week

On behalf of the entire Chiltern Railways team, we would like to apologise for the disruption to customers journeys this week. A mixture of engineering work that has effectively split our network into two, alongside industrial action, has resulted in many of our trains being crowded throughout this week.

We also know that issues with our fuelling system last week and past industrial action over the summer months has inconvenienced your travel plans. We take great pride in delivering an excellent service for our customers, and are well aware, and sorry, that we have fallen short of expectations over the last few weeks. With more industrial action next week, we wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding while disruption continues.

ASLEF Industrial Action:

This disruption next week will include an overtime ban by the ASLEF union from Monday 7 August through to Saturday 12 August. As a consequence, an amended timetable is in place to provide customers with certainty on which trains will be running. On Saturday 12 August, Chiltern Railways will not be serving The Betfred Challenge Cup Final at Wembley Stadium. Customers are advised to use London Underground services if they are planning on attending the event.

Industrial action service provision and travel advice is available at www.chilternrailways.co.uk/strike.

Culvert Repair at Aylesbury - Monday 7 to Friday 18 August:

Customers are also reminded that major railway upgrades will impact journeys between Aylesbury, Princes Risborough and Amersham next week. The first stage of work will see Network Rail engineers making permanent repairs to a Victorian drainage culvert which passes underneath the railway in Aylesbury. Faults found in the structure earlier this year have led to repeated short-notice closures of the line causing disruption for customers.

To fix the issue, the railway will be closed between Aylesbury Vale Parkway and Amersham, and Aylesbury and Princes Risborough, between Monday 7 August and Friday 18 August. To keep customers on the move during this time, rail replacement buses will be in operation between:

- Amersham – Great Missenden – Wendover – Stoke Mandeville – Aylesbury – Aylesbury Vale Parkway (for connections to London Underground)
- Princes Risborough – Monks Risborough – Little Kimble – Aylesbury

Further engineering work is also set to take place between Oxford and Oxford Parkway on Sunday 13 August, with a rail replacement service in operation between the two stations.

HS2 Construction Works - Saturday 19th August - Sunday 29th October:

Immediately after that from 19 August until 29 October, work will take place to allow the new high-speed railway, HS2, to pass under the existing railway. This will mean no train services for 10 weeks between Aylesbury and Princes Risborough, with rail replacement buses continuing to operate between:

- Princes Risborough – Monks Risborough – Little Kimble – Aylesbury

Chiltern Railways would like to thank customers for their patience and understanding while industrial action and engineering works significantly affect journeys.