

Fisherton Tunnel Works 17/18 December from Great Western Railway

Network Rail engineers will be working on the tracks near Salisbury station, just outside Fisherton Tunnel, completing repairs to the railway damaged during the incident at the end of October.

Track through the tunnel and across the junction had to be replaced after the incident and naturally "settled" over the following weeks. As with any track renewal, engineers will work overnight and into the morning to "tamp" the track and make sure it gives a smooth and safe ride.

While this work is carried out, there will be changes to services through Salisbury, with minor alternations to the last trains on Friday 17 December and a replacement bus operation until early afternoon on Saturday 18 December.

Replacement buses will be in place between Salisbury and Andover and customers will be able to use tickets on Great Western Railway and CrossCountry services, via any reasonable route.

Full service information is as follows:

- Minor alterations to the last trains through Salisbury on Friday 17 December
- Rail replacement buses will run between Salisbury and Andover until early afternoon on Saturday 18 December, with revised train services either side of the engineering work
- From early afternoon a revised service will run between London Waterloo, Salisbury and Exeter
- Salisbury to Romsey via Southampton services will not run until early afternoon.
- Replacement bus services will operate between Salisbury and Romsey
- Cardiff Central to Portsmouth Harbour services will terminate at Salisbury, with replacement buses available to Southampton Central

SWR tickets will be accepted on Great Western Railway and CrossCountry services, via any reasonable route. Please visit www.southwesternrailway.com/plan-my-journey and www.gwr.com/travel-information/travel-updates for more information.

We've chosen this weekend to avoid clashing with other engineering works and further disrupting travel, but we appreciate closing the railway just before Christmas isn't ideal and we're sorry for the disruption the work will cause to passenger journeys.