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Dear neighbour,

Rebuilding the Portishead to Bristol railway

We're writing to update you on our work to rebuild the railway from Portishead to Bristol, with new stations at Pill and Portishead. The table below outlines key work scheduled over the coming months. Please note that dates are subject to change.

Our next community drop-in event takes place on **Wednesday 14 October from 4.30pm to 7.30pm** at **St George's Church Hall, Priory Road**. This is a different venue and time from our previous events. Everyone is welcome to attend, ask any questions and learn more about our work.

We'll continue to keep you informed as the project progresses. Please visit our Facebook page for the latest updates: facebook.com/portisheadline.

You can also have the most up-to-date information delivered to your inbox by signing up to our digital newsletter. Visit shorturl.at/MvVLv or scan this QR code with your mobile phone camera.



More information about the project can also be found at networkrail.co.uk/portisheadline.

The nature of our work means some noise and extra traffic is unavoidable, but we'll do everything we can to keep this to a minimum. We're very sorry for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience as we rebuild your railway.

Kind regards,

Niall Spencer
Senior sponsor, Network Rail

Where and when?	
What is happening?	Dates and times
Map Area 1: Old Station House site	
Access to railway and work area. Storage for plant and material.	September to December 2026



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Map Area 2 and 3: Railway cuttings	
Railway cutting: - Erect fencing - Excavate soil to create space for the new station platform - Transport excavated soil to Monmouth Road compound – material moved across the railway at weekends - Remove stockpiled material from site by road and rail - Soil nailing to stabilise the embankment: once the slope has been cut back, steel rods will be drilled into the embankment to reinforce the ground. It will then be sprayed with concrete and steel mesh laid for long-term stability	Ongoing until December 2026 Monday to Friday 7am to 7pm Saturday and Sunday 7.30am to 7.30pm
Map Area 2: Railway cutting to the rear of Sambourne Lane	
Begin station construction: Excavate and level area and create formation for new platform. Begin installation of concrete units for ramp and staircase.	Mid-October to Summer 2027 Mainly weekdays: 7am to 7pm Occasional weekends: 7.30am to 7.30pm
Remove remaining vegetation on disused platform	October to November 2026 (dependent on bird nesting) Weekdays: 7am to 7pm
Map Area 4: Avon Road Bridge Area	
Demolish Avon Road garages: To create space for a new Avon Road bridge.	Monday 7 September to Monday 21 September 2026 Weekdays: 7am to 7pm. The footpath behind the garages will be closed throughout this period to keep the public safe. Diversion route below.
Temporary closure of Avon Road footpath under the railway: No access from Lodway Close to Avon Road for bridge work, piling and footpath reinstatement.	Monday 7 September to autumn 2027 Diversion route below.
Avon Road ground investigation: Ground investigation surveys will be completed to inform the detailed design and preparation for the main bridge works. This will involve drilling boreholes.	Mid-September to October 2026 Weekdays: 7am to 7pm
Install haul road: to allow sheet piling works. Access required to some gardens on Lodway Close. You will be contacted separately if this directly affects you.	From September 2026 Weekdays 7am to 7pm

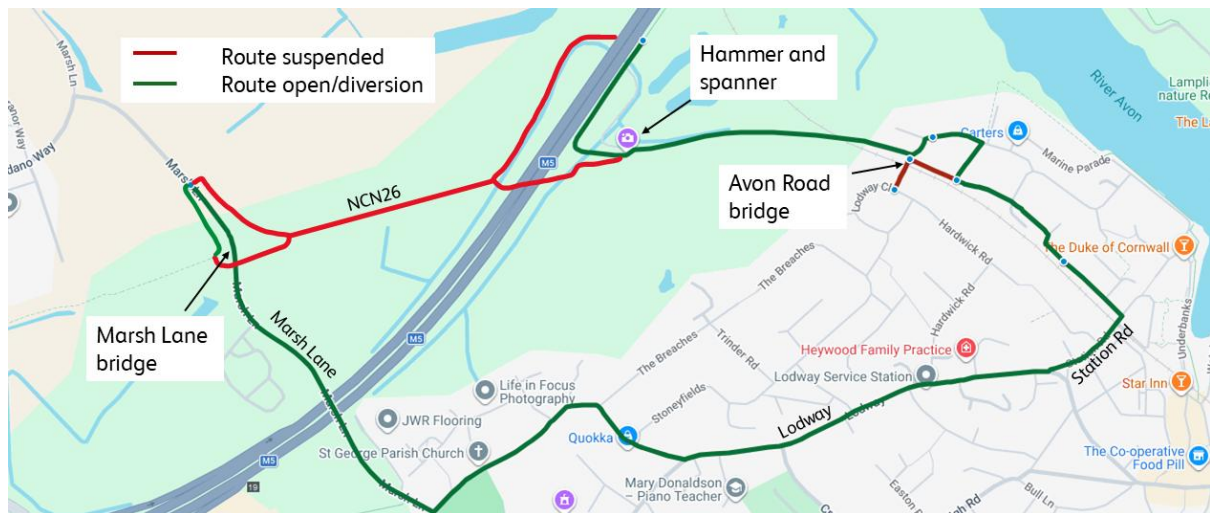
Sheet piling: To retain the cutting and protect the railway line. This can be noisy and may generate vibration – monitoring and mitigation will be in place	November 2026 Weekdays 7am to 7pm
Map Area 5: Lodway Farm Compound	
Lodway compound site set up: Right of way from Marsh Lane bridge into Pill diverted to allow delivery of materials and equipment.	The compound is continuing to be established and will be completed by October 2026 . It will be in use until spring 2028 .
Haul Road installation. Temporary haul road to allow materials and equipment to be delivered to the compound and to the new station site. The route will run around the site boundary and alongside the railway. Access via the Breaches will be restricted to staff vehicles only. Construction traffic will not use these access points.	September 2026 This will be in place until spring 2028 .
Temporary haul road crossing point at the Hammer and Spanner. To move construction materials and equipment.	End of September until Spring 2028
Pill Memorial Club	
Bus stop, road and pavement improvements	Four-way traffic lights until November 2026
Underbanks	
Drainage upgrade: road closed to all traffic from the Star Inn to Paquet House	Until November 2026

Map areas





Rights of way diversions in Pill



Diversion from Marsh Lane bridge via Marsh Lane, Church Road, Debecca's Lane, Lodway, Station Road, Monmouth Road, Monmouth Court and Avon Road.