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## Marston Vale Line: Disruption continues on Tuesday

Passengers using the Marston Vale Line are being warned to expect continued disruption to journeys on Tuesday (Mar 3) while Network Rail engineers examine level crossing malfunctions.

Following a series of faults at crossings between Ridgmont and Bedford, part of the line has remained closed to trains since last Thursday.

Replacement buses will again be in operation on Tuesday. It is expected trains will be able to run between Bletchley and Stewartby, with buses in operation between Stewartby and Bedford.

Lawrence Bowman, customer experience director for London Northwestern Railway, which operates services on the Marston Vale Line, said:

"We apologise for the continued disruption and inconvenience to our customers. Safety is our top priority and we cannot allow trains to run until we receive the all-clear from Network Rail.

"Passengers are advised to check live travel information before setting out and to leave more time for their journeys, particularly if they are travelling between Bedford and Stewartby."

Passengers are advised to check their journeys by visiting [www.lnr.uk/plan](http://www.lnr.uk/plan)

Any passengers delayed by 15 minutes or more as a result of the issue can claim compensation via the Delay Repay scheme at [www.lnr.uk/delayrepay](http://www.lnr.uk/delayrepay)

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