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Shrewsbury Flooding: Services resuming as line reopens

Services to Shrewsbury are being reinstated after Network Rail reopened the railway over the Severn Bridge viaduct.

The line had been closed to all trains at 2pm yesterday (Tuesday) but Network Rail removed the restriction just before 2pm today (Wednesday), allowing services to resume.

Passengers are advised that it will take some time before a normal timetable begins operating from Shrewsbury due to the displacement of traincrew and carriages.

Customers should check their journeys at www.wmr.uk/plan before travelling.

Jonny Wiseman, customer experience director for West Midlands Railway, said: "I would like to thank our passengers for their patience during these unprecedented high waters in Shropshire.

"Services will take some time until returning to the usual timetable, so passengers are advised to check their journeys before travelling."

About West Midlands Trains

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- **London Northwestern Railway** services operate between Liverpool and Birmingham, and on the West Coast mainline to and from London Euston.
- **West Midlands Railway** services operate to destinations across the West Midlands via Birmingham New Street.

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The West Midlands Trains franchise started on 10 December 2017 and will run until 2025/26.

West Midlands Trains operates 1,300 services a day, manages 150 stations and provides over 80 million passenger journeys a year. Over the course of the franchise, West Midlands Trains will be investing £1 billion into the rail network to deliver new trains, improved routes and station upgrades. This will include 400 new train carriages across the network and space for an extra 85,000 passengers into Birmingham and London at peak times.

The franchise is a joint venture between Abellio (70.1% share) and East Japan Railway Company / Mitsui & Co., Ltd (29.9% share in a 50:50 split). Abellio is the international passenger transport subsidiary of the Dutch national railway company, Nederlandse Spoorwegen. In the UK, Abellio operates ScotRail and Greater Anglia train services, Merseyrail services in a joint venture with Serco and buses through Abellio London. For more information visit www.abellio.com

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