

## NEWS

# Travel disruption as railway station closes for a month

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A Calderdale railway station could be busier over the next month while Huddersfield's station is shut.

Brighouse will be the main interchange point for customers travelling to and from Huddersfield while Huddersfield Train Station is closed until Sunday, September 28.

The closure is so that work can take place on the multi-billion-pound TransPennine Route Upgrade (TRU).

During this period, there will be no rail services through Huddersfield station.

The railway will also be closed between Berry Brow, Stalybridge and Heaton Lodge Junction, af-

fecting rail services to and from Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield, and York.

After the month-long closure, the station will operate using only half of its platforms for the following 18 months as part of the ongoing works.

Rail bosses say plans are in place to ensure that the 5,000 passengers estimated to use Huddersfield station each day are kept on the move.

Chris Nutton, major projects and TRU director at TransPennine Express, said: "It's really key for us that customers know that we're still open for business and we want to connect people in Huddersfield on their daily journey whether they're going to



Work is getting underway at Huddersfield Train Station

Leeds or to Manchester.

"Whether they choose to get to Brighouse by their own means because maybe they live towards that di-

rection or whether they use our rail replacement services to link into Brighouse in about 15 minutes, it's really important that

customers know they can still make their journey by rail.

"We're going to do a huge amount of work during the

closure. We know it's disruptive to customers but it's there to improve the railway and make it more reliable."

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