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**Network Rail 24-hour
National Helpline
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Dear resident,

Dartmoor line - driver training

The Dartmoor line between Okehampton and Exeter will be reopening for regular passenger services later this year. Before the line can formally open, GWR need to train the drivers who will operate the new services. This involves trains being driven at line speed along the route so the drivers can familiarise themselves with the operational requirements.

The training will start on 20 September and last for 6-8 weeks. This means there will be frequent trains operating along the line and for your safety, please ensure you do not access the line.

As a reminder there are 6 level crossings (listed below), two of which are pedestrian only crossings. Whilst driver training is being carried out, the pedestrian crossings will remain closed. The user worked crossings are only accessible by authorised farmers and their representatives.

- Penstone footpath crossing (EX17 5JS) **pedestrian**
- Colebrooke Two Moors Way Footpath crossing (by Waterford Plantation) **pedestrian**
- Landsend User Worked crossing (near to Landsend Lane)
- Common Moor 1 User Worked Crossing (EX17 6JA)
- Buttisland User Worked Crossing (Butterlands Park Farm access road)
- Corscombe User Worked Crossing (EX20 1SD by Corscombe Lane)

Once driver training has been completed, a new pedestrian crossing system will be active. This is designed to make the crossings safer and comprises of a set of red and green lights.

As a reminder, once in operation if the light is showing **green**, then you can cross cautiously and quickly. If the light is showing **red**, this means a train is approaching and it

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is **not** safe to cross. To prevent any accidents on the new level crossing, we need to make sure that you know how the crossing should be used.

Pedestrians using the foot crossing should follow the below instructions:

- 1. Check that the green light shows**
- 2. Cross quickly, ensuring that the gate is closed behind you**
- 3. If there is no light, do not cross. Please telephone the crossing operator.**



We are aware that we are working close to your home and we apologise in advance for any disruption we may cause. For more information about living by the railway, please visit: <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/living-by-the-railway/>

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any additional questions or concerns about the work taking place in your area please call our dedicated 24-hour National Helpline on: 03457 11 41 41 or visit www.networkrail.co.uk/contactus.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Thompson".

Matthew Thompson
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