



‘Share with Pain’ Shalford Bridge Strike

Key Facts:-

At 02:20 on the 03rd September 2014 a RRV travelling to site to complete ballast removal struck the footbridge at the London end of Shalford station. To clarify, the boom of the machine came into contact with the horizontal steel section of the bridge (as indicated in photo).

The Reading to Gatwick line remained closed up until 16:00 Wednesday – causing 349 delay minutes to 37 trains, with 12 full cancellations and 48 part-cancellations.

Dyer and Butler spent the day erecting scaffolding to support the structure to ensure the evening peak ran as planned.

The footbridge, constructed of steel and supported by brick piers sustained such catastrophic damage it had to be removed using a kirow crane on Wednesday night. It is regularly used by local residents and will cause a great amount disruption until a new bridge is installed.

A formal investigation has commenced and the outcome of the investigation will be shared in due course

Damaged Pier



500mm

Damaged Pier and Buckled Bridge



Strike location



Bridge Removal

