

## SHREWSBURY DELIVERY UNIT

# SAFETY ALERT - Train Striking Trolley

### Initial Summary of incident.

A Welders trolley placed on a line open to traffic was struck by a Passenger Train.

The location of incident is approximately 4 miles north north east of Shrewsbury on the Shrewsbury to Crewe line at Braidway user worked crossing 28m 35ch. The Engineers Line Reference for this line is SYC.

The nature of the works was Arc Welding Repairs to rail on the Up Road, direction of traffic from Crewe to Shrewsbury.

The Arc weld repairs were planned to be undertaken using planned line blockages.

The team involved are from Shrewsbury Depot, two members of staff from the P Way with one member of staff from the Welding team. All are highly experienced and have excellent local knowledge of the area.

The team were using Braidway user worked crossing to access the track. The crossing is located at 28m 35ch, the worksite was located at 29m 56ch on the Up Line.

The team arrived on site at approximately 23:09 hours on the evening of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014. The COSS contacted the signaller to arrange the works and discuss planned protection arrangements. At 23:42 the COSS contacted signaller to confirm that additional protection had been placed on the Down Road and signaller confirmed that all associated signals were set to protect the down road and authority was given.

At approximately 00:07hrs Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2014, Arriva Trains Wales 1J76 – Manchester to Shrewsbury Service travelling on the Up line, struck the welding trolley at Braidway user crossing.

One member of staff from the Pway Shrewsbury Team sustained minor injuries. No injuries to members of train staff and passengers of 1J76

The unit was damaged resulting in the loss of over 1000 litres fuel, which has required involvement of the Environment Agency to ascertain any threats posed to the local environment. Site visits have taken place with the Environment Agency. There is no risk of damaging migration of pollution.

Rail Accident Investigation Branch (RAIB) have been informed and will be undertaking an investigation.

This incident is currently under investigation.

