

Dean Forest Railway Telecoms



Telecoms is a small group that can usually only muster a maximum of three persons for lineside work at any one time. Often the number is down to two and often the nature of the work requires the staff to be deployed at more than one point at the same time. Generally we work under "red zone" conditions. These rules have been written with these limitations in mind.

All lineside telecom items will be given a listing as follows :

Type 1 : item placed in a safe location and no special precautions will be necessary. Should any minor hazards exist, they will be listed below. Suitable for singleton working.

Type 2 : item placed in a location that is safe with care. Most locations are type 2. Some hazards may exist and will be listed below. Any particular precautions will also be listed. At least two people must be employed on work at type 2 locations.

Type 3 : item placed in a position that is not safe without special precautions that will be listed below.

Item Description : Norchard DP3M

(Small Cabinet)

Location : Opposite St Mary's Platform

Safety Category : Type 2 safe with care



Distance from rail : 7m from running rail, 2m from siding

Distance from rail by Technician : 6m from running rail, 1 m from siding

Train visibility : depends upon location of parked trucks, could be minimal

Hazards : Rough ground on approach which can also be very overgrown if the scrub has not been cut down recently. Beware the possibility of wasps nest in cabinet. Cabinet can be easily hidden in very high lineside growth. Crossing line can be a tripping hazard with multiple brambles.

Keys required : cabinet key

Nearest Phone : Bypass crossing phone

Nearest Signal Post Phone : Bypass crossing phone

Nearest Road Access Point : St Mary's Platform

Nearest Refuge : DP is in a place of safety from service trains, beware movements on siding

Approach : from St Mary's Platform

Special Precautions Required : A minimum of two men must go to site, one of whom will be a full time look out. Tools and stores etc must not be placed on the ground close to the line.

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