

# 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 DP3UA (Lockable Plastic Joint at Ground Level)**

**Location : 200m north of Upper Forge Access**

**Safety Category : Type 2 safe with care**



**Distance from rail : 2m**

**Distance from rail by Technician : 2m**

**Train visibility : South 100m, North 100m**

**Hazards :** Rough ground on approach which can also be very overgrown if the scrub has not been cut down recently. Joint is a cable repair and is located at ground level. It is not marked in any obvious way and care must be taken if strimming or flailing in the area. Work is needed to improve the visibility of this joint. Limited visibility of approaching trains.

**Keys required : none**

**Nearest Phone : none          Nearest Signal Post Phone : none**

**Nearest Road Access Point : via footpath at Upper Forge, care needed.**

**Nearest Refuge : DP is in a place of safety from trains but technicians should step away from the line when train approaches.**

**Approach : from via footpath at Upper Forge, care needed.**

**Special Precautions Required : A minimum of two men must go to site, as site is a possible nasty falling and tripping area and technician can be invisible to public.**

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