

Overspeed through emergency speed restriction near Beattock

News story

Overspeed through emergency speed restriction near Beattock, Dumfries and Galloway, 20 December 2020.



CCTV image from the train showing the start of the emergency speed restriction (courtesy of Avanti West Coast)

At around 12:25 hrs on 20 December 2020, a passenger train travelling between Glasgow Central and London Euston entered a 5 mph (8 km/h) emergency speed restriction, near Beattock, at about 45 mph (72 km/h). The speed restriction was in place because of the earlier failure of an embankment. There were no adverse consequences as a result of the overspeed.

We have undertaken a [preliminary examination](#) into the circumstances surrounding this incident. Having assessed the evidence which has been gathered to date, we have decided to publish a [safety digest](#).

The safety digest will be made available on our website in the next few weeks.

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