

# Train Services over Unusual Lines

## listing regular passenger trains over obscure rail routes in the British Isles

### 2024

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Recently incorporated amendments are shown in **red** – changes apply from the start of the timetable year unless otherwise shown.

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For **Explanation of references** and other general information: please refer to the **Introduction**.

**Unless otherwise indicated, trains operate from Sunday 10 December 2023.**

From **Sunday 2 June 2024** they will be subject to the summer and autumn timetable variations to carry the listing through until **Saturday 14 December 2024**. These changes will be incorporated in due course, after the relevant working timetable information becomes available.

All dates quoted are inclusive. The services shown generally represent the 'permanent' timetable plan for the period under notice, but services and timings are subject to further and short notice alteration at any time - particularly over the Christmas/New Year period and at public holiday weekends.

*Some indicative* dates and information are given for engineering diversions - principally major diversions included in the timetable database at the time (mid December 2023) of compilation of **PSUL** - but these do not purport by any means to be fully comprehensive. Subsequent such diversions *may* be added as the year progresses - but check for information through the *Gensheet Group*. **Don't forget that all Sunday trains - and even weekday trains - are subject to further diversion or alteration.** Outline information of forthcoming engineering work is given on most train companies' websites and at the National Rail Future engineering work webpage. Late information may be available through the *Gensheet Group*.

Some unusual 'unsocial hours' routeings may be to allow for engineering possessions on a more direct route - to which trains may revert if there is no engineering work.

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## ENGLAND - EAST MIDLANDS

### Sheet Stores Junction – Stenson Junction (052)

¶ **Diversionsary use only:** for work between Sheet Stores Junction and Derby

**mornings of Mondays to Fridays 11 to 15 December 2023 and 22 to 26 January 2024:**

1F87 2305 St Pancras International – Derby

1D88 2335 St Pancras International – Derby

1C01 0347 Derby – St. Pancras International

1B04 0427 Derby – St. Pancras International

### Beighton Junction – Tapton Junction (050,052) YE01

**Mondays to Fridays:**

1M00 1807 Edinburgh – Birmingham New Street

1C13 2330 Sheffield – Derby

1L21 2137 Liverpool Lime Street – Nottingham

1R50 0521 Nottingham – Liverpool Lime Street

1F00 0548 Leicester – Sheffield

1F60 1702 St.Pancras International – Sheffield

1F70 1902 St.Pancras International – Sheffield

1R84 1750 Norwich – Sheffield

1Y36 2227 Nottingham – Sheffield

**Saturdays:**

1R50 0520 Nottingham – Liverpool Lime Street

1F00 0551 Leicester – Sheffield

¶ **Diversionsary use:** for work on the East Coast Main Line:

**Saturdays and Sundays 24 December 2023, 6, 7, 13, 14 January, 10, 11, 17, 18**

**February 2024:** Hull Trains' trains Hull ⇄ St.Pancras International

### Ironville Junction – Pye Bridge Junction (site) – Kirkby Lane End Junction (055) CJ03

**Mondays to Fridays:**

2D30 2359 Mansfield Woodhouse – Nottingham

### Toton Centre – Trent South Junction via High Level Goods Lines (052) CJ03

[common with next but one entry between Toton Centre and Meadow Lane Junction]

1E02 Victoria – Chesterfield and 1007 1711 return *Belmond British Pullman* excursions to Chesterfield for Chatsworth House when run on Wednesdays

¶ **Diversionsary use:**

**Sunday 25 February 2024:**

1C01 0609 Derby – St. Pancras International

1C03 0638 Derby – St. Pancras International

1C06 0744 Derby – St. Pancras International

**Saturdays and Sundays 24 December 2023, 6, 7, 13, 14 January, 10, 11, 17, 18**

**February 2024:** Southbound Hull Trains' trains Hull to St.Pancras International

### Trent East Junction – Toton Centre (052) CJ03

1E02 Victoria – Chesterfield *Belmond British Pullman* excursions to Chesterfield for Chatsworth House when run on Saturdays

**Saturdays:**

1C99 2320 Sheffield – Derby

**Sundays:**

1C61 2236 Sheffield – Derby

¶ **Diversionsary use:**

**Saturdays and Sundays 24 December 2023, 6, 7, 13, 14 January, 10, 11, 17, 18**

**February 2024:** Northbound Hull Trains' trains St. Pancras International to Hull

### Attenborough Junction – Toton Centre (052,054) CJ03

[common with previous but one entry above between Meadow Lane Junction and Toton Centre]

**Mondays to Fridays:**

1Y03 0603 Sheffield – Nottingham

1L21 2137 Liverpool Lime Street – Nottingham

1Y34 2115 Nottingham – Leeds

**Saturdays:**

1Y03 0603 Sheffield - Nottingham  
 1L22 2137 Liverpool Lime Street - Nottingham  
 1Y34 2112 Nottingham - Leeds

**Sundays:**

1L20 2114 Liverpool Lime Street – Nottingham  
 1L22 2144 Manchester Piccadilly - Nottingham  
 1Y61 2109 Leeds – Nottingham  
 1Y62 2133 Nottingham - Leeds  
 1Y94 2233 Nottingham – Sheffield

**Toton Centre - Trowell Junction** (052,054) CJ03

All trains in previous three entries

**Syston North Junction - Syston East Junction** (054) CJ04**Mondays to Fridays:**

1L01 0456 Nottingham - Norwich  
 1L02 0607 Nottingham – Norwich

**Saturdays:**

1L01 0500 Nottingham - Norwich  
 1L02 0608 Nottingham – Norwich

**Thrumpton West Junction - Retford West Junction** (026) YE07

[note: these trains use Retford high level platform 2]

**Mondays to Fridays:**

2P05 0611 Sheffield - Retford  
 1L89 2143 Sheffield - Retford  
 1Y97 0613 Retford - Nottingham  
 1L36 0656 Retford - Leeds  
 2P30 2251 Retford - Sheffield

**Saturdays:**

2P05 0613 Sheffield - Retford  
 1L89 2143 Sheffield - Retford  
 1Y97 0613 Retford - Nottingham  
 1L36 0656 Retford - Leeds  
 2P30 2251 Retford - Sheffield

**Sundays:**

2B85 0912 Retford - Meadowhall

**Corby - Manton Junction** (052) CJ04**Mondays to Fridays:**

1M51 1938 Kettering - Melton Mowbray  
 1P22 0815 Melton Mowbray – Kettering

¶ **Diversiory use:** for work between Kettering and Leicester:

**Mondays to Fridays:**

1F87 2305 St Pancras International - Derby  
 1D88 2335 St Pancras International – Nottingham (*subject to altered destination some dates*)  
 1C01 0413 MX Derby – St Pancras International (*subject to retiming **earlier** some dates*)

**Sundays 4 and 25 February 2024:**

Trains Leicester ⇄ Kettering

**[Harrowden Junction - ] Irchester South (site) - Souldrop (site) [ - Sharnbrook Junction] (via Up & Down Slow line / Up and Down Slow lines (Wymington deviation) and Sharnbrook tunnel) - see England - South East (North) section**

**Gainsborough Central - Wrawby Junction** (026) YE07

One round trip Sheffield ⇄ Cleethorpes on Mondays to Fridays.

**Sleaford North Junction - Sleaford South Junction (Sleaford avoiding line)** (059) YA05**Mondays to Fridays:**

2K34 2311 Peterborough - Lincoln

**Allington West Junction - Allington North Junction** (058) YA05

**Mondays to Fridays:**

2S91 0549 Nottingham - Skegness

2S93 0955 Nottingham - Skegness

2O92 2120 Skegness - Nottingham

**Saturdays:**

2S91 0549 Nottingham - Skegness

2S93 0955 Nottingham - Skegness

2O94 2247 Sleaford - Nottingham

## ENGLAND - GREATER LONDON

**Northolt Park Junction - Northolt Junction** (113) CG01

Normal routes for Down (northbound) trains:

- shown at South Ruislip: Down Northolt Loop (*diveunder* - former Down Main line)
- not shown at South Ruislip: Down Main line

**New Kew Junction - South Acton Junction and Acton Wells Junction - Brent Curve Junction (Cricklewood)** LC02

Belmond British Pullman excursions Victoria ⇌ Chesterfield for Chatsworth House

**Old Kew Junction - South Acton Junction and Acton Wells Junction - West London Junction (reversible line) - Mitre Bridge Junction and Latchmere No. 1 Junction - Longhedge Junction**

Steam Dreams outward *Royal Windsor Steam Express* from Victoria to Windsor & Eton Riverside TO in summer (*normally only first and second morning journeys (0800 and 1122) are by this route*)

Belmond British Pullman *Golden Age of Steam* from Victoria (1145) circular as advertised

Belmond British Pullman *The Dinner* from Victoria (1845/1850) circular as advertised

**Strawberry Hill Junction - Fulwell Junction** (161) WH01

**Mondays to Fridays:**

Peak hour trains Twickenham ⇌ Shepperton

**Stonebridge Park Depot – Stonebridge Junction [London Underground]** {existing facility}

[note: Stonebridge Park Depot is not accessible to the public and nor are these trains]

Unadvertised staff trains operate as shown in LUL Bakerloo Line working timetable by note **BE**.

**Sudbury Junction - Willesden West London Junction (via Willesden Relief Lines diveunder)** (168) CB01

[common with next entry between Wembley Yard South Junction and Willesden West London Junction]

Principal use: Southern trains Kensington Olympia ⇌ Harrow & Wealdstone.

**Wembley Yard - Wembley Yard South Junction - Willesden West London Junction (via Willesden Relief Lines diveunder)** (220) CB01

[common with previous entry between Wembley Yard South Junction and Willesden West London Junction]

¶ **Diversionary use only:** When diverted via East Coast route, *Caledonian Sleepers 1M11* and *1S25* use this route in one direction to reverse at Wembley Yard : see Camden Road Central Junction - Copenhagen Junction entry

**Wembley Yard - Wembley Yard South Junction - Harlesden Junction (via Up & Down High Level Goods Line)** (220) CB01

¶ **Diversionary use only:** When diverted via East Coast route, *Caledonian Sleepers 1M11* and *1S25* use this route in one direction to reverse at Wembley Yard, while *1M16* and *1S26* use this route in both directions to reverse at Wembley Yard : see Camden Road Central Junction - Copenhagen Junction entry

### **Willesden - Mitre Bridge Junction (168) CB01/LC02**

Normal routes:

- London Overground trains Willesden Junction High Level ⇌ Kensington Olympia: High Level lines to/from Willesden Junction High Level
- Southern trains Harrow & Wealdstone ⇌ Kensington Olympia: Branch lines to/from West London Junction

**Cricklewood - Silkstream Junction (via Hendon Lines (flyover)) CJ01** *Belmond British Pullman* excursions Victoria ⇌ Chesterfield for Chatsworth House

### **Willesden Suburban Junction - Kensal Green Junction (003) LC02**

#### **Mondays to Fridays:**

2N99 0551 Willesden Junction Low Level – Stratford

#### **Saturdays:**

2L00 0547 Willesden Junction Low Level - Stratford

2M23 2344 Stratford - Willesden Junction Low Level

#### **Sundays:**

2L99 0902 Willesden Junction Low Level - Stratford

2M25 0014 Stratford - Willesden Junction Low Level

2M07 2303 Stratford - Willesden Junction Low Level

#### **¶ Diversionary use:**

#### **Saturday and Sunday 13 and 14 January 2024:**

Trains Stratford ⇌ Willesden Junction Low Level

### **Kensal Green Junction – City Lines - Harlesden Junction – Wembley Yard (220)**

¶ **Diversionary use only:** *Caledonian Sleepers* when diverted via East Coast route are occasionally routed this way instead of Camden Road West Junction - Camden Junction – none yet shown in 2024 timetable.

### **Earl's Court Junction - Kensington (Olympia) [London Underground]**

#### **Mondays to Fridays:**

very limited number of journeys at beginning and end of service - see current District Line working timetable at [LUL website](#)

#### **Saturdays and Sundays:**

regular service throughout the day

### **Camden Road West Junction - Camden Junction (003, 220) LC02**

#### **¶ Diversionary use only:**

#### **Connection with Slow lines at Camden Junction:**

*Caledonian Sleepers* when diverted via East Coast route: all trains in next entry *except any via Kensal Green Junction – Harlesden Junction entry*

#### **Connection with DC lines at Camden Junction:** for work on North London line:

#### **Saturday and Sunday 6 and 7 January 2024:**

Trains Stratford ⇌ Willesden Junction Low Level.

### **Camden Road Central Junction - Copenhagen Junction (220) LC02**

#### **¶ Diversionary use only:** *Caledonian Sleepers* when diverted via East Coast route:

#### **Sunday nights/Monday mornings 31 March/1 April until 26/27 May 2024:**

1S25 2020 Euston - Inverness \*

1S26 2130 Euston - Glasgow Central §

1M11 2145 Glasgow Central - Euston §

1M16 2025 Inverness - Euston \*

[**notes:** Check with [Caledonian Sleepers website](#), or [OpenTrainTimes](#) or [Realtime Trains](#) websites.

\* = carries portions ⇌ Aberdeen and Fort William; § = carries portion ⇌ Edinburgh]

### **Point Pleasant Junction - East Putney (161) WH02**

#### **Mondays to Fridays:**

2L77 2312 Waterloo – Basingstoke

2L10 0454 Basingstoke - Waterloo

Look out for possible use TWThFO during Hampton Court Place Garden Festival, 2 to 5 July 2024.

#### **Saturdays:**



2L77 2312 Waterloo - Basingstoke  
2L10 0454 Basingstoke - Waterloo

**Sundays:**

1B01 0105 Waterloo - Southampton Central

**Latchmere Junctions - Clapham Junction (168) WB02**

Normal routes:

- Southern trains Kensington Olympia ⇌ Clapham Junction: West London lines and Clapham Junction platforms 16 and 17
  - London Overground trains Kensington Olympia ⇌ Clapham Junction: Latchmere Curve and Clapham Junction platform 1
- Check locally for the occasional exception.*

**Pouparts Junction - Longhedge Junction WB01**

*Belmond British Pullman* excursions returning from Sussex to Victoria

*Belmond British Pullman Golden Age of Steam* from Victoria (1145) circular as advertised

*Belmond British Pullman The Dinner* from Victoria (1845/1850) circular as advertised

**Factory Junction - Stewarts Lane Junction - Grosvenor Bridge Junction (south-eastern side) (180,183,184,185,186,188) WB01**

[common with next entry between Stewarts Lane Junction and Grosvenor Bridge Junction (south-eastern side)]

Most *Belmond British Pullman* excursions Victoria ⇌ destinations in Kent

**Mondays to Fridays:**

2K52 0500 Gillingham - Victoria

2U54 0630 Dartford - Victoria

2N08 0605 Victoria - Ramsgate

¶ **Diversionary use:** for work between Factory Junction and Grosvenor Bridge Junction on direct line

**Monday to Thursday nights, one week in four** Victoria ⇌ Dartford services around midnight

**Latchmere No. 1 Junction - Longhedge Junction – see *Old Kew Junction* ----- *Longhedge Junction* entry, above**

**Longhedge Junction - Stewarts Lane Junction - Grosvenor Bridge Junction (south-eastern side) WB01**

[common with previous entry between Stewarts Lane Junction and Grosvenor Bridge Junction (south-eastern side) and following entry between Longhedge Junction and Stewarts Lane Junction]  
The Railway Touring Co's outward *Dorset Coast Express* (and other titles) alternate ThO in summer  
Most *Belmond British Pullman* excursions Victoria ⇌ destinations *other than* Kent  
*Steam Dreams Royal Windsor Steam Express* Victoria ⇌ Windsor & Eton Riverside TO in summer  
*Steam Dreams Sunset Steam Express* from Victoria (1815) circular TO in summer

**Longhedge Junction - Stewarts Lane Junction – Battersea Pier Junction (central side) WB01**  
[common with previous entry between Longhedge Junction and Stewarts Lane Junction]

¶ **Diversionary use only** - usually in conjunction with Pouparts Junction - Longhedge Junction

► **[note:** "Grosvenor Bridge Junction" is used for timetable purposes to distinguish the south-eastern side junction for Stewarts Lane from the central side junction; in signal engineering terms and in the Sectional Appendix both are still known as "Battersea Pier Junction"]

**Battersea Park (platform 2) - Factory Junction (167) WB01**

**[note:** trains shown with Battersea Park times by footnote in eNRT table 167]

**Mondays to Fridays:**

9H05 0633 Battersea Park - Dalston Junction

9H71 2303 Battersea Park - Dalston Junction

9M67 2204 Dalston Junction - Battersea Park

**Saturdays:**

Trains Wandsworth Road ⇌ Battersea Park between 0715 and 0833

**Sundays:**

9H10 0747 Battersea Park - Highbury & Islington

**Streatham North Junction - Streatham South Junction (via reversible fast spur)** (162,163)  
WF01A *{reduced to diversionary use only from 12 December 2022}*

¶ **Diversionary use only:**

**Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 January 2024:**

Trains between Gatwick Airport and Victoria

**Brixton Junction - Canterbury Road Junction - Cambria Junction** (180,184,188) WB01

[common with next entry between Brixton Junction and Canterbury Road Junction]

VSOE trains to Folkestone West often use this route.

Principal use: x.07 and x.37 **daily** Victoria – Dartford **plus** x.50 **SuO** Dover Priory – Victoria

[**note:** most other trains Victoria ⇌ Denmark Hill are scheduled to run via the Atlantic Lines.]

**Tulse Hill Junction - Leigham Junction** (165) WF03

**Mondays to Fridays:**

2W94 0750 Streatham Hill – London Bridge

2W96 0820 Streatham Hill – London Bridge

¶ **Diversionary use only:** limited use when Sydenham – Crystal Palace route not available:

**Monday/Tuesday night 22/23 to Thursday/Friday night 25/26 January 2024:**

2Z95 0014 London Bridge – Streatham Hill

2Z74 2320 Victoria – London Bridge

**Seven Sisters Junction - South Tottenham West Junction and South Tottenham East Junction - Tottenham South Junction** (014,017) LB01A

**Saturdays:**

2U00 0530 Liverpool Street - Enfield Town

**Northumberland Park Depot (Staff Platforms) - Seven Sisters [London Underground]**

[**notes:** accessible only to or from Seven Sisters platforms 4 and 5; **Northumberland Park Depot is not accessible to the public and nor are these trains**]

Unadvertised staff trains operate outwith peak hours, as shown in LUL Victoria Line working timetable, page 6. At the depot, trains normally use no. 60 road.

**Beckenham Junction - New Beckenham** (191) WC01

1Y86 0015 ThFSO Charing Cross – Tunbridge Wells

1Y85 0020 TWO Cannon Street – Tunbridge Wells

1Y02 0445 MTWThFO Tonbridge - Charing Cross

¶ **Diversionary use:** for work between Lewisham and Orpington

**Sunday 10 December 2023:** Trains Charing Cross ⇌ Hastings

**Gas Factory Junction – Bow Junction** (001) LC01

¶ **Diversionary use only:** for work between Fenchurch Street and Barking

**Sunday 10 and 17 December 2023:** Trains Fenchurch Street ⇌ Barking

*Check for possible use on Monday 1 and Sunday 21 January 2024*

**Westferry - Canary Wharf (via West India Down Viaduct line, avoiding North Quay Junction)**  
[**Docklands Light Railway**]

Trains *from* Bank to Lewisham (trains do *not* call at West India Quay).

**Lewisham Vale Junction - Tanners Hill Junction / Lewisham - St Johns** (183) WC01

Principal uses: trains Lewisham ⇌ Charing Cross usually use the St Johns flyover and Tanners Hill line; trains Lewisham ⇌ Cannon Street usually use the Slow Line connection via St Johns station.

**Ravensbourne Junction - Shortlands Junction (Ravensbourne Chord - diveunder)** (180,188)

[**note:** accessible only to or from Shortlands fast lines platforms 1 and 2]

Stopping trains to or from the Catford line. *Check locally at Shortlands for the occasional exception.*

**Ravensbourne Junction - Shortlands Junction (Catford Loop Lines - ground level)** (180,188)  
[**note:** accessible only to or from Shortlands slow lines platforms 3 and 4]  
Trains to or from the Catford line *other than* those using Ravensbourne Chord (previous entry) -  
principal use: Southeastern trains calling at Denmark Hill and Bromley South.

**Parks Bridge Junction - Ladywell Junction (Ladywell Loop)** (182) WC01  
Monday to Saturday trains to and from the Catford Bridge line *not* shown to call at Lewisham.

**Channelsea South Junction - Stratford Central Junction West** (003) LC02  
Principal use: North London line ⇔ Stratford trains using platforms *other than* 1 or 2 at Stratford.

**Forest Gate Junction - Woodgrange Park Junction** (001) LC01  
**Saturdays and Sundays:**  
Half-hourly service Liverpool Street ⇔ Shoeburyness

**Chislehurst Junction - St Mary Cray Junction (via reversible Chatham loop)** (188,189,190) WB01  
Services **from** Charing Cross **to** Maidstone East (table 190), **plus** Monday to Friday evening peak down trains **from** Cannon Street **to** the north Kent line.

**St Mary Cray Junction - Chislehurst Junction (via up Chatham loop)** (188,189,190) WB01  
Services **from** Maidstone East **to** Charing Cross (table 190), **plus** Monday to Friday morning peak up trains **from** the north Kent line **to** Cannon Street.

**Bickley Junction - Petts Wood Junction (via fast Tonbridge loop)** (180) WB01 {*reduced to diversionary use only from 10 December 2023*}

¶ **Diversionary use only:**

**Sundays 10 December 2023 and 28 January 2024:**

Trains Charing Cross or Victoria ⇔ Orpington

**Saturdays 16 December 2023 until 13 January 2024, also 17 February, and Wednesday to Friday 27 to 29 December 2023:**

Trains Blackfriars ⇔ Orpington

**Crayford Spur A Junction - Crayford Spur B Junction** (185,186) WC02  
**Mondays to Fridays:**

2I07 0709 Lee – Cannon Street

2I09 0715 Cannon Street – Cannon Street via Sidcup and Erith

2I53 1648 Cannon Street – Cannon Street via Sidcup and Erith – then half-hourly until 1848

2O13 0705 Cannon Street – Cannon Street via Erith and Sidcup

2O15 0729 Cannon Street – Cannon Street via Erith and Sidcup

2O17 0804 Cannon Street – Cannon Street via Erith and Sidcup

## ENGLAND - NORTH EAST

**King Edward Bridge South Junction - Gateshead High Level Bridge Junction** (040,042)  
YA04/YD03 [common with next entry between King Edward Bridge East Junction and Greensfield Junction]

**Mondays to Fridays:**

1P19 0853/0854 Liverpool Lime Street – Newcastle

1P41 1954 Liverpool Lime Street – Newcastle

1N33 2000 Kings Cross – Sunderland *arriving Newcastle*

2N16 0803 Carlisle – Morpeth

2N70 2341 Hexham – Newcastle

9M05/9M24 0423/0448 Newcastle - Liverpool Lime Street

9M32 1244 Newcastle - Liverpool Lime Street

**Saturdays:**

2N16 0802/0803 Carlisle – Morpeth

1P19 0854 Liverpool Lime Street – Newcastle

1S49 1127 Plymouth – Edinburgh

9M05/9M24 0423 Newcastle – Liverpool Lime Street



9M32 1244 Newcastle - Liverpool Lime Street

**Sundays:**

2A52 1038 Metrocentre – Morpeth

2N14 1449 Carlisle – Nunthorpe

1P29 1352 Liverpool Lime Street – Newcastle

2A67 1758 Metrocentre – Newcastle

1P35 1652 Liverpool Lime Street – Newcastle

9M37 1740 Newcastle - Liverpool Lime Street

**King Edward Bridge North Junction - Gateshead Park Lane Junction (041) YD03**

[common with previous entry between King Edward Bridge East Junction and Greensfield Junction]

**Mondays to Saturdays:**

1N33 2000 SX Kings Cross – Sunderland *leaving Newcastle*

1J02 1016 Middlesbrough – Newcastle

1J04 1216 Middlesbrough – Newcastle

1J06 1416 Middlesbrough – Newcastle

1J05 1215 Newcastle - Middlesbrough

1J07 1417 Newcastle - Middlesbrough

1J09 1616/1617 Newcastle - Middlesbrough

**Sundays:**

2N14 1449 Carlisle – Nunthorpe *leaving Newcastle*

**Darlington South Junction - North Junction (via main lines outside station) (40, 220) YA04**

Trains not shown to call at Darlington, particularly in the Up (southbound) direction. In the Down (northbound) direction - particularly during the day - non-stop trains often run via platform 4 to avoid conflicting movements with Up trains at the North and South Junctions.

*Caledonian Sleepers* when diverted via East Coast route (see Camden Road Central Junction - Copenhagen Junction entry for dates) use this route.

## ENGLAND - NORTH WEST

**Morecambe - Heysham Port (106) CE02**

One round trip daily.

**Bare Lane Junction - Hest Bank Junction (106) CE02**

**Mondays to Saturdays:**

2C99 0519 Lancaster - Carnforth – Morecambe (*leaving Carnforth*)

**Farington Junction - Lostock Hall Junction CL06**

Excursion trains Wigan ⇌ the Settle & Carlisle line when **not** shown at Preston *en route to/from* Hellifield – including 1T40 1038 SO Crewe – Appleby (*when advertised*)

**[Sankey Junction - ] Earlestown West Junction – Earlestown South Junction (085) CL02**

**Mondays to Saturdays:**

2F17 1906 Ellesmere Port – Liverpool Lime Street (*cancelled with monotonous regularity like the Helsby – Ellesmere Port entry*)

**Golborne Junction - Lowton Junction - Newton le Willows Junction (084,085) CL02**

[common with next entry between Golborne Junction and Lowton Junction]

**Mondays to Saturdays:**

2F01 0924 SX Wigan North Western - Liverpool Lime Street

2W90 1542 SX Liverpool Lime Street – Wigan North Western

2W91 1831 Liverpool Lime Street – Wigan North Western

**Golborne Junction - Lowton Junction - Parkside Junction (85,101) CL02**

[common with previous entry between Golborne Junction and Lowton Junction]

Principal use: Northern services Manchester Airport or Piccadilly ⇌ Blackpool North, Barrow in Furness or Windermere **when shown to call at Wigan North Western**, and Northern services Manchester Victoria ⇌ Wigan North Western. In **addition**, the following TPE services:

1S30 0457 MSuX Manchester Airport – Glasgow Central

1M64 0916 SuO Glasgow Central – Manchester Airport

¶ **Diversionsary use:** for work between Salford Crescent and Wigan Wallgate:

**Sundays 7 January until 24 March 2024:**

Northern services Manchester Victoria ⇌ Southport

**Saturdays 6 January until 10 February 2024:**

Northern services Manchester Oxford Road ⇌ Southport

**Helsby – Ellesmere Port** (077) CF06

Two round trips Mondays to Saturdays. *Cancelled with monotonous regularity.*

**Warrington Bank Quay - Walton Old Junction - Acton Grange Junction** (077) CE01

Principal use: most trains Warrington Bank Quay ⇌ Chester.

At Warrington Bank Quay, if signal WN196 at the Up end of platform 1 shows a "clear" aspect without "feather" or signal WN201 at the Up end of platform 2 shows a "clear" aspect with "feather", this indicates use of Up Helsby line leading to Walton Old Junction.

**Sandbach – Northwich West Junction** (077) CF03

¶ **Diversionsary use only:** for work between Crewe and Chester

**Clitheroe - Hellifield Junction** (035) CL06

Excursion trains Lancashire or south thereof ⇌ the Settle & Carlisle line – including 1T40 1038 SO Crewe – Appleby (*when advertised*)

**Saturdays from 8 June 2024 (subject to confirmation):**

Two round trips Rochdale ⇌ Ribbleshead in summer.

**MediaCityUK - Broadway [Manchester Metrolink]**

Used by Eccles trams Mondays to Fridays before 0700 and after 2000; Saturdays before 0900 and after 1830; Sundays and Bank Holidays all day when no service via next entry.

**(Salford) Harbour City - Broadway [Manchester Metrolink]**

Used by Eccles trams: Mondays to Fridays 0700 to 2000; Saturdays 0900 to 1830; Sundays and Bank Holidays no service, *i.e. when no service via previous entry.*

► Check these Manchester Metrolink services with [Traveline Find your Timetable website](#) (insert 'Blue Line' and 'Eccles (Salford)') to obtain a current schedule

**Heald Green North Junction - Heald Green South Junction** (093) CM01

**Mondays to Saturdays:**

1004 0511 SX Manchester Piccadilly – Bournemouth

9R20/9A46 0603 Manchester Piccadilly – Euston

**Sundays:**

1W00 0832 Crewe - Manchester Piccadilly

1W01 0929 Crewe - Manchester Piccadilly

1W03 0830 Cardiff Central - Manchester Piccadilly

¶ **Diversionsary use:** for work between Slade Lane Junction and Wilmslow:

**Saturday and Sunday 21 and 21 January 2024:**

Avanti West Coast trains Manchester Piccadilly ⇌ Crewe and Cross Country trains Stafford ⇌ Manchester (diverted via Crewe)

**Mondays to Thursdays 18 to 21 December 2023 and 29 January to 1 February 2024:**

2H47 2312 Crewe – Manchester Piccadilly

2K38 2336 Manchester Piccadilly - Crewe

**Heaton Norris Junction - Guide Bridge Station Junction** (097) CL04

**Saturdays:**

2J44 0830 Stalybridge – Stockport

2J45 0904 Stockport – Stalybridge

**Dinting West Junction - Dinting East Junction (avoiding Glossop)** (097) CM04

**Mondays to Saturdays:**

2G00 0532 Manchester Piccadilly – Hadfield

2G35 2329 Manchester Piccadilly - Glossop via Hadfield

**Sundays:**

2G80 0929 Manchester Piccadilly – Hadfield

## ENGLAND - SOUTH EAST (NORTH)

**Didcot West Curve Junction – Foxhall Junction (via Didcot West Curve)** (122) PA04

*This route is expected to reopen from 14 September 2024 for a regular Saturday-only service of two round trips Bristol Temple Meads ⇄ Oxford*

¶ **Diversionary use only:** for work between Didcot West Curve Junction and Didcot

**Sundays 7 and 14 January 2024:** Trains Reading ⇄ Oxford

**Didcot East Junction - Didcot North Junction (via Didcot Avoiding Line)** (122) PA04

Most trains from Reading to Oxford *not* shown to call at Didcot Parkway

All trains from Oxford to Reading *not* shown to call at Didcot Parkway *except when diverted via Foxhall Junction (see next entry above)*

**[Harrowden Junction - ] Irchester South (site) - Souldrop (site) [ - Sharnbrook Junction] (via Slow lines (Wymington deviation) and Sharnbrook tunnel)** (052) CJ02A

Belmond British Pullman excursion **from** Victoria **to** Chesterfield for Chatsworth House, plus:

**Saturdays:**

1Y69 2235 St. Pancras International – Wellingborough

¶ **Diversionary use:** when work on East Coast Main Line precludes services running to/from King's Cross, **some** Hull Trains' trains diverted to/from St.Pancras International **may** use this route to be overtaken by East Midlands trains.

**Marholm Junction – Glinton Junction (via Werrington lines diveunder)** YA05

[**note:** At Peterborough, a departure for the Sleaford line from platform 7 must take this route, while departures from platforms 4, 5 or 6 may do so if the signal at the Down end does not signify use of the Down Main].

**Mondays to Fridays:**

2T51 0637 Newark North Gate – Peterborough

2K09 1142 Lincoln - Peterborough

2K17 1455 Doncaster – Peterborough

2K23 1835 Lincoln - Peterborough

2K08 0837 Peterborough – Newark North Gate

2K16 1321 Peterborough – Lincoln

2K24 1710 Peterborough – Lincoln

**Saturdays:**

2K03 0644 Newark Northgate – Peterborough

2K050807 Lincoln – Peterborough

2K04 0836 Peterborough – Lincoln

2K06 0936 Peterborough – Lincoln

**Watford North Junction - Watford East Junction [London Underground]**

**Mondays to Fridays:**

0512/0516\* Chesham – Watford

0608 Rickmansworth – Watford

0019 MO Watford – Rickmansworth

0049 TWThFO Watford – Rickmansworth

**Saturdays:**

0512/0516\* Chesham – Watford

0049 Watford – Rickmansworth

[**notes:** see [LUL timetables](#) ► "Watford Tube guide"; LUL show after-midnight services as being the end of the previous day's service, not the start of the calendar day of operation; \* = the earlier morning departure time applies during leaf fall season October – December]

**Langley Junction (up) - Langley South Junction (via up Hertford spur)** (016) YA02

[**note:** accessible only from Stevenage platform 1]

Principal use: Up trains to the Hertford North line from points north of Stevenage, and early morning starters from Stevenage worked from stabling points north thereof. *Most trains via Hertford North starting at Stevenage run via the reversible Down Hertford line, from platform 4 or 5. Check locally for the occasional exception.*

**Welwyn Garden City flyover** (016) YA01

[note: accessible only from Welwyn Garden City platforms 3 and 4]

Most starting up local trains. *Check locally for the occasional exception.*

**Ely North Junction - Ely West Junction (via west curve)** (054) LB03

**Sundays:**

1M80 1554 Norwich - Manchester Piccadilly

**Shenfield - Mountnessing Junction (via reversible Southend Loop)** (004) LA01

[note: accessible only from or to Shenfield platforms 4 and 5]

Principal use: Down local trains from Shenfield to the Southend line. *Most up trains, and down trains from other platforms, use the main lines.*

**Colchester Junction - East Gate Junction (via Up & Down Avoiding Line)** (006) LA02

[note: accessible only from or to platforms 1 and 2]

Principal use: Down trains to the Clacton line from originating points *south of* Colchester, plus other departures from Colchester to the Clacton line from platforms 1 or 2 (there are also a few Up arrivals from the Clacton line).

**Manningtree North Junction - East Junction** (006,012) LA02

Two round trips Ipswich (or beyond) ⇄ Harwich International, daily.

## ENGLAND - SOUTH EAST (SOUTH)

**Portsmouth & Southsea Low Level - Blackfriars Junction** (157) WG03

Most trains terminating or starting at Portsmouth & Southsea. *Check locally for the occasional exception.*

**Reading station, Caversham Road Junction - Oxford Road Junction** (120,122) PA03

To or from the Reading West direction, at Reading station, platforms 1,2,3,7 and 8 accessible only by the Westbury Lines; platforms 4,5,6 and 9 not accessible; and platforms 10 to 15 accessible only by the Feeder Lines

Principal use of the Up Feeder Line: trains from the Newbury line to Paddington

Principal use of the Down Westbury Line: trains from Paddington to the Newbury line

At Reading West, if you can see signal T2802 at the Up end of platform 2 showing a "clear" aspect: no "feather" indicates use of Up Westbury line; "feather" position 1 indicates use of Feeder lines (M for main, R for relief); "feather" position 2 indicates west curve (D for down line, U for up line)

**Reading East Main Junction, 8421 points - Reading Southern Junction (Reading Low Level line)** (150) WH03

[note: accessible only to or from Reading platforms 13 to 15]

**Departures** from Reading towards Wokingham:

**Mondays to Fridays:**

0432, 0500, 0531, 0555, 0627, 0651

**Saturdays:**

0432, 0522, 0554, 0624, 0654, 0754

**Sundays:**

0748, 9848, 0919

**Arrivals** at Reading:

**Mondays to Fridays:**

2V67 2130 Shalford – Reading

1V65 1959 Gatwick Airport – Reading

1V90 2130 Gatwick Airport – Reading

1V91 2230 Gatwick Airport – Reading

**Saturdays:**

1V65 1959 Gatwick Airport – Reading  
1V68 2059 Gatwick Airport – Reading  
1V69 2130 Gatwick Airport – Reading  
1V82 2216 Gatwick Airport – Reading

**Sundays:**

1V37 0816 Gatwick Airport – Reading  
2V62 1844 Redhill – Reading  
2V64 1944 Redhill – Reading  
1V62 1859 Gatwick Airport – Reading  
1V65 1959 Gatwick Airport – Reading  
1V67 2116 Gatwick Airport – Reading  
1V69 2219 Gatwick Airport – Reading  
1V71 2305 Gatwick Airport – Reading

¶ **Diversionsary use:**

**Sunday 21 January 2024:**

1M34 0815 Southampton - Manchester Piccadilly  
1O08 0903 Birmingham New Street - Bournemouth

**Reading New Junction - Reading Spur Junction (Reading Spur line) (150) WH03** *{gained regular Saturday service from 16 December 2023}*

[**note:** accessible only to or from Reading platforms 7 to 10]

**Saturdays:**

1V64 1929 Gatwick Airport - Reading

¶ **Diversionsary use:** for work between Reading and Basingstoke

**Sundays 14 and 21 January 2024:** CrossCountry trains Reading ⇌ Southampton *except those shown in previous entry*

**Addlestone Junction - Byfleet Junction (151) WH03**

The Railway Touring Co's outward *Dorset Coast Express* alternate ThO in summer  
*Belmond British Pullman* return excursions from Bristol/Bath to Victoria  
Steam Dreams *Sunset Steam Express* from Victoria (1815) circular TO in summer  
*Belmond British Pullman The Dinner* from Victoria (1845/1850) circular FO as advertised

**Mondays to Saturdays:**

1S77 2322 Waterloo - Woking (via Staines)  
1S79 0022 MO Staines – Woking  
1S08 0527 Woking - Waterloo (via Staines)

**Sundays:**

Hourly trains Staines ⇌ Woking

**Stoats Nest Junction - Earlswood (via Quarry line) (178) WE01**

Most trains London Victoria or East Croydon ⇌ Gatwick Airport *not* shown to call at Redhill. *Some exceptions - particularly overnight Gatwick Express services (when running) - run non-stop via Redhill.*

**Sittingbourne Western Junction - Middle Junction (188) WA06**

**Mondays to Fridays:**

2U91 0505 Gillingham (Kent) – Sheerness

**Minster Station and West Junction - Minster South Junction (189) WA02**

**Mondays to Fridays:**

2R99 1524 Dover Priory - Faversham  
2W99 0705 Faversham – Ramsgate - Dover – Ashford

## ENGLAND - SOUTH WEST

**Coombe Junction (Coombe No. 1 ground frame) - Coombe Junction Halt (142) PC06**

**Mondays to Saturdays:**

Trains shown to call at Coombe Junction Halt.

[**note:** all other trains reverse at Coombe No. 1 ground frame]



**Bishops Lydeard - Norton Fitzwarren Junction [West Somerset Railway]**

Summer use only - services Taunton - Bishops Lydeard operated by Great Western Railway: *service temporarily suspended – further information awaited.*

Through excursion trains to Minehead as advertised

**Worle Junction - Uphill Junction (134) PC01**

Trains Bristol ⇌ Bridgwater not shown to call at Weston-super-Mare use the direct line

**Bristol Dr Days Junction - Feeder Bridge Junction (133) PC01****Mondays to Fridays:**

2R54 0704 Bath Spa – Filton Abbey Wood

¶ **Diversionsary use:** for work between Reading and Patchway

**Mondays to Thursdays 8 to 11 January, 5 to 8 and 19 to 22 February 2024:**

2G93 2317 Swindon – Gloucester (*not 5 to 8 February*)

1B38 2249 Paddington - Swansea

**Norchard Low Level - Norchard, Middle Forge Junction ground frame [Dean Forest Railway]**

**Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays as advertised – 2024 details awaited.**

[**notes:** all other 'normal' services - *including arrivals* - use Norchard High Level platform but see also **Regular but infrequent services**, below, for usage on special events days]

**Clink Road Junction - Blatchbridge Junction (via Frome avoiding line) (135) PC02**

Trains Reading ⇌ Taunton. *Exceptions: trains shown to call at Bristol Temple Meads or Bath Spa.*

Down *Night Riviera* sleepers normally use this route.

**Heywood Road Junction - Fairwood Junction (via Westbury avoiding line) (135) PC02**

Trains Reading ⇌ Taunton. *Exceptions: trains shown to call at Westbury, Bristol Temple Meads or Bath Spa, and Night Riviera sleepers.*

**Westbury East Loop Junction Hawkeridge Junction PC02**

¶ **Diversionsary use only:** for work between Reading and Bathampton

**Saturdays and Sundays 7, 13, 14, 21 January 2024**

Trains Reading ⇌ Bristol Temple Meads / South Wales

**Laverstock North Junction - Laverstock South Junction (154) WG04**

The Railway Touring Co's return *Dorset Coast Express* alternate Wednesdays or Thursdays in summer

¶ **Diversionsary use** by CrossCountry: for work between Worting Junction and Eastleigh

**Sundays 10 December 2023 and 28 January 2024:**

CrossCountry trains Basingstoke ⇌ Southampton

**Mondays to Wednesdays 8 to 10 January 2024:**

1O34 1925 Manchester Piccadilly – Southampton Central

## ENGLAND - WEST MIDLANDS

**Stone Junction - Colwich Junction (66) CB03**

Trains Stoke-on-Trent ⇌ Euston not shown to call at Stafford use the direct line

**Searchlight Lane Junction - Heamies Bridge (065,076,220) CB03**

The Up and Down Fast lines and the Up Slow line follow their established route through Norton Bridge but the Down Slow line is segregated – from Little Bridgeford Junction - on a separate alignment well to the west (there is no "junction" at Heamies Bridge where the Down Slow rejoins its old alignment). At Stafford, if the signal at the Down end of platforms 1, 3, 4 or 6 shows a "clear" aspect with route indication "S" (or platform 5 shows a "clear" aspect with no "feather") this indicates use of Down Slow line - a train running direct to Crewe would then use this route. In Realtime Trains a WTT time at Searchlight Lane Junction will be shown.

**Principal use:** Avanti West Coast hourly service Euston → West Midlands → Preston or beyond, departing Stafford xx.47. Also northbound *Caledonian Sleepers* (*except when diverted via East Coast route - see Camden Road Central Junction - Copenhagen Junction entry*)

**Norton Bridge Junction - Yarnfield Junction (Norton Bridge East Chord) (076) CB03**

Trains Stafford ⇌ Stoke on Trent - especially when running to or from the Birmingham line - normally use the double track flyover route between Little Bridgeford Junction and Yarnfield Junction, but the former Up line is retained as a reversible single track, used by the following:

**Sundays:**

2K80 0849 Crewe – Stafford

1H22 0901 Birmingham New Street - Manchester Piccadilly

2K73 0942 Stafford – Crewe

¶ **Diversiory use** for work between Stone and Colwich:

**Monday to Thursday 11 to 14 December 2023:**

1A83 Manchester Piccadilly – Euston

**Sunday 10 March 2024:**

1A70 2015 Manchester Piccadilly - Euston

1A71 2055 Manchester Piccadilly - Euston

**Stoke Works Junction - Abbotswood Junction (132) PB02**

Trains Birmingham ⇌ Cheltenham Spa not shown to call at Worcester use the direct line *except those shown in the Galton Junction - Smethwick West entry (below)*

**Bushbury Junction - Portobello Junction (076,220) CC04**

¶ **Diversiory use only:** for work on Trent Valley line between Stafford and Rugby. Also usually used by CrossCountry if any work involves diversion via Bescot.

**Sunday nights / Mondays mornings** (*except when diverted via East Coast route - see Camden Road Central Junction - Copenhagen Junction entry*):

1M11 2315 Glasgow Central - Euston (carries portion from Edinburgh)

1S26 2330 Euston - Glasgow Central (carries portion for Edinburgh)

**Mondays, Saturdays and Sundays 14, 20, 21, 22 January 2024:**

Avanti West Coast trains Euston ⇌ Stafford or beyond if not booked to call at Birmingham.

**Saturday and Sundays 28 January and 3, 4 February 2024:**

CrossCountry trains Birmingham New Street ⇌ Manchester Piccadilly

**Wolverhampton Crane Street Junction - Portobello Junction - Darlaston Junction - Bescot Junction (065,068) CC04**

[The section between Portobello Junction and Bescot Junction is also used by trains in the previous entry.]

This route will be used by local services calling at Darlaston and Willenhall when those two stations (re-)open in 2025.

**Mondays to Fridays**

1F45 0652 Birmingham New Street – Liverpool Lime Street

1F47 0757 Birmingham New Street – Liverpool Lime Street

1F49 0857 Birmingham New Street – Liverpool Lime Street

9G48 2230 Euston – Wolverhampton

9G49 2300 Euston – Wolverhampton

9G50 2330 FX Euston – Wolverhampton

1R00 0457 MX Wolverhampton - Euston

1G60 1608 Liverpool Lime Street – Birmingham New Street

1G99 1810 Shrewsbury – Birmingham New Street

**Sundays**

9G51 1017 Preston – Birmingham New Street

**¶ Diversiory use on Saturday 3 February 2024:**

London Northwestern Railway trains Birmingham New Street ⇌ Liverpool Lime Street

**Galton Junction - Smethwick West (074,132) CG04****Mondays to Fridays:**

1M90 2058 Hereford - Birmingham New Street

1M79 2019 Paignton - Birmingham New Street

1M89 2145 Cardiff Central - Birmingham New Street

1V01 0500 Birmingham New Street - Cardiff Central

1V98 2259 Birmingham New Street - Worcester Foregate Street

**Saturdays:**

1V01 0500 Birmingham New Street - Cardiff Central

**Soho South Junction - Perry Barr North Junction** (069) CC04

[common with next entries between Soho East Junction and Perry Barr West Junction]

Most trains Birmingham New Street ⇌ Tame Bridge Parkway *not* shown to call at Aston, Witton or Perry Barr use this route.

**[Soho South Junction - ] Perry Barr West Junction - Perry Barr South Junction** CC04 *{entry restored for diversionary use}*

[common with adjacent entries between Soho East Junction and Perry Barr West Junction]

¶ **Diversionary use only:** for work between Birmingham New Street and Stechford

**Monday 1 and morning of Sunday 7 January 2024:**

Trains Birmingham New Street ⇌ Birmingham International

**Soho Curve North Junction – Perry Barr South Junction** (068) CC04

[common with previous entries between Soho East Junction and Perry Barr West Junction]

¶ **Diversionary use only:**

**Sunday 14 January 2024:**

1B29 0757 Wolverhampton – Euston

1B31 0827 Wolverhampton – Euston

**Birmingham Grand Junction - St Andrew's Junction - Bordesley Junction - Small Heath South Junction** (115) CG02

[common with next entry between Grand Junction and Bordesley Junction]

CrossCountry trains Birmingham New Street ⇌ Leamington Spa *not* shown to call at Birmingham International or Coventry, including diversionary use for work between Leamington Spa and Coventry.

**Birmingham Grand Junction - St Andrew's Junction - Bordesley Junction - Lifford East Junction - Kings Norton Junction** (056,132) CC02

[common with previous entry between Grand Junction and Bordesley Junction]

This route – currently used by many CrossCountry trains Birmingham New Street ⇌ Cheltenham Spa to avoid reversal at Birmingham New Street - is to be reopened for local stopping services, the target date for commencement of which is end of 2024. Therefore, this entry is withdrawn as no longer being an obscure route.

**Landor Street Junction - St Andrew's Junction - Bordesley Junction - Lifford East Junction - Lifford West Junction** (050) CC02 *{new diversionary entry}*

[common with previous entry between St Andrew's Junction and Lifford East Junction]

¶ **Diversionary use only:**

**Monday 1 and morning of Sunday 7 January 2024:**

Trains Birmingham New Street ⇌ Burton on Trent and Birmingham New Street ⇌ Nuneaton

**Lichfield Trent Valley High Level - Wichnor Junction** (056) CC02

**Sundays:**

1V48 0811 Leeds – Plymouth

¶ **Diversionary use:** for work between Wichnor Junction and Birmingham

**Saturdays and Sundays 10 to 25 February (also Monday 19 February) 2024:**

Trains Birmingham ⇌ Chesterfield

**Aston South Junction - Stechford South Junction** (065,220) CC04

¶ **Diversionary use only:** for work on Trent Valley line between Stafford and Rugby or between Birmingham New Street and Stechford:

**Sunday nights / Mondays mornings** (*except when diverted via East Coast route - see Camden Road Central Junction - Copenhagen Junction entry*):

1M11 2315 Glasgow Central - Euston (carries portion from Edinburgh)

1S26 2330 Euston - Glasgow Central (carries portion for Edinburgh)

**Monday 1 January and Sunday 7 January 2024:**

Trains Birmingham New Street ⇌ Birmingham International

**Sunday 14 January 2024:**

1B29 0757 Wolverhampton – Euston

1B31 0827 Wolverhampton – Euston

### **Kingsbury Junction - Whitacre Junction (056) CC01**

#### **Mondays to Fridays:**

1G90 2136 Nottingham - Birmingham New Street

1E73 1727 Plymouth - Leeds

1M85 1950 Cardiff Central - Nottingham

#### **Saturdays:**

1G90 2137 Nottingham - Birmingham New Street

#### **Sundays:**

1V50 0900 Leeds - Bristol Temple Meads

### **Nuneaton North Junction - Nuneaton Abbey Junction (065) CJ04**

¶ **Diversionary use only:** for work between Rugby and Birmingham New Street *but beware that southbound (Up) trains may in practice run via flyover and Nuneaton platform 6*

#### **Occasional dates as advised in Avanti West Coast Planned Engineering Works webpage:**

9G48 2230 Euston - Wolverhampton - *but check that the diversion is not via Stafford*

### **Hatton North Junction - Hatton West Junction (073) CG03**

Trains Stratford-upon-Avon ⇌ Dorridge

## **ENGLAND - YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE**

**Clitheroe - Hellifield Junction** - *see England - North West section*

### **Northallerton East Junction - Boroughbridge Road - Longlands Junction (040) YA03/YD01**

#### **Mondays to Fridays:**

1N23 1527 Kings Cross - Middlesbrough

1Y80 0708 Middlesbrough - Kings Cross

#### **Sundays:**

1P77 1336 Manchester Airport / 1357 Manchester Victoria - Saltburn

1P80 1549 Saltburn - Manchester Victoria/Manchester Airport

1A94 2311 Saltburn - York

### **Leeds, Whitehall East Junction - Engine Shed Junction YE02/YG04**

West Coast Railways' *Scarborough Spa Express* "north route" alternate ThO in summer

### **Calder Bridge Junction - Turners Lane Junction (028) YE05**

2N37 2315 FO Sheffield - Leeds

1E75 1827 SuO Plymouth - Leeds

¶ **Diversionary use:** for work between Hare Park Junction and Leeds

#### **Monday to Thursday nights 11 to 21 December 2023, 8 January to 29 February 2024:**

1D36 2333 Kings Cross - Leeds

### **Hare Park Junction - Crofton West Junction (020,028,096) YE05**

Grand Central services Kings Cross ⇌ Bradford Interchange (on table 020) **not** shown to call at Pontefract Monkhill **plus:**

#### **Mondays to Fridays:**

2N37 2315 Sheffield - Leeds

2N34 2230 Leeds - Sheffield

#### **Sundays:**

1E75 1827 Plymouth - Leeds

¶ **Diversionary use:** for work on Hope Valley line:

#### **Monday to Saturday nights (except Friday and Saturday nights 16 Feb to 9 March 2024):**

1B52 2331 Manchester Airport - Sheffield

#### **Tuesday to Sunday mornings (except Saturday mornings 17 Feb to 9 March 2024):**

1B59 0319/0320 Sheffield - Manchester Airport

¶ **Diversionary use:** for work between Hare Park Junction and Leeds

#### **Monday to Thursday nights 11 to 21 December 2023, 8 January to 29 February 2024:**

1D36 2333 Kings Cross - Leeds

### **Sheffield: Park Square triangle, east chord [Stagecoach Supertram]**

Blue and Purple route trams **from** Cricket Inn Road **to** Halfway or Herdings Park:

**Mondays to Fridays:** 0507, 0517, 0523, 0543, 0633, 0652

**Saturdays:** 0510, 0517, 0530, 0822, 0842

**Sundays:** 0722, 0725, 0742, 0755, 0801

Late evening trams **to** Cricket Inn Road, timed at Sheffield Station-Hallam University at the following times (but **not** timed at Castle Square or Cathedral):

**Sunday nights/Monday mornings:** 2356, 0009, 0026

**Tuesday mornings to Sunday mornings:** 0005, 0019, 0046

[**notes:** timetables available at [Travel South Yorkshire website's](#) Timetable finder; the journeys returning to Cricket Inn Road may run early]

**Woodburn Junction - Tinsley North Junction [ - Rotherham Central Junction] (021) YE07**

**Mondays to Fridays:**

1B96 2118 Liverpool Lime Street - Doncaster

1E73 1727 Plymouth - Leeds

1B52 2331 Manchester Airport - Sheffield (except Friday nights 16 Feb to 8 March 2024):

**Tuesday to Sunday mornings (except Saturday mornings 17 Feb to 9 March 2024):**

1B59 0319/0320 Sheffield - Manchester Airport

[**note:** section between Tinsley North Junction and Rotherham Central Junction is also used by Sheffield Supertram tram trains]

**Aldwarke North Junction - Rotherham Masborough - Holmes Junction (021,028) YE01**

[common with next entry between Aldwarke North Junction and Rotherham Masborough (North Station) Junction]

Trains Sheffield ⇌ Doncaster or Leeds *not* shown to call at Rotherham Central or Barnsley.

*Exceptions: a few early morning or late evening trains run non-stop via Rotherham Central.*

**Aldwarke North Junction - Rotherham Masborough - Beighton Junction YE01**

[common with previous entry between Aldwarke North Junction and Rotherham Masborough (North Station) Junction]

¶ **Diversionary use only:** for work on the East Coast Main Line:

**Saturdays and Sundays 24 December 2023, 6, 7, 13, 14 January, 10, 11, 17, 18**

**February 2024:** Hull Trains' trains Hull ⇌ St.Pancras International

**Woodhouse Junction - Beighton Junction (53) YE07**

All trains in Beighton Junction - Tapton Junction entry except those in the previous entry running via Rotherham - *see England - East Midlands section*

**Beighton Junction - Tapton Junction - *see England - East Midlands section***

**Aldwarke North Junction - Thrybergh Junction - Mexborough East Junction (021) YE01**

**Mondays to Fridays:**

1B62 0554 Sheffield - Cleethorpes

1B92 1919 Liverpool Lime Street - Cleethorpes

1B96 2118 Liverpool Lime Street - Cleethorpes

1E56 1543 Reading - York

1E73 1727 Plymouth - York

1B63 0536 Doncaster - Liverpool Lime Street

1B65 0504 Cleethorpes - Liverpool Lime Street

1J42 0653 Scarborough - Sheffield

1V83 0624 Newcastle - Reading

1V85 0825 Newcastle - Reading

1J52 1702 Scarborough - Sheffield

1J55 2000 Scarborough - Sheffield

1J96 2245 Hull - Sheffield

2R29 2349 Doncaster - Sheffield

**Saturdays:**

1B92 1919 Liverpool Lime Street - Cleethorpes

1B63 0536 Doncaster - Liverpool Lime Street

1B65 0504 Cleethorpes - Liverpool Lime Street

1J42 0653 Scarborough - Sheffield



1J52 1702 Scarborough – Sheffield

¶ **Diversions use:** for work on the East Coast Main Line:

**Saturdays and Sundays 24 December 2023, 6, 7, 13, 14 January, 10, 11, 17, 18**

**February 2024:** Hull Trains' trains Hull ⇄ St.Pancras International

**Milford Junction - Burton Salmon Junction (site) - Castleford** (039) YE04 *{this section gains a regular TPE service of four trains each way Manchester ⇄ Huddersfield ⇄ Castleford ⇄ York from December 2023 – see Table 039 - so no longer qualifies as an obscure route}*

**Milford Junction – Gascoigne Wood** (022) YG04

**Mondays to Saturdays:**

1K26 1603 SX Hull – Leeds

1K36 2103 Hull – Leeds

1K37 2223 Leeds - Hull

¶ **Diversions use:**

**Sundays 21 January to 11 February 2024:** Trains Hull ⇄ Leeds

**Ferrybridge North Junction - Moorthorpe** (030) YE01

Northern stopping trains Sheffield ⇄ York

**Ferrybridge North Junction - Knottingley West Junction** (020) YE01

¶ **Diversions use only:** for works between Shaftholme Junction and Hambleton Junctions

**Milford Junction - Burton Salmon Junction (site) - Ferrybridge North Junction** (020,030,050) YE01 *{this section gains a regular TPE service of four trains each way Manchester ⇄ Huddersfield ⇄ Castleford ⇄ York from December 2023 – see Table 039 - so no longer qualifies as an obscure route}*

**Sherburn Junction - Milford Junction** (020,030,050) YG04

All trains in previous three entries and in Milford Junction - Castleford entry

**Gascoigne Wood - Sherburn Junction** (022) YG04

**Mondays to Saturdays:**

Trains Selby ⇄ Sherburn-in-Elmet.

**York Holgate Junction - York Yard South - York Yard North - Skelton Junction** (020) YA03

**Mondays to Fridays:**

1S91 0548 Kings Cross - Edinburgh

1S93 1045 Kings Cross – Edinburgh

1S97 1448 Kings Cross – Edinburgh

**Saturdays:**

1S91 0548 Kings Cross – Edinburgh

1S93 1025 Kings Cross – Edinburgh

1S97 1548 Kings Cross - Edinburgh

1S99 1827 Kings Cross - Edinburgh

[**notes:** services by East Coast Trains Ltd (TOC code LD) trading as Lumo; Lumo's other trains run via York station, non-stop or without public stop]

**Hambleton North Junction - East Junction** (022) YG04

Non-stop trains York ⇄ Selby.

**Hambleton South Junction - West Junction** (028) YG04

**Saturdays:**

1A13 0656 Skipton - Kings Cross

**Shaftholme Junction - Knottingley West Junction** (020) YA03

Grand Central services Kings Cross ⇄ Bradford Interchange shown to call at Pontefract Monkhill

**Knottingley - Potters Grange Junction** (032) YE05

One and a half round trips Goole⇄ Knottingley, Mondays to Saturdays.

**Doncaster Flyover East Junction - Loversall Carr Junction** (Up line) (020) YA03

[**note:** accessible only from Doncaster platforms 3b, 4, 5 or 8]

**Mondays to Fridays:**

1Y00 0440 York - Kings Cross

1A15 0737 Harrogate – Kings Cross

1A45 1745 Leeds – Kings Cross

**Sundays:**

1A25 1045 Leeds - Kings Cross

**Loversall Carr Junction - Doncaster Flyover West Junction** (Down line) (020) YA03

**Mondays to Fridays:**

1D05 0803 Kings Cross – Leeds

1D20 1533 Kings Cross - Harrogate

1H10 1718 Kings Cross – Hull

1N35 2200 Kings Cross - Newcastle

**Doncaster Black Carr Junction - Bessacarr Junction** (59) YE07

[**note:** accessible only by trains to/from Doncaster platforms 1, 2 or 3, using the Up (East) Slow line from/to Black Carr Junction]

¶ **Diversionary use only:** southbound East Coast main-line trains when diverted via Lincoln  
Trains from Doncaster to Peterborough

**Trent Junctions - Wrawby Junction** - *see England - East Midlands section*

## IRELAND

**Limerick Junction: Kyle crossing points - Milltown crossing points (via Limerick Junction Loop [avoiding line])** (02)

Through trains Dublin Heuston ⇄ Limerick, running non-stop Thurles (or north thereof) ⇄ Limerick

**Kilkenny: Lavistown South Junction - Lavistown North Junction** (04)

**Fridays and Saturdays:**

A515 1605 FSO Waterford - Dublin Heuston

A518 1610 FO Dublin Heuston – Waterford

**Dublin O'Connell Street Upper – Parnell Street** [**LUAS**]

Northbound Green Line LUAS cars on short workings turn back using the south-to-east curve between O'Connell Street Upper and Parnell Street stops: live departures [here](#) or [here](#).

**Dublin Connolly (platform 7) - Newcomen Junction** (14)

**Mondays to Fridays:**

P752 1626 Maynooth - Connolly

**[Kilmeadan - ] Carriganore - Gracedieu** [**Waterford & Suir Valley Railway**]

[common with next entry]

**Saturdays:**

Trains normally run between Kilmeadan and Carriganore, but on Saturdays they extend to Gracedieu (adjacent to the toll plaza for the Thomas Francis Meagher Bridge, just short of site of former Grace Dieu Junction). *Neither Carriganore nor Grace Dieu is a joining or alighting point.*

**[Kilmeadan - Carriganore - ] Gracedieu - Bilberry** [**Waterford & Suir Valley Railway**]

[common with previous entry between Kilmeadan and Gracedieu]

**Thursday evenings July and August** – *2024 details awaited:*

## NORTHERN IRELAND

**Belfast City Junction - Central Junction**

Trains Belfast Lanyon Place ⇄ Lisburn or Portadown **not** shown to call at (Belfast) Great Victoria Street

[**notes:** This curve will see more use from 11 May until 5 July 2024 while all Great Victoria Street

trains are diverted to Lanyon Place; from then until 13 August 2024 there will be no service between Lisburn and Lanyon Place or Great Victoria Street. Despite Belfast Central station having been renamed Lanyon Place, other operating locations carrying the "Central" name - such as Central Junction - have not been renamed. This curve will be less used when *Enterprise* and other trains transfer to Belfast Grand Central (adjacent to Great Victoria Street) from late 2024 or early 2025]

**Whitehead Excursion Platform (RPSI) - Whitehead [*Railway Preservation Society of Ireland*]**  
Railway Preservation Society of Ireland excursions departing/arriving at their Whitehead Excursion platform, as advertised. Steam operations using this connection have been suspended from spring 2023 but dmu excursions ran on (at least) Sunday 20 August 2023.

## SCOTLAND

**Maryhill Park Junction - Knightswood North Junction** (218) GA12

Trains Glasgow Queen Street high level ⇌ West Highland line, also trains in next entry.

**Cowlairs North Junction - Cowlairs East Junction** (218) GA12

¶ **Diversiory use only** as alternative route for Fort William sleeper service

**Springburn (Sighthill West Junction) - Cowlairs South Junction** (208) GC02B

This route is covered by trains which use Glasgow Queen Street **high level** platforms, as shown in Table 208, whereas trains Springburn ⇌ Glasgow Queen Street **low level** travel via Bellgrove.

**Coatbridge Junction - Langloan Junction** (220) GA02/GA11

¶ **Diversiory use only:**

**Sundays 31 March until 26 May 2024:**

1M11 2145 Glasgow Central – Euston

1S26 2130 Euston – Glasgow Central

**Newton Station East - Newton East Junction (Newton South Connecting Line)** (065) GA08

**Saturdays:**

1M19 0426 Glasgow Central – Euston

**Mossend East Junction - Mossend North Junction** (065) GA01

**Mondays to Saturdays:**

1M73 0745 SX Glasgow Central – Preston

1S74 1612 Liverpool Lime Street – Glasgow Central

**Mossend South Junction - Mossend East Junction** (065,209) GA01

**Mondays to Saturdays:**

2Y76 0559 Motherwell – Edinburgh

**Holytown Junction - Wishaw Central Junction** (065,209) GA01

**Mondays to Fridays:**

1C05 0737 Carstairs Garscadden

1S34 0515 Wolverhampton – Glasgow Central

1S37 0531 Euston - Glasgow Central

1S74 1612 Liverpool Lime Street – Glasgow Central

1M80 0422 MO Glasgow Central - Manchester Airport

1M80 0452 MX Glasgow Central - Manchester Airport

1R22 0428 Glasgow Central – Euston

1M73 0745 Glasgow Central – Preston

1C06 1737 Anderston - Carstairs

**Saturdays:**

1S34 0515 Wolverhampton – Glasgow Central

1S74 1612 Liverpool Lime Street – Glasgow Central

1M80 0452 Glasgow Central – Preston/Manchester Airport

1M19 0426 Glasgow Central – Euston

**Law Junction - Shieldmuir Junction** (065,209) GA01

Avanti West Coast, TransPennine Express, CrossCountry and London North Eastern trains

Edinburgh or Carlisle ⇄ Motherwell *unless shown in previous entry*. ScotRail trains Carstairs ⇄ Motherwell **not** shown to call at Wishaw.

**Thornton North Junction - Thornton West Junction (215) GC04**

**Mondays to Fridays:**

1L60 0600 Perth - Edinburgh

1L64 0700 Perth - Edinburgh

2L19 2318 Edinburgh - Perth

**Saturdays:**

1L60 0600 Perth - Edinburgh

**Sundays:**

2G28 0936 Perth - Edinburgh

2G39 1855 Edinburgh - Perth

¶ **Diversionsary use:**

**Sunday 21 January 2024:** Trains Dundee ⇄ Inverkeithing

[note: trains use platform 2 at Glenrothes with Thornton]

**Thornton South Junction - Thornton West Junction (215) GC04**

**Mondays to Fridays:**

2K08 0729 Glenrothes with Thornton - Edinburgh

2K11 1711 Edinburgh - Glenrothes with Thornton

**Sundays:**

Twice hourly circular service Edinburgh ⇄ Glenrothes with Thornton

[note: trains use platform 1 at Glenrothes with Thornton]

**Slateford Junction - Craiglockhart Junction - Portobello Junction (209) GC01**

¶ **Diversionsary use only:** when East Coast main line trains are diverted via Carlisle, used for trains to/from east end of Waverley station

## WALES

**Carmarthen Junction - Carmarthen Bridge Junction (126) PB04**

**Mondays to Saturdays:**

2E18 0814 SX Swansea - Fishguard Harbour

1B96 1056 Swansea - Fishguard Harbour

**Briton Ferry, Court Sart Junction / Up Flying Loop Junction - Hendy Junction (Swansea District line) PB09**

Excursions from South Wales via this route to The Royal Welsh Show, held near Builth, each year in late July: 22 - 25 July 2024

*2023 details were as follows - check for 2024 nearer the dates of the Show:*

2M99 0657 Cardiff Central - Builth Road

2M54 1818 Builth Road - Cardiff Central

**Briton Ferry, Court Sart Junction/Up Flying Loop Junction - Morlais Junction (Swansea District line) (126) PB09**

**Mondays to Fridays:**

1V95 1040 Holyhead - Newport - Llanelli

1B62 2218 MTWThO Cardiff Central - Carmarthen

1B97 1250 Fishguard Harbour - Cardiff Central

[note: see also **Regular but infrequent services**, below]

**Landore Junction - Swansea Loop West Junction (126) PB04**

**Saturdays:**

1B97 1241 Fishguard Harbour - Cardiff Central

**Sundays:**

1B97 1240 Fishguard Harbour - Cardiff Central

1E16 1206 Cardiff Central - Milford Haven

[note: trains in previous entry may use this route on occasion to suit operating convenience]

**Margam East Junction - Margam Moors Junction via OVE (Ogmore Vale Extension) line** (126) PB03

**Mondays to Fridays:**

1B38 2249 Paddington - Swansea

1L01 0346 Swansea – Paddington

**Leckwith Loop North Junction - Leckwith Loop South Junction (Leckwith Loop)** (126) PB03

**Mondays to Fridays:**

1L01 0346 Swansea – Paddington

2L52 1011 Maesteg – Cardiff Central

2L58 1315 Maesteg - Cardiff Central

2B80 1850 Carmarthen – Cardiff Central

1B41 1915 Milford Haven - Cardiff Central

1B98 2010 Tenby - Cardiff Central

1B51 0535 Cardiff Central - Milford Haven

2L41 0555 Cardiff Central – Maesteg

1B53 0624 Cardiff Central - Pembroke Dock

2B99 2315 Cardiff Central – Carmarthen

1B36 2148 Paddington – Swansea (*when not diverted via Barry*)

**Saturdays:**

2L58 1313 Maesteg - Cardiff Central

1B97 1241 Fishguard Harbour - Cardiff Central

**Sundays:**

2B94 2135 Milford Haven – Cardiff Central

**Park Junction – Gaer Junction (Newport)** (128) PB08 *{temporary new entry from 10 March 2023, pending resumption of full Newport ⇔ Ebbw Vale Town service}*

**Sundays:**

[Cardiff ⇔ ] Newport ⇔ Ebbw Vale Town trains

**Monday to Saturday:**

Up to three round trips [Cardiff ⇔ ] Newport ⇔ Ebbw Vale Town in evenings

**Maindee North Junction – Maindee East Junction** (131) PB07

¶ **Diversionary use only:** for work between Maindee North Junction and Newport

**Monday/Tuesday night to Thursday/Friday nights every fourth week from week 38 (18/19 to 21/22 December) onwards (subject to confirmation)**

1V64 1930 Manchester Piccadilly – Cardiff Central

1V66 1940 Llandudno – Cardiff Central

1V99 2309 Shrewsbury – Cardiff Central

2B01 0030 Cardiff Central – Hereford (*n.b. may be retimed earlier when so diverted*)

1W11 0425 Cardiff Central – Manchester Piccadilly

**Wrexham General (former GWR side, platform 3) - Wrexham Exchange Junction** (successor to WM&CQR [later LNER] - S&CR [later GWR] link line) (081) CF04

In normal operation, the first departure (first two on Sundays) **from** Wrexham General to Bidston and last arrival (plus third from last on Sundays) **at** Wrexham General from Bidston use this connection.



## Contact details for operators of semi-regular excursions mentioned in text above

Service details shown above are based on information available at date of compilation, or 2022 details, and should therefore be checked with the respective operator.

Belmond British Pullman: 0207 921 4000, [by email](#) or [at their website](#)

Railway Preservation Society of Ireland: 028 9358 6200, [by email](#) or [at their website](#)

Railway Touring Co: 01553 661500, [by email](#) or [at their website](#)

Saphos Trains (LS Group): 0800 038 5320, [by email](#) or [at their website](#)

Statesman Rail (LS Group): 0345 310 2458, [by email](#) or [at their website](#)

Steam Dreams (LS Group): 01483 209 888, [by email](#) or [at their website](#)

Vintage Trains: 0121 708 4960, [by email](#) or [at their website](#)

UK Railtours: 01438 715050, [by email](#) or [at their website](#)

West Coast Railways: 0333 996 6720, [by email](#) or [at their website](#)

## Occasional opportunities...

**The following sections of preserved railways over which no regular public services operate are known to have been used occasionally by special services open to the public.** Unless specially noted below, there does not appear to be *consistent* or *regular* public use, so watch the relevant railways' "events" web pages for possible use.

**Embsay - Bow Bridge loop** [*Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway*]: trains use this section if stock blocks the loop line at Embsay.

**Moor Road (Leeds) station - Balm Road loop** [*Middleton Railway*]: the railway is authorised to operate passenger trains over this line on a limited number of occasions each year. On two weekends in recent seasons trains have used this section, some trains being freight trains carrying passengers.

**Barrow Hill Roundhouse Railway Centre - connection with Network Rail; Roundhouse platform - Springwell** [*Barrow Hill Engine Shed Society*]: the Springwell service usually operates on event days

**Swithland Sidings - Nunckley Hill Platform – Mountsorrel Halt** [*Mountsorrel & Rothley Community Heritage Centre*]: as advertised on their and Great Central Railway websites

**Swanwick Junction - end of line at Greenhill** [*Midland Railway Trust*]

**Tyseley Locomotive Works internal trackage** [*Tyseley Locomotive Works*]: on works open weekends which will resume in 2024.

**Norchard Low Level - Middle Forge Junction ground frame** [*Dean Forest Railway*]: may be used on special events days - particularly on those when separate services are advertised: Norchard (high level) ⇄ Parkend and Norchard (low level) ⇄ Lydney Junction. Santa services in 2022 operated from/to the high level platform, apart from the last train which returned to low level. Most regular trains at Norchard use the high level platform on the through line – see entry in Regular services section, above. Brake van tours use the high level platform.

**Hayes Knoll – end of available track beyond South Meadow Lane level crossing** [*Swindon & Cricklade Railway*]: on Gala Days as advertised

**Dereham - Hoe Road** [*Mid Norfolk Railway*]

**Mangapps Railway Museum Southminster Road branch** [*Mangapps Railway Museum*]

**Barnstaple Junction (Norton Fitzwarren) – Pontispool Bridge stop block** [*West Somerset Railway*]: a shuttle service may operate in conjunction with West Somerset Railway Association special events such as [Steam & Vintage Rally](#) (2024 dates: 3 and 4 August).

**Horsted Keynes - limit of former line towards Ardingly** [[\*Bluebell Railway\*](#)]

**Bodiam - Junction Road and Robertsbridge - Robertsbridge Northbridge Street** [[\*Rother Valley Railway\*](#)]

**Llangollen Goods Junction - Pentrefelin Sidings gate and to former Goods yard (Diesel road)** [[\*Llangollen Railway\*](#)]: look for any Diesel Weekend brake van trips (usually September)

**Downpatrick - Loop Platform - Magnus Grave (former King Magnus's Halt ("King's Halt")) - present end of line towards Ballydugan (Ringreagh)** [[\*Downpatrick & County Down Railway\*](#)]: used when advertised by special event services. However, the railway suffered severe flooding in October/November 2023 – watch their website for resumption of any services – subscribe to their appeal fund.

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