



PRESENTATION TO RAILFUTURE AGM

EDINBURGH 13 JULY 2024



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OUR LINE

TRAINS PER HOUR	
	1
	2
	4
	6



CONNECTING SERVICES	
BSW	Through services to Dorridge, Whitlocks End, Stratford-upon-Avon Chiltern services to London Marylebone
SGB	Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Liverpool, Birmingham New Street, Walsall
DTW	Bromsgrove, Birmingham New Street, Hereford
WOS	London Paddington, Bristol Temple Meads
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- December 2021 – Token Sunday service on 1 per day in each direction introduced – the first Sunday service since 1964
- May 2023 – Sunday service every 2 hours



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THE GOOD NEWS ?

Chiltern railways told us at our Public Meeting in May that, subject to DfT approval, one Saturday morning service will be reinstated in December and an increase in service and a return to Kidderminster is planned from 2025 onwards.



SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGNS HAGLEY AND BLAKEDOWN

- The Snow Hill lines timetable was completely recast in May 2023.
- An increase in the number of diagrams from 13 to 15 allowed increased wait times at destination stations and greatly improved reliability of the services on the line.
- The new timetable saw services to/from Worcester Foregate Street call at Langley Green, Old Hill and Lye with one train per hour operating via Worcester Shrub Hill. Services to/from Kidderminster called at Hagley and Blakedown.
- This meant that the Worcestershire villages of Hagley and Blakedown lost off-peak through services to/from Worcester.
- Stourbridge Line User Group was contacted by irate members and asked if it could do something to reverse this.
- We produced a full alternative timetable which we sent to West Midlands Rail Executive and West Midlands Trains for consideration.



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**STOURBRIDGE LINE
USER GROUP**

Monday to Friday	WM	WM	WM	WM	WM	WM	WM	WM	WM	WM	WM	WM	WM	
Worcester Foregate Street	1215	.....	1240	.....	1315	.....	1340	.....	1415	.....	1440	.....	.....
Worcester Shrub Hill arr	.....	.....	1242	.....	.....	.....	1342	.....	.....	.....	1442	.....	.....
Worcester Shrub Hill dep	.....	.....	1247	.....	.....	.....	1347	.....	.....	.....	1447	.....	1516	
Droitwich Spa	1224	.....	1257	.....	1324	.....	1357	.....	1424	.....	1457	.....	1524	
Hartlebury	1231	.....	.....	.....	1331	.....	.....	.....	1431	.....	.....	.....	1531	
Kidderminster arr	1236	.....	1306	.....	1336	.....	1406	.....	1436	.....	1506	.....	1536	
Kidderminster dep	1237	1252	1307	1322	1337	1352	1407	1422	1437	1452	1507	1522	1537	1552
Blakedown	1241	.....	1311	.....	1341	.....	1411	.....	1441	.....	1511	.....	1541	
Hagley	1244	.....	1314	.....	1344	.....	1414	.....	1444	.....	1514	.....	1544	
Stourbridge Junction arr	1248	1300	1318	1330	1348	1400	1418	1430	1448	1500	1518	1530	1548	1600
Stourbridge Junction dep	1250	1300	1320	1330	1350	1400	1420	1430	1450	1500	1520	1530	1550	1600
Lye	.....	.....	1304	.....	1334	.....	1404	.....	1434	.....	1504	.....	1534	1604
Cradley Heath	1256	1307	1326	1337	1356	1407	1426	1437	1456	1507	1526	1537	1556	1607
Old Hill	.....	.....	1311	.....	1341	.....	1411	.....	1441	.....	1511	.....	1541	1611
Rowley Regis	1301	1314	1331	1344	1401	1414	1431	1444	1501	1514	1531	1544	1601	1614
Langley Green	.....	.....	1318	.....	1348	.....	1418	.....	1448	.....	1518	.....	1548	1618
Smethwick Galton Bridge	1306	1321	1336	1351	1406	1421	1436	1451	1506	1521	1536	1551	1608	1621
The Hawthorns	1308	1323	1338	1353	1408	1423	1438	1453	1508	1523	1538	1553	1610	1623
Jewellery Quarter	1312	1327	1342	1357	1412	1427	1442	1457	1512	1527	1542	1557	1614	1627
Birmingham Snow Hill arr	1316	1331	1346	1401	1416	1431	1446	1501	1516	1531	1546	1601	1618	1631
Birmingham Snow Hill dep	1321	1335	1351	1405	1421	1435	1451	1505	1521	1535	1551	1605	1621	1635
Birmingham Moor Street arr	1323	1337	1353	1407	1423	1437	1453	1507	1523	1537	1553	1607	1623	1637
Birmingham Moor Street dep	1325	1339	1355	1409	1425	1439	1455	1509	1525	1539	1555	1609	1625	1639
Bordesley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Small Heath	.....	.....	1342	1358	1412	.....	1442	1458	1512	.....	1542	1558	1612	1642
Tyseley	1330	1345	.....	1415	1430	1445	.....	1515	1530	1545	.....	1615	1630	1645
Acocks Green	1333	.....	1405	.....	1433	.....	1503	.....	1533	.....	1603	.....	1633	.....
Oilton	1335	.....	1407	.....	1435	.....	1505	.....	1535	.....	1605	.....	1635	.....
Solihull	1339	.....	1411	.....	1439	.....	1509	.....	1539	.....	1609	.....	1639	.....
Widney Manor	1342	.....	1414	.....	1442	.....	1512	.....	1542	.....	1612	.....	1642	.....
Dorridge arr	1347	.....	1418	.....	1447	.....	1516	.....	1547	.....	1616	.....	1647	.....
Dorridge dep	.....	.....	1418	.....	.....	.....	1520	.....	.....	.....	1620	.....	.....	.....
Lapworth	.....	.....	1422	.....	.....	.....	1524	.....	.....	.....	1624	.....	.....	.....
Hatton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warwick Parkway	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warwick	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leamington Spa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Banbury	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
King's Sutton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bicester North	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Haddenham and Thame Parkway	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Princes Risborough	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
High Wycombe	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
London Marylebone	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Road	.....	1348	.....	1418	.....	1448	.....	1518	.....	1548	.....	1618	.....	1648
Hall Green	.....	1350	.....	1420	.....	1450	.....	1520	.....	1550	.....	1620	.....	1650
Yardley Wood	.....	1353	.....	1423	.....	1453	.....	1523	.....	1553	.....	1623	.....	1653
Shirley	.....	1356	.....	1426	.....	1456	.....	1526	.....	1556	.....	1626	.....	1656
Whitlocks End arr	.....	1359	.....	1429	.....	1459	.....	1529	.....	1559	.....	1629	.....	1659
Whitlocks End dep	.....	1359	.....	.....	.....	1459	.....	.....	.....	1559	.....	.....	.....	1659
Wythall	.....	1402	.....	.....	.....	1502	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1702
Earlswood	.....	1404	.....	.....	.....	1504	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1704
The Lakes	.....	1407	.....	.....	.....	1507	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1707
Wood End	.....	1409	.....	.....	.....	1509	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1709
Danzey	.....	1413	.....	.....	.....	1513	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1713
Henley-in-Arden	.....	1418	.....	.....	.....	1518	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1718
Wootton Waven	.....	1421	.....	.....	.....	1521	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1721
(x) Claverdon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1632x
(x) Bearley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1637x
Wilmcote	.....	1427	.....	.....	.....	1527	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1727
Stratford-upon-Avon Parkway	1430	1438	1530	1539	1630	1643	1730
Stratford-upon-Avon	1434	1442	1534	1543	1634	1647	1734

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Hartlebury	1606	1627	1731	1831
Kidderminster arr	1606	1632	1706	1736	1806	1836	1906
Kidderminster dep	1607	1622	1637	1652	1707	1722	1737	1752	1807	1822	1837	1852	1907	1922
Blakedown	1611	1641	1711	1741	1811	1841	1911
Hagley	1614	1644	1714	1744	1814	1844	1914
Stourbridge Junction arr	1618	1630	1648	1700	1718	1730	1748	1800	1818	1830	1848	1900	1918	1930
Stourbridge Junction dep	1620	1630	1650	1700	1720	1730	1750	1800	1820	1830	1850	1900	1920	1930
Lye	1634	1704	1734	1804	1834	1904	1934
Cradley Heath	1626	1637	1656	1707	1726	1737	1756	1807	1826	1837	1856	1907	1926	1937
Old Hill	1641	1711	1741	1811	1841	1911	1941
Rowley Regis	1631	1644	1701	1714	1731	1744	1801	1814	1831	1844	1901	1914	1931	1944
Langley Green	1648	1718	1748	1818	1848	1918	1948
Smethwick Galton Bridge	1638	1651	1706	1721	1736	1751	1806	1821	1836	1851	1906	1921	1936	1951
The Hawthorns	1640	1653	1708	1723	1738	1753	1808	1823	1838	1853	1908	1923	1938	1953
Jewellery Quarter	1644	1657	1712	1727	1742	1757	1812	1827	1842	1857	1912	1927	1942	1957
Birmingham Snow Hill arr	1648	1701	1716	1731	1746	1803	1816	1831	1846	1901	1916	1931	1946	2001
Birmingham Snow Hill dep	1651	1705	1721	1735	1751	1805	1821	1835	1851	1905	1921	1935	1951
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- This proved that the stopping pattern between Smethwick Galton Bridge and Kidderminster could be swapped without any changes to the times of services at any other stations along the line.

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- West Midlands Trains took our proposals seriously and performed their own investigations
- These proved that the changes would have no impact on the reliability of the May 2023 timetable.
- These also proved that the advantages of the revised timetable outweighed the disadvantages.
- We would like to thank Mike Hoptroff and Warren Stephens at West Midlands Trains for their support in getting the changes introduced in the June 2024 timetable.



THE FUTURE

Stourbridge Line User Group still has a number of concerns that it would like to see addressed

- Restoring the rail link between Stourbridge Junction and Brierley Hill
- Outstanding issues with the May 2023 timetable in the Worcester area
- Improvements to Sunday services
- Improved connections at Smethwick Galton Bridge including a restoration of the direct link to Birmingham International
- Disruption to services, especially at weekends, due to “short-term sickness”
- In the longer term, to support the aspirations of Worcestershire Country County and West Midlands Rail Executive for an hourly through service between Stourbridge Junction and London Paddington via the North Cotswold Line.



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