



The Red Arrows in flight - Cosford Air Show 2009 - Credit: William Warby (<https://www.flickr.com/photos/wwarby/>)

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Additional trains for Cosford Air Show this weekend

West Midlands Railway will be putting on additional train services this Sunday (9 June) for visitors to the annual Cosford Air Show.

It comes just weeks after the train operator introduced hourly Sunday train services on the route between Shrewsbury, Wolverhampton and Birmingham.

Most trains throughout the day will be formed of four carriages, to maximise capacity on services to and from the event. Additional railway staff will also

be on hand throughout the day to assist visitors.

RAF Cosford is just a few minutes walk from Cosford railway station, where hourly West Midlands Railway services will be supplemented by Transport for Wales services throughout the day.

Additional West Midlands Railway services will operate:

- Departing from Cosford towards Birmingham at 1530, 1644, 1753
- Departing from Cosford towards Shrewsbury at 1446, 1612, 1720

Anyone travelling to or from the event by train is advised to plan their journey in advance at westmidlandsrailway.co.uk and prepare for services to be busier than usual.

A queuing system will also be in place at Cosford station to keep people moving smoothly through the station.

Richard Brooks, customer experience director at West Midlands Railway, said: "Cosford Air Show is one of the country's top aviation events, attracting thousands of spectators of all ages every year. Travelling to the event by train is a great option for visitors, so we have worked hard to maximise both capacity and the number of additional services we can operate to and from RAF Cosford again this year.

"We introduced regular Sunday services between Shrewsbury and Birmingham last month, which have been popular with passengers who now have more options for travelling by train at weekends."

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- **London Northwestern Railway** services operate between Liverpool and Birmingham, and on the West Coast mainline to and from London Euston.
- **West Midlands Railway** services operate to destinations across the West Midlands via Birmingham New Street.

For more information on these services visit westmidlandsrailway.co.uk or londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk

The West Midlands Trains franchise started on 10 December 2017 and will run until 2025/26.

West Midlands Trains operates 1,300 services a day, manages 150 stations and provides over 70 million passenger journeys a year. Over the course of the franchise, West Midlands Trains will be investing £1 billion into the rail network to deliver new trains, improved routes and station upgrades. This will include 400 new train carriages across the network and space for an extra 85,000 passengers into Birmingham and London at peak times.

The franchise is a joint venture between Abellio (70.1% share) and East Japan Railway Company / Mitsui & Co., Ltd (29.9% share in a 50:50 split). Abellio is the international passenger transport subsidiary of the Dutch national railway company, Nederlandse Spoorwegen. In the UK, Abellio operates ScotRail and Greater Anglia train services, Merseyrail services in a joint venture with Serco and buses through Abellio London. For more information visit www.abellio.com

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