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London Northwestern Railway passengers to benefit from advance fares up to an hour before departure

London Northwestern Railway passengers are now able to purchase reducedprice tickets up to one hour before departure on some routes.

Passengers travelling to and from stations between Birmingham, Northampton and London Euston, can benefit from advance fares, even if they plan their journey at short notice. Previously, advance purchase tickets were only available up to two hours before a service was due to depart.

Andy Camp, commercial director for London Northwestern Railway, said: "We know that passengers often choose to travel at very short notice, and we want to be able to offer better value fares to these customers. Where we have unsold advance tickets still available for services, these tickets will remain available until an hour before the train leaves. There are plenty of great value journeys available across our network to and from destinations such as Birmingham, Coventry, Northampton, Milton Keynes and London Euston.

Tickets will be available online, via the London Northwestern Railway App and at station ticket offices.

For more information on advance tickets go to londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk

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About West Midlands Trains

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West Midlands Trains operates both West Midlands Railway and London Northwestern Railway services.

- **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<u>westmidlandsrailway.co.uk</u> or <u>londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk</u> 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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