



Storm Dennis - flooding affecting rail routes

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Rail routes affected by Storm Dennis

Flooding is affecting several rail routes around the West Midlands. West Midlands Railway and London Northwestern Railway are advising passengers to check before strating their journeys as rising water levels continue to block train lines.

Currently the following locations and lines are disrupted due to flooding:

- Bromsgrove: no rail service to/from Hereford.
- Hamstead: no rail service to/from Walsall and Rugeley.
- Wellington: no rail service to/from Shrewsbury.
- Wood End: no rail service Whitlocks End/Stratford-upon-Avon

Bus replacement services are in place but these are limited as roads are also affected by the stormy weather and flooding.

Any passenger who decides not to travel today will be able to use their ticket on Monday.

Some journeys will take longer than normal due to the impact of Storm Dennis. Passengers delayed 15 minutes or more are encouraged to claim delay repay compensation via the train companies' websites.

Passengers can visit www.wmr.uk/plan and www.lnr.uk/plan for the latest travel information.

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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 80 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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