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West Midlands Trains on board at annual Fillongley Show

Visitors to this year's Fillongley Show will have the chance to win free rail travel. The agricultural community has partnered with West Midlands Trains to stage the event, which takes place at Fillongley Showground on Sunday 12 August.

There will be five 'family scratch card' packs up for grabs as part of the offering for winners of a treasure hunt and various prize draws. These packs

will contain free tickets for up to five people to travel on West Midlands Railway or London Northwestern Railway services.

The train operator's brand colours will also be on display across the showground, with orange, purple, green and grey wristbands being issued to visitors on arrival.

Main attractions at the show will include a jousting display from the 'Knights of Nottingham' and child motorbike stunt riders 'The Imps'. There will also be a climbing wall for children along with face painting, circus acts and a range of other activities.

West Midlands Trains is also promoting the station adoption scheme through the event. Station adopters are volunteers who help to brighten up their local stations through planters, art work and many other initiatives. The train operator also invites local groups to use its station buildings as community spaces.

Fay Easton, head of stakeholder and community engagement for West Midlands Railway said: "The show is a key event on the local calendar and a fantastic opportunity to support the communities we serve.

"We also want to reach out to local groups who may be interested in our station adoption scheme. We've seen stations across our network transformed by the input of adopters over the past few years. Their work has improved the overall experience for customers and has given local communities a real sense of pride in their area."

About Fillongley Agricultural Show

The 94th Fillongley Agricultural Show takes place on Sunday 12th August from 08:30 until 17:00. Gates open at 09:00.

Tickets are available to buy online in advance at www.fillongleyshow.org.uk/tickets/ or at the gate.

Station Adoption

For more information on station adoption, please contact Fay Easton at fay.easton@wmtrains.co.uk

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About West Midlands Trains

West Midlands Trains Ltd. will be running the West Midlands rail franchise from 10 December 2017 until 2025/6. Abellio has a 70.1% share of the company, East Japan Railway Company (JRE) and Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (Mitsui) own the remaining 29.9% in a 50:50 split.

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