



West Midlands Railway

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Another 170 ticketless travellers receive penalty fares at Birmingham stations

A further 170 ticketless rail travellers were hit with penalty fares in Birmingham this week following a similar clampdown last month where more than 200 people were fined.

Revenue officers from West Midlands Railway and London Northwestern Railway teamed up with counterparts from Chiltern Railways and British Transport Police for the operation.

The 170 tickets were issued to travellers at Moor Street, Snow Hill, Jewellery

Quarter and Smethwick Galton Bridge on Wednesday 11 September. A further four people were referred for prosecution.

Steven Fisher, head of on board experience for West Midlands Railway, said: "Despite our successful revenue operation at New Street last month we have continued to receive reports of fare evasion in the city. This week our team staged another clampdown to reassure fare-paying passengers that we are continuing to take tough action against ticketless travel on our network.

"The message is clear - if you do not buy a ticket before travelling from a station where ticket-buying facilities are available you may be issued with a penalty fare. Our staff are on the network every day to support the 97% of passengers who always have a valid ticket before travelling."

Last month [more than 200 tickets](#) were issued at Birmingham New Street in a cross-industry clampdown.

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 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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