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London Northwestern Railway getting set for Commonwealth Games

Stations in Birmingham have started their Commonwealth Games preparation ahead of a huge summer of sport in the West Midlands.

Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games branding has been put up across New Street, Moor Street and Snow Hill stations to be ready for the Games – and passengers are being urged to be Games-ready too.

More than a million extra passenger journeys are predicted during the 12 days of the Games and Birmingham's rail network, including London Northwestern Railway trains which serve Birmingham New Street, will

provide a hub for journeys. Services will welcome regional, national and international sports fans to the West Midlands.

To get ready for the Games, passengers should be prepared for trains and stations to be busy throughout the Commonwealth Games, to plan their journeys, check before they travel and allow extra time as queuing systems may be in use.

The Commonwealth Games logo and branding will help kick-start the excitement for passengers and spectators ahead of arriving at sports venues, and teams of station staff and volunteers will be on hand to provide everyone with a warm welcome to the city.

Patrick Power, head of customer strategy and performance for Network Rail's Central route, said:

“With just 30 days to go until the opening ceremony, seeing the Commonwealth Games branding in these stations is really increasing anticipation and excitement levels.

“We are working hard to make sure the railway is Games-ready and are encouraging passengers to be prepared too so everyone can really enjoy this once in a lifetime summer of sport.”

Trains and stations across the West Midlands are expected to be very busy during the Games. As well as the three main stations in Birmingham, stations outside Birmingham city centre - including Birmingham International, Perry Barr, University and Leamington Spa – are expected to be much busier too.

Passengers can get the latest travel information and plan their journeys using operators' websites or at www.nationalrail.co.uk

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