

West Midlands Railway

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West Midlands Railway: Passengers urged to check journeys ahead of timetable change

West Midlands Railway is urging passengers to check their journeys ahead of a significant timetable change coming into effect later this month.

From Sunday 11 December departure times and frequencies on some routes will change as part of a national twice-yearly timetable change.

Jonny Wiseman, WMR customer experience director, said: "These changes

have been carefully planned to provide a more reliable, robust timetable for our customers.

"On some routes the new timetable will mean departure times have changed significantly so I am urging our customers to check their journeys carefully to avoid being left behind."

Among the changes are:

- Significant retiming on routes including Birmingham-Shrewsbury, Walsall-Wolverhampton (via Birmingham) and Nuneaton-Leamington to provide a more robust service
- The introduction of a new half-hourly service between Birmingham New Street-Northampton-London Euston (operated by WMR's sister company London Northwestern Railway)
- A new 'clock-face' timetable with departures from Birmingham New Street to Walsall and Tame Bridge Parkway every 15 minutes
- Increased connections between Rugeley Trent Valley and Birmingham International

Full details of the timetable changes are available at <u>www.wmr.uk/december</u>

Passengers are also being reminded that industrial action is expected to disrupt services in the first week following the timetable change (w/c Dec 12). See www.wmr.uk/industrialaction for details.

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 Main Line to and from London Euston. **West Midlands Railway** services operate to destinations across the West Midlands via Birmingham New Street and Birmingham Snow Hill.

For more information on these services visit<u>westmidlandsrailway.co.uk</u> or <u>londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk</u>

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