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Improved train information

Real-time train departure and arrival information is now available on the Esk Valley Railway website. Simply follow the link from the home page and then select your station. You can also access the information whilst on the move using a smart phone - follow the "**Live departures for Mobile**" link at the top of the home page.



This will be invaluable for passengers during times of service disruption, especially during bad weather. It will also be very useful for school train passengers with access to mobile phones.

This is the culmination of collaborative work between Northern, EVRDC and Envoy Web Design to provide access to the GPS screen information for as many passengers as possible. We thank Northern for providing the funding for this. We believe it is a huge step forward in customer information provision on an unstaffed remote rural line.

Real-time travel information page:
[>>](http://www.eskvalleyrailway.co.uk/live)

Timetable change from 11 December 2011

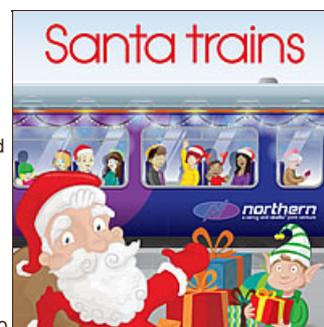
The 16.05 service departing from Whitby will be recast to 16.00 from 11 December 2011 to improve the connections at Middlesbrough for onward journeys to Newcastle. North Yorkshire County Council's Education Department has been informed in advance of the changes. Students will also no doubt welcome the shorter waiting time at Whitby.

The new winter timetable will be online shortly

[View timetables online>>](#)

Santa Shoppers

These services will run on **Saturdays in December, 3, 10 and 17** by staff with help from Santa himself! We will be on the 12.41 departing from Whitby and the 14.16 departing from Middlesbrough, with promotional freebies donated by Northern, along with the usual gifts. Normal fares apply. Dogs go free. Duo ticket will also apply.



We had very good feedback from last year's passengers on the great value for money and festive atmosphere.

[Visit the events page for full details>>](#)

Glaisdale signal box

Having been awarded £25,550 from LEADER and £5,000 from the Railway Heritage Trust towards the refurbishment of the signal Box

and Platelayers Shed at Glaisdale, we are still awaiting clearance from Network Rail.



If you would like to volunteer to help with this or any other station or for events along the Esk Valley, please contact EVRDC.

[Watch a short film about the Glaisdale signal box>>](#)

Adopt a station

There are volunteers in the community who provide an extremely valuable service by 'adopting' their local station. All adoptees need to register with Northern and complete a basic safety course. The photograph shows volunteers at Egton Station.



The Lealholm Station Adoption Group has been looking after the station garden there for ten years and take a pride in keeping it beautifully maintained. This is important for Northern as the volunteers can also report any concerns before they reach a critical level.

Anyone interested in forming a group to adopt their local station should contact EVRDC enquiries@eskvalleyrailway.co.uk

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