



ESK VALLEY RAILWAY PASSENGERS' NEWSLETTER

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Bus Replacement Service Update

**Saturday 2 June to Friday 15th June
Buses replace trains for fourteen days**

Trains will continue to be replaced by bus services. Non-stop bus services will run between Middlesbrough and Whitby and other buses and minibuses will call at stations in the Esk Valley. A separate school bus service has been arranged direct from station to school.



APOLOGY TO RAIL PASSENGERS IN THE ESK VALLEY

Network Rail is issuing a full apology to all the rail passengers who would normally have used Northern Rail's Esk Valley train services. Essential works to replace four old bridges along this line are progressing well but are taking longer than originally planned, resulting in the line staying closed for a few more days.

An issue with a nesting bird caused delay to the start of works on one bridge but further aggravating factors including structural issues, poor weather conditions and difficulties with a crane have delayed the completion of the works. The line will now reopen at 0600 on Saturday 16 June.

Phil Verster, route managing director for Network Rail, said: "I apologise unreservedly to everyone who has been inconvenienced by the extended programme. We are very aware of the disruption this extension of the works is causing to Northern Rail's passengers and to the local community. We are making every effort to complete the works in a safe manner and as quickly as possible.

"We are working closely with Northern Rail to ensure that alternative road transport is made available to minimise the impact on passengers."

Network Rail is replacing four bridges on the Middlesbrough to Whitby line – Duck, Danby, Thorneywaite and Carr End. The decision to extend work rather than to stop and come back at a later date was made in order to minimise disruption to local residents and passengers as it would have taken longer and been considerably more disruptive to demobilise the site and come back at another time than to extend the works.

Network Rail is completing essential improvements to four bridges on the Esk Valley Railway that links Middlesbrough to Whitby. The £2 million package of work will make sure the bridges are fit for purpose for many years, allowing a safe and reliable train service.

Details of the revised timetable, including the school bus replacement, are available from the Esk Valley Railway website Homepage and also on Northern's website.

Trains that normally start and terminate at Nunthorpe (to and from Newcastle and Hexham) are not directly affected by the work, however please check before you travel as there may be some changes to train times.



[Esk Valley Railway Website Homepage>>](#)

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

Music Train Season starts 6th July

The Music Train commences again on 6th July with the following lineup of musicians:

Friday 6 July - Railroad Hobos
Friday 13 July - Buffalo Skinners
Friday 20 July - Railroad Hobos
Friday 27 July - Buffalo Skinners
Friday 3 August - Railroad Hobos
Friday 10 August - ReelDeel
Friday 17 August - Tim Appleyard
Friday 24 August - Railroad Hobos
Friday 31 August - Tim Appleyard

and finally the Goth/Halloween weekend:

Friday 2 November - Railroad Hobos

There will also be an extra late night service on **Monday 20 August** (Regatta Weekend) leaving Whitby at 22.25. There will be no live music or refreshments on this service.



The Summer timetable is now online.

[View timetables online >>](#)

The dates for the 2012 Summer Music Train

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

Come and Meet us at the Agricultural Shows

We will be at the following shows this year:

Danby Show: Wednesday 15th August

Egton Show: Wednesday 22nd August



**Esk Valley Railway AGM Thursday 21
June at the Coliseum Whitby from 12.30
to 13.30**

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