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Station Improvements

Commondale

We are widening the path through the field from the road down to the station and changing the gate latches so that they can be used by those in motorised wheelchairs. Many thanks to [Beyond Boundaries](#) for their assistance. Northern have agreed to improve the access into the shelter on the platform where a great new art installation by Local Artist Debbie Mahaffey will be unveiled to coincide with the Commondale Art Festival 29th May to 4th June.



Glaisdale – the toilets at Glaisdale station will be re-opened! Northern Railway have kindly agreed to refurbish the toilets.

Whitby – the planning application for the netting at Whitby station has been approved so work can now start so we hope to have the pigeon issue resolved soon.

Travel contacts

TrainTracker

National Rail Enquiries
0871 200 49 50

Esk Valley live arrival and departure times for all stations

[Visit mobile-friendly webpage](#)

Traveline

0871 200 22 33
Daily 7am to 9pm

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Tour de Yorkshire



It's back again – this time it passes through **Sleights**, **Ruswarp** and **Whitby** so why not try the train to get to one of these stations and get a good viewing point. See the updated [Esk Valley Railway Outings](#) page for more details

[More about Tour de Yorkshire >>](#)

Real Music, Real Ale, Real Fun!

We are delighted to announce the return of the popular Esk Valley Railway Friday night music and real ale train every Friday through June, July and August!



The music train leaves Whitby at 19:18 and returns from Middlesbrough at 20:49, getting back into Whitby at 22:20. An additional service will then return to Middlesbrough, leaving Whitby at 22:25 and arriving at Middlesbrough 23:51.

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The first of the season will be on **Friday 2nd June**. [Steve Chapman Smith](#) will be our guest musician. He is from Barnsley. He has recorded four John Peel sessions with Red Lorry Yellow Lorry and Ghostdance. Steve will be playing guitar and singing a mix of covers and his own compositions.



The bar is being run by Andrew Waller of the [Station Inn](#), Whitby, and will be serving 'bright' real ale from the [Whitby Brewery](#), wines and soft drinks. We are very grateful to Andrew who, together with Northern Railway and North Yorkshire Moors Railway, are funding a splendid selection of musicians for your entertainment this summer. A great way of showing how, under all new management, we are working together for a better future for both the railways.

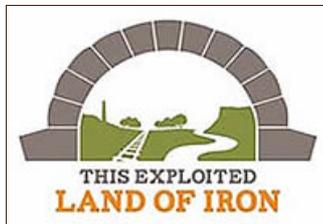


So no extra charge – just an ordinary fare to sit back and enjoy a social evening of music and fun.

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This Exploited Land of Iron

North York Moors National Park have received funding to protect and conserve some of the most iconic ironstone monuments and to work with land managers to nurture the natural environment that has reclaimed these spaces.



Watch out for events on this newly funded project. From tree planting and guided walks to 3D- modelling workshops and local history events.

[Read more about the Land of Iron events >>](#)

Customer Information Screens

You may wonder why the GPRS train information system on the station platform is so often not working. Well, the signal is transmitted from the trains but some of the older trains don't have the system fitted.



The trains are undergoing refurbishment and not all the current stock have the GPRS capability fitted, but as they are refurbished, train information should improve.

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Station Adopters: More Welcome

If you would like to join an existing group in helping keep your local station looking tidy or have any ideas for station improvements, please contact [Marie Addison](#) at Northern Railway.



Sunday Service: Still Good News

The franchise commitment by Northern Railway was to operate a year round Sunday Service by the end of



2017. Rather than have a hiatus between the end of the summer service at the end of October and the end of December, we lobbied for the service to continue from the end of October and Northern Railway agreed to do just that."

Use the [Esk Valley Outings website](#) to plan your Sunday trips on the train.



[View Sunday train times >>](#)

Esk Valley Railcard

Is your Esk Valley Railcard coming up for renewal?

[Download a form here.](#)

If you live in the Hambleton, Scarborough or Ryedale Districts of North Yorkshire, or in the Boroughs of Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland or Stockton, you are eligible for an Esk Valley Railcard.

Still only £10

for all these benefits:



- A third off the standard fare for residents traveling on the Esk Valley Railway.
- Discounts on train tickets between Whitby and Middlesbrough.
- A Residents' Railcard offers a third off normal adult train fares. Up to 4 accompanying under-16s can travel at a third off the normal child fare.
- The Residents' Railcard price is only £10 for one year.
- Also valid on the North York Moors Railway

[Download the Esk Valley Railcard form >>](#)

What's on along the line?

If you are planning an event in Whitby or along the Esk Valley line, tell us about it and we will publicise it on the website.

Email us on trythetrain@eskvalleyrailway.co.uk or send us a tweet to [@EVRDC](https://twitter.com/EVRDC).

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