



# ESK VALLEY RAILWAY PASSENGERS' NEWSLETTER

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### It's Official! We are in the Top Ten

The Esk Valley line was quoted in the *Telegraph* as being one of the 'top ten romantic rail journeys in Britain' (Saturday March 8th 2014).

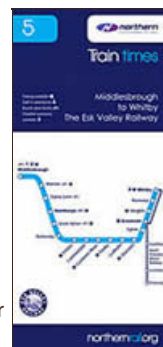


*'In the shadow of Middlesbrough's majestic transporter bridge, trains leave from beside the station's hammerbeam booking-hall roof to saunter through the North York Moors National Park, past villages straight out of Heartbeat. Booted walkers stride out from Great Ayton station to Roseberry Topping and handsome gabled stations still stand on the route along Eskdale, each the start of glorious walks. The line then descends to Whitby's dramatically situated harbour'.*

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### Sunday Service + New Timetables

We are delighted to announce that once again Northern will be running a **Sunday service between Whitby and Middlesbrough from 30th March until 2nd November**. With no bus services in the Northern Area of the National Park, this service is all the more essential for residents and visitors to explore the countryside using sustainable public transport.



Ultimately, we are working towards a year round Sunday service. Letters of support would be greatly appreciated. Please forward your comments to [enquiries@eskvalleyrailway.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@eskvalleyrailway.co.uk)

[Visit the timetable page to view and download the new timetable >>](#)

### James Cook Station

Due to open in May.

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work is rapidly moving along. Sixteen services will be introduced between Middlesbrough and Nunthorpe. Between Nunthorpe and Whitby there will be no change, however, unless funding can be found. Support from the community would be really helpful in our campaign for a better service on this section of the route.



You can [follow the pictorial progress on our blog](#).

[Find out more about James Cook station >>](#)

## Second Platform at Whitby

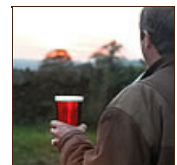
Work has recently started on the second platform after the site was cleared and the old signalling replaced. The track bed planters had to be removed also. For many years these planters have been a feature of the station and admired by the community. The plants were provided by Northern. However, with the help and support of Network Rail, we have now managed to recycle the majority of plants and planters.



The new track is being assembled in the Network Rail compound before being lifted by crane in situ. The foundations for the platform extension are also well under way. This work is being carried out by Construction Marine Ltd on behalf of Network Rail, the owners of the line. Network Rail has contributed £850,000 towards the cost of this project which was funded through a Coastal Communities application by NYMR. It will be delivered to the same high standard as the rest of the national network. The completion date is due by mid July 2014. The second platform will enable more services, including Charter trains, to access the station.

## Summer Music and Ale Trains 2014

We are commencing a little earlier this year to take advantage of the lighter evenings, for passengers to appreciate fully the idyllic countryside throughout the route.



The musical line up for this year's music and ale trains will be as follows:

- Friday 20th June: **Railroad Hobos**
- Friday 27th June: **Savage Myrtles**
- Friday 4th July: **Neil Robertson**
- Friday 11th July: **Railroad Hobos**
- Friday 18th July: **Chris Parkinson and Alistair Russell**
- Friday 25th July: **Railroad Hobos**
- Friday 1st August: **Savage Myrtles**
- Friday 8th August: **Railroad Hobos**
- Friday 15th August: **Savage Myrtles**
- Friday 31st October (Halloween): **Railroad Hobos**

We will be serving real ale supplied by **Conquest Brewery**. If you wish to alight at one of the villages for a meal, please

do remember to book in advance.

[Find out more about the summer evening service](#)

### Esk Valley Railcard 2014

This railcard is unique to our line and has remained at the same price for a long while now. To simplify the process of issue and renewal, a **flat rate price of £10.00 is being introduced for new and existing cardholders** this year. This



information will be posted on our website. Unfortunately, the hard copy timetables will still reflect the old price until the new May timetable.

This represents great value for money as it entitles the holder to a **third off the standard fares on the Esk Valley route between Middlesbrough and Whitby**. You can obtain this card from Whitby, Redcar, Scarborough, Middlesbrough, Thornaby or Northallerton ticket offices. Alternatively, you can send a cheque to EVRDC.

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