



ESK VALLEY RAILWAY PASSENGERS' NEWSLETTER



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We would like to wish all our subscribers and rail users a Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2017

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

North Yorkshire Public Transport Information
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Train times over the holidays

If you are using the train over the festive week please note:

Christmas Eve:
Friday 24th December:
Normal Service

Christmas Day & Boxing Day:
Sunday 25th December and Monday 26th December:
No Service

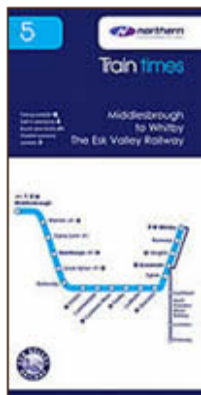
Tuesday 27th December to 31st December:
Normal Service

New Year's Day:
Sunday 1st January:
No Service

Tuesday 2nd January:
Normal Service

Please note we are now on the **new timetable** which is valid until 20 May 2017.

Available [here](#) or to download the No. 5 Timetable [Full](#) or [Mini](#).



[Timetable page on the website >>](#)

Increased use of the Esk Valley Line

Figures for the year to April 2016 show a **10% increase** (an extra 15,000 journeys) in overall passenger numbers along the Esk Valley line.

The station with the highest increase was James Cook Hospital (+36%).

Sleights saw the largest reduction in use with an 18% fall. The figures, which are from the Office for Rail & Road (ORR) exclude Middlesbrough as it is not a Northern owned station.



[Find out about outings on the line >>](#)

Real-time train information aims to increase train use to James Cook Hospital

Northern Railway are planning to install a real-time train information system at the **South Entrance of the Hospital** and are working with Esk Valley Railway to promote train-use with staff, visitors and out-patient appointments to help alleviate parking problems.



Local GP Surgeries have been sent new timetables and information leaflets.

[More about James Cook Hospital Station >>](#)

Responses to "Stop or Not?"

In our [September newsletter](#) we asked the question whether the trains should skip stations to help improve the line speed. The responses we received were a resounding "no" to missing out any stations.

The Board will therefore propose to Northern that the commuter service starts off stopping at all stations. Thank you for your input.



Station adopters - more welcome

To those who have applied, thank you for your help so far and please bear with us. Safety training will start to be rolled out in the New Year.

We would welcome more applicants to become station adopters – your group needs to be at least two people and you will get northern railway passes, once your safety training has been completed.



We are still looking for volunteers for the following Stations:

- Grosmont,
- Lealholm,
- Kildale
- Whitby.

To apply please contact our Regional Stakeholder Manager Pete Myers pete.myers@northernrailway.co.uk

What's on along the line?



Danby Moors Centre

Artist Advent

Brigantia's artists and craftworkers showcase the very best in a variety of artwork.

Until 22nd January. Week-ends only.

[Find out more >>](#)

Whitby Pavilion Films & Events

Try the train for the Matinees between now and New Year.

- [Arrival](#) (12a)
- [Fantastic Beast and Where to Find Them](#) (12a)
- [Sing Along Frozen](#) (PG)
- [Sing Along West Side Story](#) (PG)
- [Moana](#) (PG)
- [Allied](#) (15)
- [Santa's Christmas Party](#)
- [Magic Mike's Christmas Special](#)

If you are planning an event in Whitby or along the Esk Valley line in 2017, 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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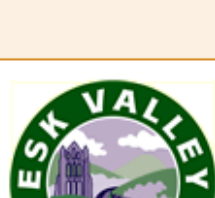


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