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Passengers urged to check journeys this weekend as Storm Dennis arrives

Passengers travelling on West Midlands Railway (WMR) and London Northwestern Railway (LNR) this weekend are being urged to check their journeys with Storm Dennis expected to bring high winds to the UK.

With some areas of land already saturated and tree branches weakened following last weekend's Storm Ciara, some disruption is possible across the WMR and LNR networks.

Last weekend Network Rail deployed dozens of engineers to remove fallen trees and other debris from the railway, repair damaged overhead wires and

recover sections of flooded track.

Extra maintenance teams are again being readied across the West Midlands and along the West Coast Main Line for Storm Dennis, which is expected to last across Saturday and Sunday.

Passengers can visit www.wmr.uk/plan and www.lnr.uk/plan for the latest travel information.

About West Midlands Trains

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West Midlands Trains operates both West Midlands Railway and London Northwestern Railway services.

- **London Northwestern Railway** services operate between Liverpool and Birmingham, and on the West Coast mainline to and from London Euston.
- **West Midlands Railway** services operate to destinations across the West Midlands via Birmingham New Street.

For more information on these services visit westmidlandsrailway.co.uk or londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk

The West Midlands Trains franchise started on 10 December 2017 and will run until 2025/26.

West Midlands Trains operates 1,300 services a day, manages 150 stations and provides over 80 million passenger journeys a year. Over the course of the franchise, West Midlands Trains will be investing £1 billion into the rail network to deliver new trains, improved routes and station upgrades. This will include 400 new train carriages across the network and space for an extra 85,000 passengers into Birmingham and London at peak times.

The franchise is a joint venture between Abellio (70.1% share) and East Japan Railway Company / Mitsui & Co., Ltd (29.9% share in a 50:50 split). Abellio is the international passenger transport subsidiary of the Dutch national railway company, Nederlandse Spoorwegen. In the UK, Abellio operates ScotRail and Greater Anglia train services, Merseyrail services in a joint venture with Serco and buses through Abellio London. For more information visit www.abellio.com

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