



Storm Dennis - advice for rail users

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Storm Dennis update and advice to rail users

West Midlands Railway and London Northwestern Railway are advising passengers to check before they travel tomorrow morning and allow more time for their journeys as Storm Dennis continues to affect the rail network. Flooding continues to affect services and road access to some stations.

The lines from Birmingham to Shrewsbury and Hereford (via Bromsgrove) have now reopened as flood water has receded. However services between

Birmingham and Rugeley Trent Valley (via Walsall) and Stratford upon Avon to Whitlocks End are still suspended.

Services to and from the North West of England are severely disrupted due to damage to overhead power lines near Stafford and Runcorn.

A spokesperson for the two train companies said “This is a constantly changing picture so check before you set off and allow more time for your trip. Some journeys are taking longer than normal due to the impact of Storm Dennis and there is a strong chance that Monday morning’s services will be affected also.

“Passengers delayed 15 minutes or more are encouraged to claim delay repay compensation via the train company websites.”

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

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- **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

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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