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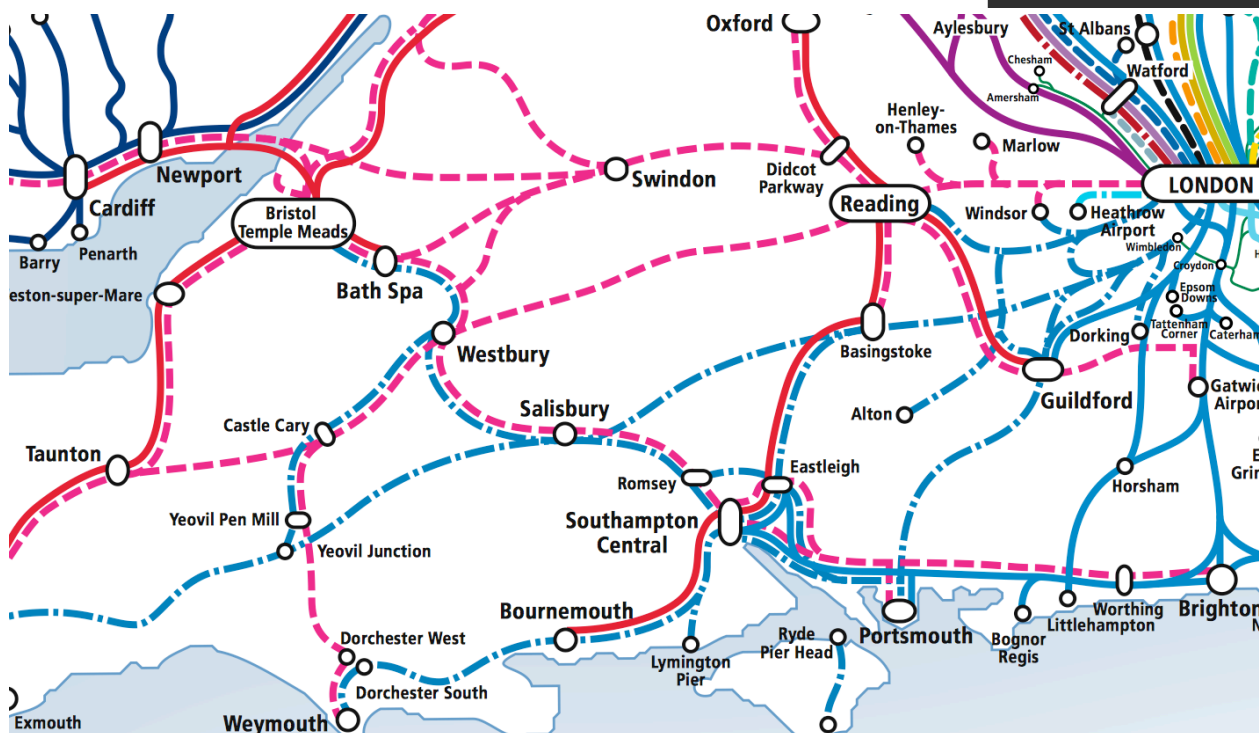


TransWilts

CRP – Designated train service Swindon, Chippenham, Melksham, Trowbridge, Westbury.

CIC – Journeys to, from and within Wiltshire

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In 2010



2 trains Mon-Fri

2 trains Sat

2/1 trains Sun

18,000/3000 journeys annually

In 2014



8 trains Mon-Fri

8 trains Sat

6/5 trains Sun

180,000/45,000 journeys annually

Current data



239,000 journeys on unique single track section

60,676 ticket journeys to / from / through Melksham

In 2018 ?



9 trains Mon-Fri

8 trains Sat

7/6 trains Sun

270,000/75,000 journeys in the year

Future



Where are we headed?

Melksham population 26,000

Wilts towns train journeys per head 17

700,000/442,000 journeys ?

Yes – that IS more than 100-fold on Melksham

How?



Further growth in numbers needs

- * More capacity on each train
- * More trains
- * Higher capacity to from and at Melksham Station

These things are planned



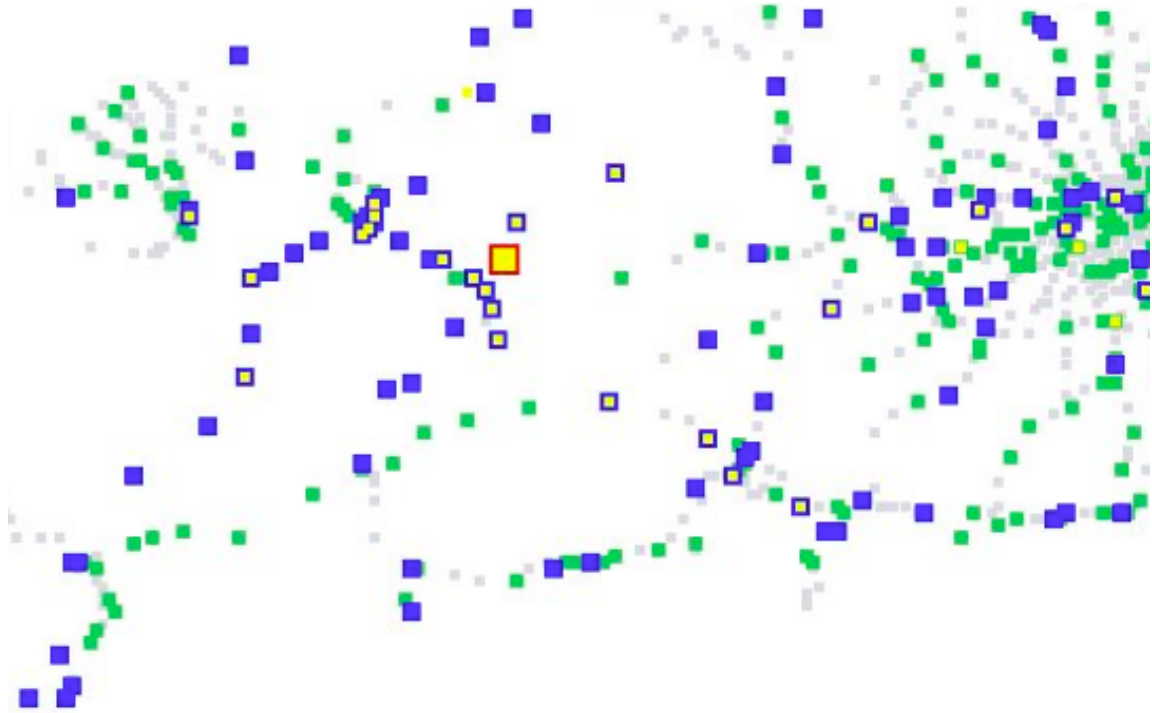
Will be helped by

- * Reliability up to GWR contracted level
- * Reduced fare avoidance / evasion
- * More through journey opportunities
- * Better Station environment



Survey by TransWilts volunteers 19,21,22 October 2017
(Melksham Specific) confirms

- long journeys
- more trains wanted
- better passenger information needed
- desire for easier access to station



Next months

Sunday morning to Swindon all year
Ticket Barriers at Chippenham
Two car trains all day every
Buses to Melksham Station (probable)
Three car platform at Melksham

Bus / train – 2018?



Swi	MKM	MKM	K-B	OakFG	MKM	MKM	Swi
06:12	06:38	06:40	06:54	06:58	07:14	07:20	07:48
						07:49	08:19
08:49	09:15	09:17	09:34	09:38	09:55	10:04	10:34
		10:17	10:34	10:38	10:55		
10:47	11:13	11:17	11:34	11:38	11:55	12:03	12:36
						12:36	13:05
		12:17	12:34	12:38	12*52		
12:47	13:13						
13:19	13:47	13:47	14:08	14:04	14:25	14:30	15:04
		14:47		15:04	15*18		
15:12	15:39	15:50	16:10	16:06	16:25	16:37	17:06
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17:36	18:03	18:11	18:31	18:27	18:42	18:48	19:23
18:48	19:15						
						19:47	20:21
20:06	20:32						

Further ahead



Evening train

Choice of afternoon commuter train from Swindon

Commuter to Trowbridge / Westbury need

Hourly through train service

Southampton to Swindon and perhaps Oxford

Studies underway



Melksham Masterplan

Wilton Studies

Capacity study

SWR Analysis of Southampton - Swindon corridor

Looking wider - Stations



Westbury

Dilton Marsh

Salisbury

Chippenham

New Stations



Wilton

Royal Wootton Bassett

Corsham

Devizes

Porton

Looking wider - Services



Heart of Wessex (esp. Frome)

Dilton Marsh and Warminster

Berks and Hants

Chippenham to Bristol commuters

Bristol Metro extension

Taunton to Nuneaton

Bristol to Bedford

Looking wider - capacity



Cardiff - Portsmouth
Chippenham - Bath and Bristol
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And Also



Electronic ticketing
Integrated transport
Driverless vehicles

Politics and management:

Franchising - is it still the way
Effect of Brexit



Yesterday's post



"Since I retired in August 2016 I have been working part-time for a small company in Melksham."

"Most of the people I work with live in and around Melksham."



“Virtually none of them were aware of the increased train service.”

“One wasn't even aware that Melksham had a railway station!!!!”

“Another was astounded when I quoted the annual passenger usage figures.”



Conclusion - work in progress

Thank you RailFuture, ACoRP, DfT,
Wiltshire Council, GWR and the community
- volunteers, passengers and ambassadors
- **for your help so far.**

We have a long way to go.

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