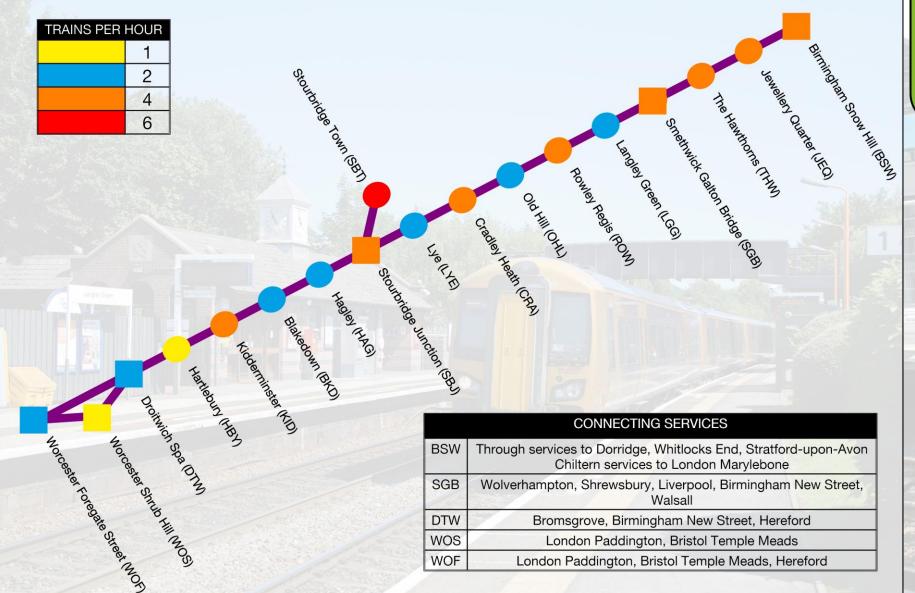


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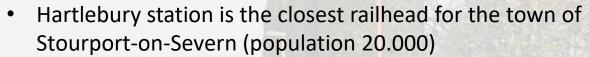


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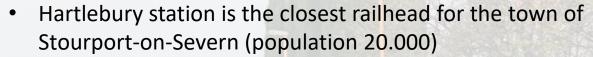


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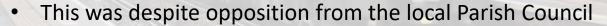








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- December 2021 Token Sunday service on 1 per day in each direction introduced – the first Sunday service since 1964
- May 2023 Sunday service every 2 hours

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THE GOOD NEWS?

Chiltern railways told us at our Public Meeting in May that, subject to DfT approval, one Saturday morning service will be reinstated in December and an increase in service and a return to Kidderminster is planned from 2025 onwards.



- The Snow Hill lines timetable was completely recast in May 2023.
- An increase in the number of diagrams from 13 to 15 allowed increased wait times at destination stations and greatly improved reliability of the services on the line.
- The new timetable saw services to/from Worcester Foregate Street call at Langley Green, Old Hill and Lye with one train per hour operating via Worcester Shrub Hill.
 Services to/from Kidderminster called at Hagley and Blakedown.
- This meant that the Worcestershire villages of Hagley and Blakedown lost off-peak through services to/from Worcester.
- Stourbridge Line User Group was contacted by irate members and asked if it could do something to reverse this.
- We produced a full alternative timetable which we sent to West Midlands Rail Executive and West Midlands Trains for consideration.



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Smethwick Galton Bridge		1306	1321	1336	1351	1406	1421	1436	1451	1506	1521	1536	1551	1608	1621
The Hawthorns		1308	1323	1338	1353	1408	1423	1438	1453	1508	1523	1538	1553	1610	1623
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Yardley Wood		****	1353	****	1423		1453	****	1523		1553		1623		1653
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The Lakes			1407				1507			****	1607		****		1707
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 This proved that the stopping pattern between Smethwick Galton Bridge and Kidderminster could be swapped without any changes to the times of services at any other stations along the line.







- West Midlands Trains took our proposals seriously and performed their own investigations
- These proved that the changes would have no impact on the reliability of the May 2023 timetable.
- These also proved that the advantages of the revised timetable outweighed the disadvantages.
- We would like to thank Mike Hoptroff and Warren Stephens at West Midlands Trains for their support in getting the changes introduced in the June 2024 timetable.



THE FUTURE

Stourbridge Line User Group still has a number of concerns that it would like to see addressed

- Restoring the rail link between Stourbridge Junction and Brierley Hill
- Outstanding issues with the May 2023 timetable in the Worcester area
- Improvements to Sunday services
- Improved connections at Smethwick Galton Bridge including a restoration of the direct link to Birmingham International
- Disruption to services, especially at weekends, due to "short-term sickness"
- In the longer term, to support the aspirations of Worcestershire Country County and West Midlands Rail Executive for an houly through service between Stourbridge Junction and London Paddington via the North Cotswold Line.



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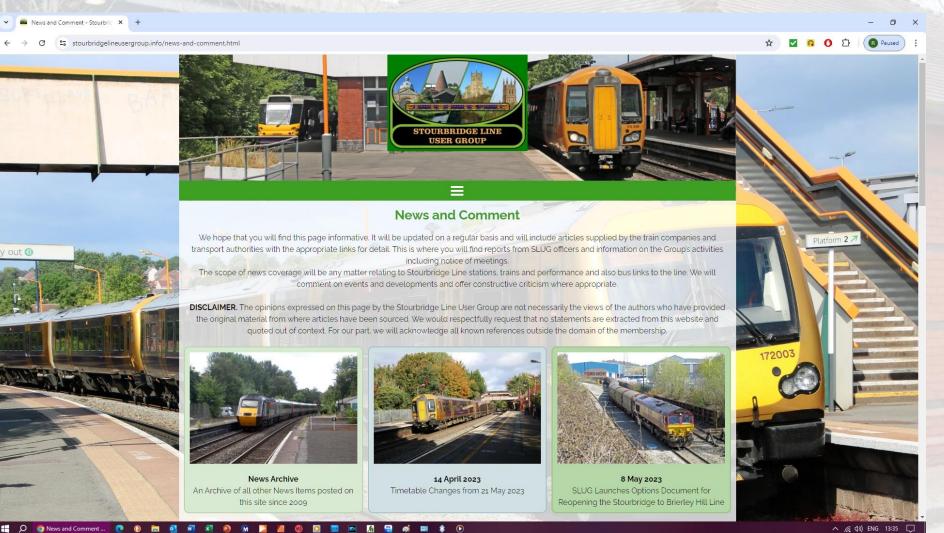
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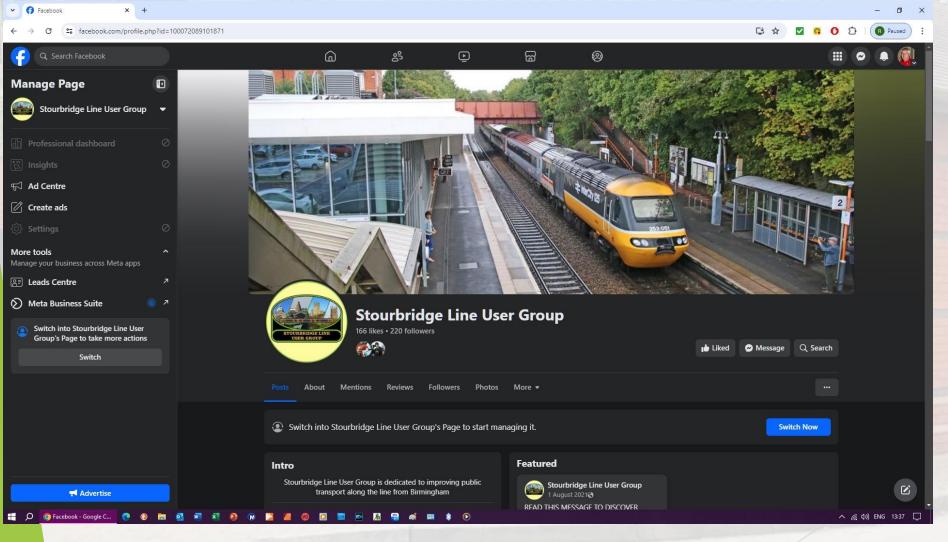


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