

Item 13, Appendix 2: December 2022 rail timetable change summary

In this summary, Sundays are only mentioned if there are any differences from the December 2021 timetable, and/or if any issues associated with the December 2021 timetable are perpetuated here. If no day is mentioned, the service referred to is every working day, i.e. daily except Sundays. “SO” means Saturdays only and “SX” means Mondays to Fridays only.

Northern

General principle: December 2021 services are restored (reversing the reductions made in January and May 2022 due to staff availability). In many cases an identical timetable is proposed for December 2022 as ran in December 2021 (often with a few minutes’ variation – anything less than 5 minutes’ difference is not mentioned here – hence use below of phrase “nearly identical”)

Line / service	Changes in December 2022	Comments
Harrogate	(LNER trains not included – see separate section) Nearly identical to Dec 21 weekdays & Saturdays Sundays: last train changes from 23:16 Leeds – Harrogate to 23:31 – an improvement ➔ Restoration of several missing services, especially in AM and PM peaks	Services remain below pre-Covid levels in standard hours
Wharfedale (Ilkley)	Nearly identical to Dec 21 ➔ Restoration of 2tph on Bradford – Ilkley services	-
Airedale local (Skipton and Bradford Forster Square)	(LNER trains not included – see separate section) As per May 2022, no 06:41 Leeds – Skipton – Carnforth) [see above] Otherwise nearly identical to Dec 21 ➔ Restoration of 2tph on Bradford – Skipton services ➔ Restoration of small number of missing Leeds – Bradford Forster Square services	-
Airedale Settle & Carlisle services	Nearly identical to Dec 21 [Line did not have significant cuts in May 22]	

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Airedale Bentham line services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per May 2022, early Leeds – Carnforth SO (or Skipton – Carnforth SX) remains instead a Bradford F Sq – Carnforth – but has good connections both into it at Shipley and out of it at Carnforth (in both directions). 10:33 SuO Leeds – Lancaster will no longer continue to Morecambe and Heysham. It does however have a connection running at similar times. 13:44 SuO Lancaster – Leeds will no longer start back from Heysham & Morecambe. It does however have a connection (adjacent platform) running at the same times. <p>Otherwise nearly identical to Dec 21. [Line did not have significant reductions in May 22]</p>	-
Calder Valley: (core via Bradford & Halifax)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halifax – Bradford – Leeds – Selby – Hull: restored to 1tph from 0.5tph Additional Wigan N – Manchester Victoria – Calder – Leeds, dep. MCV 22:30/22:36 – via Halifax & Bradford SX; direct (non-stop after Hebden) SO <p>→ May 22 reductions reversed (Halifax – Hull was the only cut made)</p> <p>Nearly identical to Dec 21 on Sundays, with one significant exception:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hourly Sunday Walsden stops move from Leeds – Manchester train to Southport – Todmorden – Blackburn train – meaning one can no longer travel from Walsden to Leeds on Sunday other than with 40' wait 	Walsden issue is a potentially significant negative change and has been raised with Northern
Calder Valley: (Brighouse, Huddersfield, Dewsbury)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bradford – Brighouse – Huddersfield restored to 1tph from 0.5tph Additional later last train Wigan NW – Manchester Victoria – Calder – Brighouse – Leeds, dep. MCV 21:36 <p>→ May 22 reductions reversed</p> <p>Nearly identical to Dec 21 on Sundays.</p>	-
Calder Valley (Todmorden & Burnley)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restored to Dec 21 hourly service <p>→ May 22 reductions reversed (i.e. three missing trains each way restored)</p>	-

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Castleford - Wakefield – Huddersfield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Castleford – Wakefield Kirkgate – Huddersfield “restored” to December 2021 levels, i.e. only 3/day ➔ Restoration of minimal “parliamentary” Castleford – Wakefield – Huddersfield which was wholly withdrawn in May 2022 No Sunday service, as historically	It is hoped that the ongoing issue of the absence of a usable all-day Huddersfield – Wakefield – Castleford service will be resolved May 23 with a new regular (and daily) TPE service, but this has not yet been confirmed.
Penistone Line	Nearly identical to Dec 21 [Line did not have significant cuts in May 22]	As in December 2021, there remains a missing train at around 21:35 from Sheffield to Huddersfield
Wakefield Line: Leeds – Wakefield Westgate – Doncaster / Sheffield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nearly identical to Dec 21 ➔ May 22 reductions reversed (i.e. three missing trains each way Sheffield – Leeds and v.v. restored) 	Some December 2021 issues remain, including regarding services on Saturday evenings out of Leeds towards Doncaster and Sheffield, and Sunday morning timings. Peak-only additional Doncaster trains continue not to run.
Hallam Line: Leeds – Wakefield Kirkgate – Barnsley - Sheffield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadly as per Dec 2021 though many trains’ times change by up to 8’ • Last train 23:02 Leeds – Castleford – Barnsley – Sheffield to become EWD – was previously SX; i.e. last Saturday train 30 minutes later than Dec 21 ➔ Restores 05:54 Leeds – Castleford – Barnsley – Sheffield which was removed in January 2022 	-
Pontefract (both lines)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21:16 Knottingley – Castleford – Leeds restored, addressing Dec 21 issue • 22:47/22:50 Knottingley – Wakefield – Leeds restored, addressing Dec 21 issue • 20:29 Leeds – Wakefield – Knottingley restored, addressing Dec 21 issue • 22:03 Leeds – Castleford – Knottingley restored, addressing Dec 21 issue • 22:50 Leeds – Wakefield – Knottingley restored, addressing Dec 21 issue Otherwise nearly identical to Dec 21 (including no changes on Sundays) ➔ May 2022 reductions on both lines reversed	Significant December 2021 issues continue: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missing c. 06:30 Knottingley – Wakefield – Leeds • Missing c. 07:29 Leeds – Wakefield – Knottingley Also pre-Covid peak-only additional train towards Castleford continues not to run.

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East Leeds line (York & Selby)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some changes to AM-peak stops and times, including shuffling stops between trains, as against December 2021 • Last train (Halifax –) Leeds – York moves later from 23:25/26 to 23:36 EWD • Sunday timetables change again on 19 February (similarly to last winter, though later next year), but this time the changes are much less significant, with the pre-Feb timetable not being that different from after February (last winter there was significant booked bustitution from January). ➔ May 22 reductions reversed (Halifax – Hull was the only cut made) 	Longer-standing issues as shared with Northern, including structure of Leeds – York stopping service
Dearne Valley: Sheffield – Pontefract Baghill - York	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nearly identical to Dec 21 • May 22 reductions reversed (i.e. three missing / partially bustituted trains each way Sheffield – York and v.v. EWD, 2/day Sundays restored) 	-

TransPennine Express (North Trans-Pennine line only)

Principal changes planned are those deriving from the Manchester Recovery Taskforce plans, including...:

- “Swap” between Scarborough and Hull services**...:
 - Scarborough trains will go to Manchester Piccadilly, not Liverpool
 - Hull trains will go through Manchester Victoria to Liverpool
 - The peak-only additional stops at the 4 stations between Huddersfield and Stalybridge will switch from the Hull to the Scarborough trains
 - So the Hull train will be faster to Manchester than at present (though also switching from Piccadilly to Victoria)
- Manchester Airport – Redcar services all extended to Saltburn
- In addition, the Newcastle service increases from current 1tph (Newcastle – Liverpool) to 1.5tph, via additional 0.5tph Newcastle – Manchester Piccadilly
- South Trans-Pennine (Manchester – South Yorkshire – North Lincolnshire) changes as expected, principally the Cleethorpes – Manchester [Airport] becoming a Cleethorpes – Liverpool service.

** BUT in December 2022 this is only partially delivered.

- The Hull train is delivered as above
- Only **every other** Scarborough train runs through to Manchester Piccadilly: alternate trains remain York shuttles only
- Therefore some of the Newcastle – Manchester Piccadilly services also pick up the peak additional stops between Huddersfield and Stalybridge
- Newcastle and the Scarborough services are not on the same clockface between York and Manchester (offset by 3-10 minutes) so intervals are irregular

Other than peak-only matters, the above points generally apply 7 days a week.

LNER

No material changes relevant to West Yorkshire planned in December. (Assumption was that timetables would change significantly in May 2023, but this is now on hold. This includes the proposed new once-daily Huddersfield – London service, which is therefore deferred.)

Cross-Country (Scotland – Leeds – Birmingham – South-West)

Only very minor adjustments planned in December 2022.

Grand Central (Bradford Int – London King's Cross)

Only very minor adjustments planned in December 2022. (As with LNER, service changes are on hold pending progress with future wider timetable restructuring.)