

## Item 6, Appendix 2: May 2023 rail timetable change summary

In this summary, Sundays are only mentioned if there are any differences from the December 2022 timetable, and/or if any issues associated with the December 2022 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.

This summary was produced before full details are available, so errors and /or omissions to the detail may remain; engagement with operators is ongoing.

### Northern

General principle: Services operating since December 2022 continue, but with some modifications, as set out below. In many cases an identical timetable is to be offered (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 May 2023	Comments
Harrogate	Almost identical, except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mondays to Saturdays, 1709 departure from Leeds now runs only to Harrogate (not Knaresborough).</li></ul> No significant changes to LNER services.	Services remain below pre-Covid levels in standard hours.
Wharfedale (Ilkley)	No change to Ilkley – Leeds trains. Ilkley to Bradford trains at 0951, 1151, 1351, and 1451 are removed Mondays to Saturdays, resulting in an hourly service during the middle of the day. Bradford to Ilkley trains at 0916, 1016, 1116, 1216, 1316 and 1416 are removed Mondays to Saturdays, resulting in an hourly service during the middle of the day. No changes to services on Sundays.	Northern state the reduction in frequency during the middle part of the day on Bradford services is to create resilience to reduce the level of cancellations whilst resources recover – see main report.

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Airedale local (Skipton and Bradford Forster Square)	<p>No change to Skipton – Leeds trains.</p> <p>Skipton to Bradford trains at 0934, 1034, 1134, 1234 and 1334 are withdrawn Mondays to Saturdays, resulting in an hourly through service during the middle of the day.</p> <p>Bradford to Skipton trains at 1041, 1241, 1341, 1441 are withdrawn Mondays to Saturdays, resulting in an hourly through service during the middle of the day.</p> <p>No changes to services on Sundays.</p> <p>No significant changes to LNER services.</p>	Northern state the reduction in frequency during the middle part of the day on Bradford services is to create resilience to reduce the level of cancellations whilst resources recover– see main report.
Calder Valley: (core via Bradford & Halifax)	<p>Almost identical, except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional hourly service between Leeds and Chester (via Bradford, Halifax, Rochdale and Manchester Victoria) on Sundays departing between 0943 and 1944.</li> <li>• Additional hourly service between Chester and Leeds (via Manchester Victoria, Rochdale, Halifax and Bradford on Sundays departing between 0925 and 2025.</li> </ul>	The increased frequency on Sundays is welcome and has been a long-running priority with Northern.
Calder Valley: (Brighouse, Huddersfield, Dewsbury)	<p>Almost identical, except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0501 Leeds to Huddersfield via Bradford Interchange that ran Mondays to Saturdays is withdrawn.</li> </ul>	-
Calder Valley (Todmorden & Burnley)	Almost identical.	-
Castleford – Wakefield – Huddersfield	<p>All four weekday services are withdrawn, to be replaced by a substitute bus service with extended journey times.</p> <p>No Sunday service, as historically.</p>	This is a deeply unwelcome move, pending partial resolution when all-day Huddersfield – Wakefield – Castleford service is expected to be provided as part of a regular TPE Manchester – Huddersfield – Wakefield – York service from December 2023. This is subject to confirmation – see main report.

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Penistone Line	Almost identical.	There continues to be a missing train at around 21:35 from Sheffield to Huddersfield
Huddersfield Line (Local services)	<p>Almost identical, except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calls at Dewsbury on eastbound services are reinstated at Dewsbury at 1608 and 1712, which reinstates a broadly half-hourly service pattern in the afternoon peak between Huddersfield and Dewsbury.</li> </ul> <p>Longer distance TransPennine Express services – see separate section below.</p>	The restoration of afternoon calls at Dewsbury is welcome; this has significantly impacted students at Greenhead College and workers returning from Huddersfield to Dewsbury.
Wakefield Line: Leeds – Wakefield Westgate – Doncaster / Sheffield	<p>Almost identical, except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2222 Leeds to Doncaster is an additional service on Saturdays.</li> </ul> <p>As noted below, an additional northbound CrossCountry service will also operate Mondays to Saturdays, calling Sheffield (1748), Wakefield (1817) and Leeds (1833).</p> <p>No significant changes to LNER services.</p>	Some issues remain, including regarding services on Saturday evenings out of Leeds towards Sheffield, but welcome to see 2-hour gap filled for Doncaster services. Sunday morning services from Leeds continue to be poorly spaced. Peak-only additional Doncaster trains continue not to run.
Hallam Line: Leeds – Wakefield Kirkgate – Barnsley - Sheffield	Almost identical.	-
Pontefract (both lines)	Almost identical.	<p>Significant December 2022 issues continue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Missing c. 06:30 Knottingley – Wakefield – Leeds</li> <li>• Missing c. 07:29 Leeds – Wakefield – Knottingley</li> </ul> <p>Also, pre-Covid peak-only additional train towards Castleford continues not to run.</p>

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East Leeds line (York & Selby)	Almost identical.	Longer-standing issues as shared with Northern, including structure of Leeds – York stopping service.
Dearne Valley: Sheffield – Pontefract Baghill - York	Almost identical, except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The two trains that operate on late afternoons / evenings on Sundays are replaced by a single bus service covering stops between York and Moorthorpe.</li> </ul>	-

#### TransPennine Express (North Trans-Pennine line only)

Almost identical to December 2022, except:

- 1402 Newcastle to Liverpool Lime Street now starts Newcastle rather than York.
- Dewsbury stops restored in eastbound afternoon peak on for services from Huddersfield as noted in table above.

#### LNER

No material changes relevant to West Yorkshire planned in May 2023.

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

Minor adjustments planned in May 2023, with more services extending out beyond Bristol to Plymouth and Plymouth to Penzance and vice versa.

- There is an addition afternoon peak service between Sheffield (1748), Wakefield (1817), Leeds (1833) and York (1901) provided by CrossCountry as part of an additional Reading to Newcastle service. This brings valuable additional afternoon peak capacity, restoring the northbound situation prior to the pandemic.

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

Only very minor adjustments planned in May 2023.