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We understand how important accurate, reliable, and timely information is for you to make an informed decision on your travel plans. As part of this recognition to continually improve our service, here are several Customer Information Pledges we are working towards.

This document sets out how we at Govia Thameslink Railway are working towards delivering the Customer Information Pledges, ensuring that you, our passengers, are fully informed from the moment you decide to travel with us to the time you have arrived at your destination station.

Within this document, we will explain the tools and processes we have put in place to keep you informed every step of the way.



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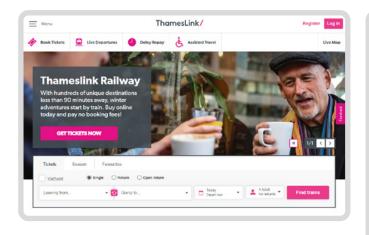
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Planning your journey - online

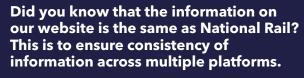
Your journey begins the minute you think about travelling with us. You may be wondering what options you have available to assist you when planning your journey, here are some tools to help you.

Journey planners

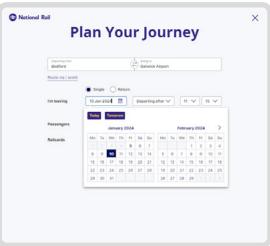
These allow you to plan a journey to any National Rail train station within the United Kingdom. You have a journey planner available on our website homepage (pictured left), and at NationalRail.co.uk. Our control teams provide real-time updates of cancellations and delays as soon as they have been made aware of a problem.

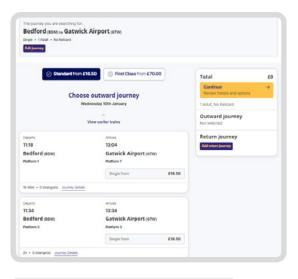






On both National Rail and our website, if we know a train is cancelled you will not be able to purchase a ticket for that service.





Click on the logos for links to Journey planners







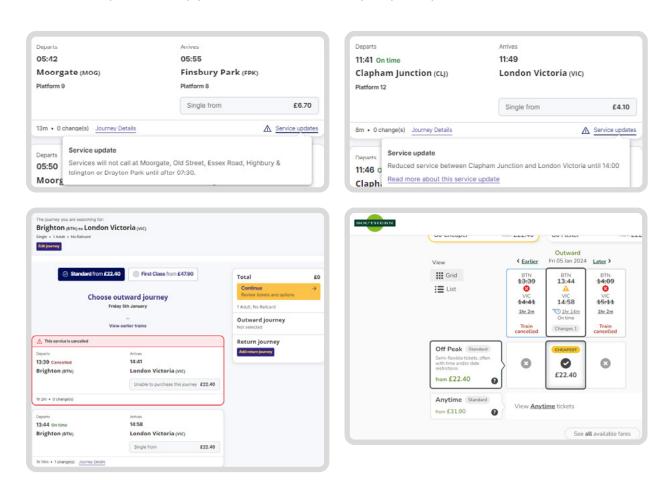




Alerts and banners

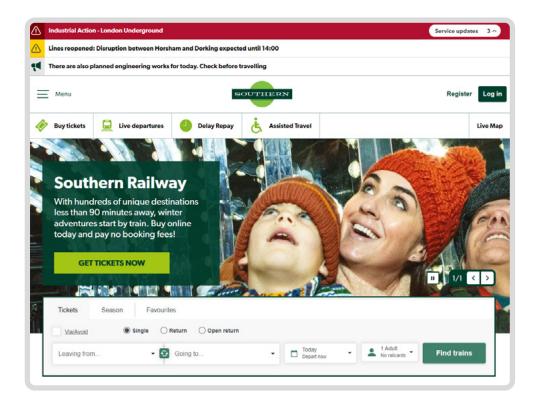
There are times when our service does not run as we expect it to. This could be down to planned changes such as new timetables, engineering works and, at times, unplanned disruption such as signalling faults.

We aim to update our journey planners regularly so that information is live and up-to-date before you book. However, there may be times where this isn't possible. We provide bulletins on affected services, advising you of any delays or cancellations that are anticipated, to help you make decisions about your journey.



You can also view our service update banners which appear at the top of the homepage. Just click on 'service updates' for a drop-down menu to see what incidents, engineering works or events may be affecting our service.

The banners have different colours which represent the impact that the event or disruption will have on our service. In the event of significant changes or major disruption, the banner will be red. Just click on the banners for more information.





In the event of live disruption, our banner will always tell you:

The impact to your journey

If any alternative options are available to you

How long the disruption is expected to go on for and details around the cause Details about any compensation you may be entitled to, such as Delay Repay

Disruption between Stevenage and Peterborough expected until the end of the day

Hide details /

A landslip at Arlesey is causing disruption to journeys between Stevenage and Peterborough. Trains may be delayed by up to 30 minutes or

Disruption is expected until the end of the day.

Customer advice:

A landslip is disrupting services in the Arlesey area, closing one of the two northbound lines through the area. In addition, there is a severe speed restriction on some of the remaining lines through this part of the network.

Journeys through the area are expected to take up to 30 minutes longer than usual, so please allow for extra time to reach your destination.

You can see a live map of the network here.

Service changes:

Trains from Horsham or London Kings Cross towards Peterborough cannot call at Arlesey (heading northbound).

Trains from Peterborough towards London Kings Cross or Horsham can call as usual (heading southbound).

If you are travelling northbound to Arlesey, please leave the train at Biggleswade and change for a southbound service.

If you are travelling northbound from Arlesey, please take a southbound train to Hitchin first, and change for a northbound service.

Tickets for Arlesey will be accepted at no extra cost at Letchworth Garden City or Baldock stations instead.

Can you tell me more about this?

A landslip is affecting a railway embankment near Arlesey, on the west side of the railway. The damage means that the line used by northbound stopping services is shut, and there is a 20mph speed restriction on the two lines used by northbound and southbound express services,

Network Rail staff are investigating options to repair the damage as quickly and safely as possible. We are monitoring further progress, but disruption is likely to continue until at least the end of the day.

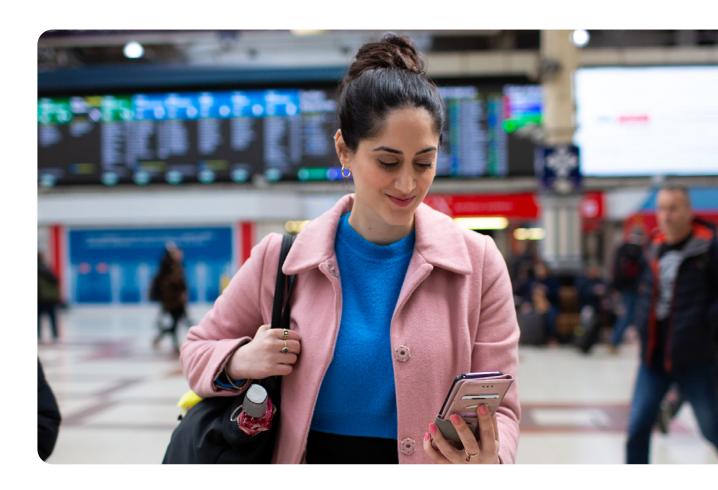
LNER, Grand Central, Hull Trains and Lumo

Trains are running through the affected area with minor delays of up to 10 minutes.

You can check your journey using the National Rail Enquiries real-time Journey Planner

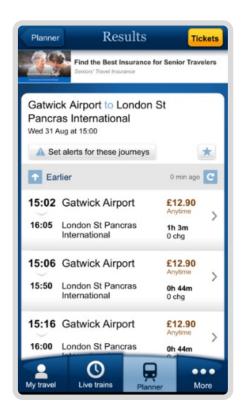
You may be entitled to compensation if you experience a delay in completing your journey today. Please keep your train ticket and make a note of your journey, as both will be required to support any claim.

Last updated: 8:40 AM



The National Rail app allows you set up notification alerts for any train or journey. Once these are set up, should anything change with your train, you will be alerted as soon as possible. This will help you to make any necessary changes to your travel plans.

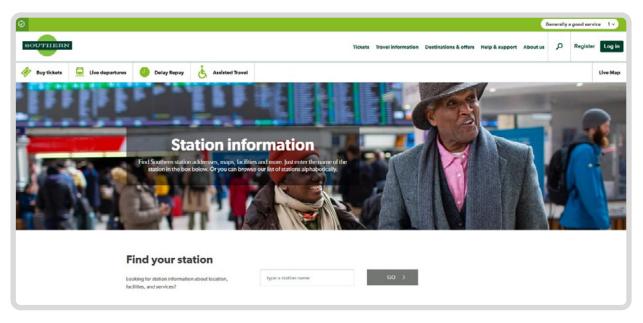
If you do not have the internet available to you, but still require train information, National Rail offer a train tracker service. This services allows you to receive real-time train information over the phone, either by call or text. More information can be found on the National Rail website.





Station information pages

Here you can find information about our station facilities, such as lifts, staffing hours, car parking and shops. Each station also has a map of its layout making it easier for you to visualise where these facilities are located.



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Station information

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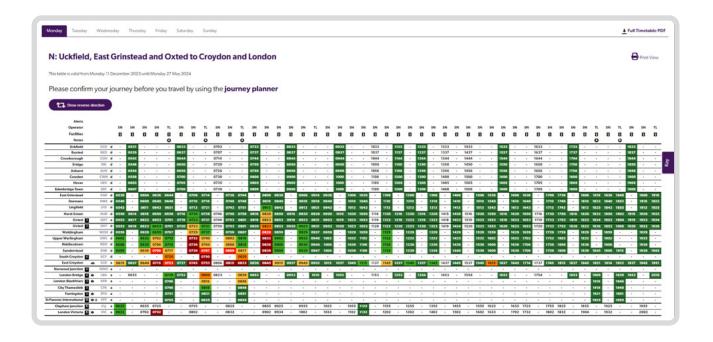
Our timetable

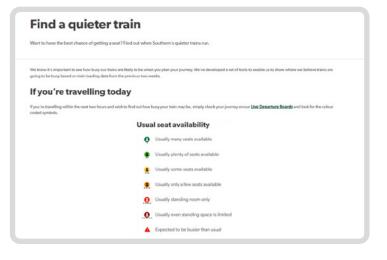
We always show you the summary of services we plan to run, available in downloadable timetables.

Our planned timetable changes twice per year.

A summary of our planned changes will be published on our timetable webpage a few weeks before they are implemented. These won't reflect engineering works or live train updates, so always check before you travel using our journey planners.







Our timetables also show you which services are typically busier - please see the colour code in the 'Finding a quieter train' webpage for more information.

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Online information about changes to your journey

Live departures

Check for updates on your train using our live departure board feature. This will show you direct trains which are due to depart your chosen station in the next two hours. Also, our live departure boards will show you:

Planned length of train

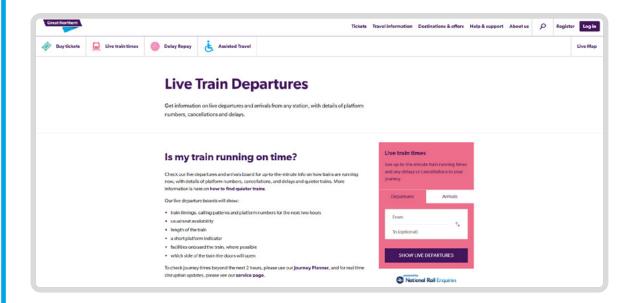
If the train you're planning to use is normally busy

What side the doors will open at your station

Which coach you should be in, should there be a short platform

Where possible, it will show what facilities should be available on board your train, such as First Class or toilets.



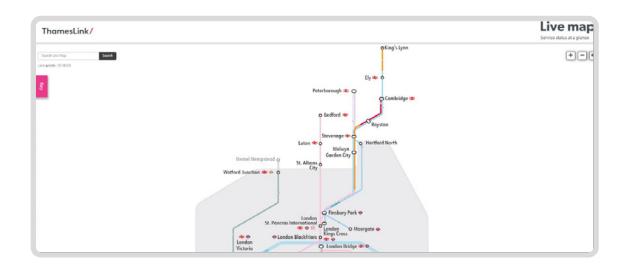


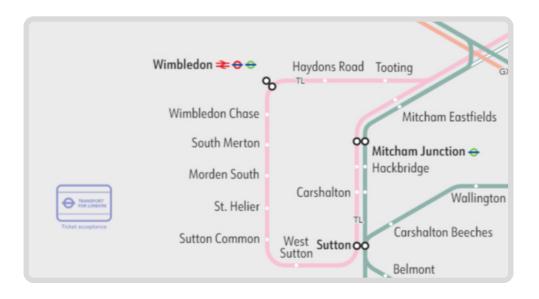
Live map

Our live map offers a real-time look at the status of over service across the network, with details of both planned and unplanned disruption.

Check the colours to see if your journey is disrupted, and click on a station to find out what the impact is. If alternative travel options are in place, such as TfL, this will be clearly indicated on the live map.





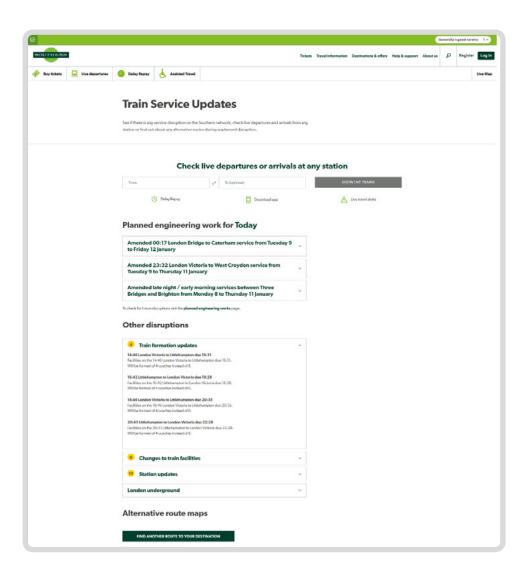


Service updates

The real-time service updates page offers information about changes to services.

This includes changes to the number of planned carriages on our services, as well as changes to our station and onboard facilities, such as a lift being out of service. If the lifts are out of service at a station your train is calling at, an announcement will play on the platform before you board.

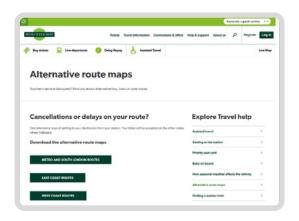




Alternative route maps

If your journey is disrupted, you can use our alternative route maps to see what other travel options are available. These are downloadable to make it as easy as possible for you to use alternative routes, such as other train operators or local bus routes.



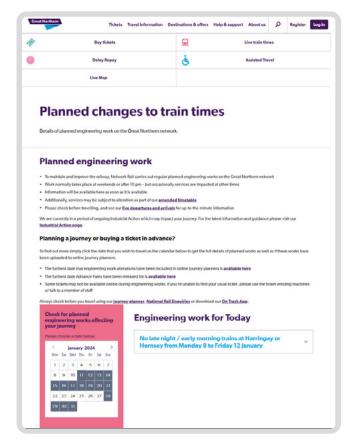


Engineering works

All the information you need to know about engineering works can be found here, including what tickets are available and the alternative travel options available to you if your trains aren't running. On the day, all of our replacement buses will clearly display their destination and should be accessible for all. If, on the rare occasion, one of our buses is not accessible, we'll make this clear to you, and arrange an alternative such as an accessible taxi, at no extra cost.

We also provide engineering work information at our stations via Customer Information screens and station posters.







X (formerly known as Twitter)

Our dedicated team provides live information about disruption directly from our control room. You will need an X account to view these. We welcome your questions or feedback about our services, via X. You can contact us through other forms of social media, such as Facebook or Instagram.

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Helping you at the station





Information screens

Our system automatically tracks where your train is, shares its time of arrival on the screens, and generates a platform announcement. If your train is marked as 'delayed', it means the train hasn't left its starting station, or hasn't moved within the last five minutes of its journey.



At some of our stations, you may see a screen which looks like this. These screens offer a more detailed description of disruption or planned closures, as well as other messages about safety and the impact of weather from us, other local train companies and Network Rail.

Announcements on the public address system

Announcements will play information about the next train due and highlight any changes to the service or platform. Other announcements with information regarding upcoming engineering works, unplanned disruption, safety, and Delay Repay, will also be made.

At larger stations, our frontline teams receive direct updates from our control room and make announcements using roaming microphones. These announcements provide more information about the incident, and at times, specific travel advice for the location you're at, making sure you've received the most up-to-date information.

If we know of disruption further along the route, we'll tell you. An announcement will play, and a message will display advising you if delays and disruption are expected.

Posters

Posters highlight upcoming events or engineering works relevant to the station, as well as onward and alternative travel options, and general station information and facilities. For more detail and the most up-to-date information, please see our website.





Help Points

At staffed stations, you'll easily locate our colleagues as they'll be wearing our uniform. They're happy to help with any assistance or queries you may have. If your station is not staffed, you'll be able to speak to somebody via the Help Point.

These are clearly signed and easy to use. The emergency button will take you through to our emergency response and assisted boarding team in our control room.

The information button connects you to the National Rail Enquiries team who will help with all your information needs. In the event of a last train cancellation, we won't leave you stranded. Either use our help points or talk to a member of staff to see what options are available.





Helping you on your journey - train

Passenger information screen

Our Passenger Information Screens offer visual displays and speaker announcements for scheduled stops for the train you're on. We can also post live messages on some of our trains, advising you of any updates which may affect your journey.



Aurora screens

On most of our Southern, Gatwick Express and Great Northern trains you will see these screens, located at the end of the train carriage. These screens will display information about major engineering works, promotional offers and upcoming events or changes.



Staff

Our people onboard the train are available to provide regular announcements and updates. On certain trains they will also walk through carriages to offer further assistance. Remember you've always got access to live information on your phone via our X (formerly Twitter) team.





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