

Press Release

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New timetable shortens journey time to London

From 14 December, most passengers travelling between Wrexham and London with Wrexham & Shropshire will see significant reductions of up to 28 minutes in their journey time thanks to a new, improved timetable.

The timetable brings in a number of changes to the existing service, which runs regular, direct trains from Wrexham, through Shropshire and the West Midlands, and on to London Marylebone.

For business travellers, the changes mean that it will be possible to arrive in London before 9.00am on the first train. This, along with changes to the late afternoon service from London, means that there will be greater opportunity for a full day's business in the Capital.

For leisure travellers, the changes to the timetable allow greater flexibility in planning days out along the route. Those who wish to spend a Saturday shopping in London can catch the first train, arriving in the West End before 10.30am. Journey times will also be reduced for those travelling to other attractions along the route – from a day out at RAF Cosford, to exploring Wrexham and the beautiful countryside of the Dee Valley.

Andy Hamilton, Managing Director of Wrexham & Shropshire, said: "Since we launched direct rail services in April we have always had the intention of improving journey times for our customers. We have worked hard to create this new timetable, which brings significant improvements to our service. We are very pleased to announce that we have been able to reduce many of our journey times and reschedule some of our services to make them more convenient for passengers."

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. For further information on Wrexham & Shropshire, including a route map, details of great value fares and the new timetable, visit Wrexham & Shropshire's easy to navigate website - www.wrexhamandshropshire.co.uk
2. Wrexham & Shropshire runs five trains on weekdays, four on Saturdays and three on Sundays
3. Wrexham & Shropshire is also known as 'The Wrexham, Shropshire and Marylebone Railway Company' or 'WSMR'
4. Wrexham & Shropshire is a joint venture between the shareholders of Renaissance Trains Limited and Deutsche Bahn Regio
5. The shareholders of Renaissance Trains Limited are Mike Jones (a management consultant in railways, a Director of Hull Trains and formerly a senior director within British Rail), John Nelson (a director of several rail companies and a former Managing Director of British Rail's Network South East), Peter Wilkinson (Managing Director of the railway consultancy, First Class Partnerships) and Mary Bonar, a leading railway lawyer
6. Deutsche Bahn Regio, a subsidiary of the German Company Deutsche Bahn, bought Laing Rail, one of Wrexham & Shropshire's parent companies, earlier this year. In addition to a 50% share in Wrexham & Shropshire, Deutsche Bahn Regio also acquired the acclaimed Chiltern Railways franchise and a 50% share in the new London Overground concession.