

BARRUP (Bromsgrove And Redditch Rail User Partnership)

OCTOBER 2020 UPDATE

Bromsgrove Station – The gate at Garrington Road to the station car park is now open to the public.

Bromsgrove Station – The issue of anti-social behavior on the station site has been raised with the relevant officers of the West Midlands Rail Executive.

Redditch Station – Plans have been submitted for improvements with an enlarged station building and remodeled concourse. The proposals also include replacing the neighbouring small retail outlets with a 70 bed hotel, new apartments and a contemporary café pavilion. Funding will be from the Government's Getting Building Fund.

Barnt Green Station – The Department for Transport has approved the funding for Network Rail to proceed with the detailed design for station lifts.

New Rolling Stock – The new trains for the Birmingham to Hereford service are undergoing testing. The rolling stock is Class 196 which are diesel powered. They should start to enter service from the end of 2020.

New Rolling Stock – The first of the new Cross City electric trains have been built and testing has started. The rolling stock, named Aventura, is Class 730. It is anticipated that they will be brought into service at the end of 2021.

Stitch Train Worcestershire – The Worcestershire Community Rail Partnership is coordinating the creation of 18 tapestry train artworks across Worcestershire's 18 stations. They will be on display at the county's stations during Autumn 2020.

University Station – Approval has been given for a £56m redevelopment of the station which primarily serves the University of Birmingham and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. The principal enhancement will be to improve access to the station and its platforms.

Camp Hill Line – Work continues with the plans to reopen the line to passenger traffic with the planning application for Moseley station recently approved. It is not yet known where trains stopping at Moseley, Hazelwell and Kings Heath will start and terminate but, as things stand at the moment, they will have to run into New Street.

Cross Country – BARRUP continues to lobby for some of the Cross Country trains passing through Bromsgrove to stop at the station to provide a direct service to Cheltenham and beyond.

Hereford & Worcester Service – West Midlands Rail is working with Network Rail on the feasibility of a regular half hourly service from Birmingham New Street via Bromsgrove. BARRUP is also raising the possibility for these trains to stop regularly at Barnt Green to provide a connection to Alvechurch and Redditch.

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