

## Russell Darling

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**From:** RAGES Information <information@rages.org.uk>  
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**To:** Russell  
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Dear Russell,

Several items of note, but first the main one.

### **Reston Station Planning Application Approved**

Members of the Scottish Borders Council's planning and building standards committee have approved the planning application for the new station at Reston.

Preliminary site works have already started, but the main works can now proceed unhindered.

Our Chairman, Barrie Forrest BEM, says: "RAGES are delighted that planning has been approved for Reston Station, opening again after 56 years since its closure."

He notes that it was the last station to close in Berwickshire.

Barrie also thanks our members for their continued support, as well as the many local councillors and politicians that have been involved in our campaign since our inauguration in January 1999.

The Berwickshire News web site notes: "... the economic benefits of a new station are significant, with an assessment calculating there would be a return on the investment of £7.45 for every £1 spent on the project.

"Further benefits include increased opportunities for people to live, work and start businesses in Berwickshire, in addition to attracting tourists."

RAGES hopes that the station will be opened by the end of 2021.

### **ScotRail Services**

ScotRail has reduced their services as from today. The new timetables will be uploaded to our web site when they become available, but their web site notes the following [ScotRail](#) changes:

Edinburgh to Dunbar - Only the following services will operate:  
0655 Dunbar to Edinburgh  
1636 Edinburgh to Dunbar  
1711 Dunbar to Edinburgh

Edinburgh to North Berwick - There is no change to the number of services running during the day, but the last trains are earlier, being:  
1945 Edinburgh to North Berwick  
2027 North Berwick to Edinburgh

Edinburgh to Newcraighall/Tweedbank - There is no change to the number of services running during the day, but the last trains are earlier being:  
2050 Edinburgh to Tweedbank  
2153 Tweedbank to Edinburgh

### **LNER Services**

Also from today, LNER are temporarily reducing their timetable to around 55-60% of normal levels, ensuring we provide a service to those who need to travel.

Particular reductions on our core route are in the late evening, plus a slightly later start for our first service into London King's Cross in the morning. It will mean some gaps during the day.

They are also reducing services to some destinations off their core route, such as Aberdeen, but will continue to serve these destinations.

It is planned to run this timetable until 25 February, following which they will have a reduced timetable until early June to enable Network Rail to deliver the East Coast Upgrade at London King's Cross.

Our web site has a link to the most up-to-date information in the Timetables section.

Kind regards,

Tom Dickson  
RAGES Membership Secretary

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