



West London Line Group



WELCOME to the WEST LONDON LINE

The West London Line (WLL) links Clapham Junction, West Brompton (for Earl's Court), Kensington Olympia and Willesden Junction. Rail services on the WLL are provided by Southern between Brighton and Watford Junction and by London Overground between Clapham Junction and Willesden Junction. This leaflet aims to show how local residents can use West London Line services and connections at Clapham Junction, Watford Junction and Willesden Junction - for work and pleasure!

The West London Line Group is a voluntary organisation concerned with rail and tube services in the core corridor between Clapham Junction and Willesden Junction and encourages all operators on the WLL plus London Underground, Network Rail and Transport for London and the local authorities to secure improved services and facilities for all passengers. For more details and to comment on West London Line services, go to www.westlondonlinegroup.org.uk

Developments on the West London Line – new stations, new connections and new trains!



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Shepherd's Bush WLL station is due to open on 1 October 2008 to serve rail users in Shepherd's Bush, Holland Park, North Kensington and White City, as well as Westfield London, the UK's latest shopping centre. Interchange with the Central Line will also ease trips between the WLL and the West End and key areas in West London.

Restoring Southern's WLL link to Milton Keynes is planned by January 2009. Trains will also call at Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamsted, Tring, Leighton Buzzard, Bletchley and Milton Keynes. They will also strengthen WLL links with the West Coast Main Line serving the West Midlands, North Wales, North West and Scotland!

Imperial Wharf WLL station is to be built just north of where the WLL crosses the Thames between South West Chelsea (Lots Road area) and South East Fulham (Townmead Road area). The station, serving a local population of over 20,000 and the new 1,050-pupil Chelsea Academy, should open by early 2010.

Following calls by the Group, London Overground are to introduce new electric trains on the WLL in 2009. Frequencies are to double in 2010 to four trains per hour, with half of these extended to Stratford via the North London Line.

The West London Line Group at the Earl's Court Festival – 6 to 20 July 2008

Sunday 6 July - EARL'S COURT STREETFAIR. Our stall is in the middle of the Fair – with details of our activities, travel information, ideas for days out and holidays, TWO model railways AND exciting raffle prizes!

Sunday 20 July - BROMPTON CEMETERY OPEN DAY. NEW FOR 2008 – The Group has secured THE LITTLE RED TRAIN to offer train rides in the Cemetery! We also have raffle tickets for amazing prizes, including free travel, museum passes AND the model railways displayed at the Streetfair!



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The Little Red Train



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TRAVELLING NORTH – via the WEST LONDON LINE

Welcome to the West London Line –

and its connections to the Midlands, North West and Scotland!

The West London Line is served by both the Southern and London Overground train operating companies. These services connect with many others at Watford Junction, Willesden Junction, Clapham Junction and elsewhere.

Thus, the West London Line provides an excellent gateway between West London and much of the rest of the country, without having to use central London rail terminals or paying Zone 1 fares.

By travelling north on the West London Line's Southern service you can reach Wembley Central (Mondays - Fridays peak hours), Harrow & Wealdstone and Watford Junction.

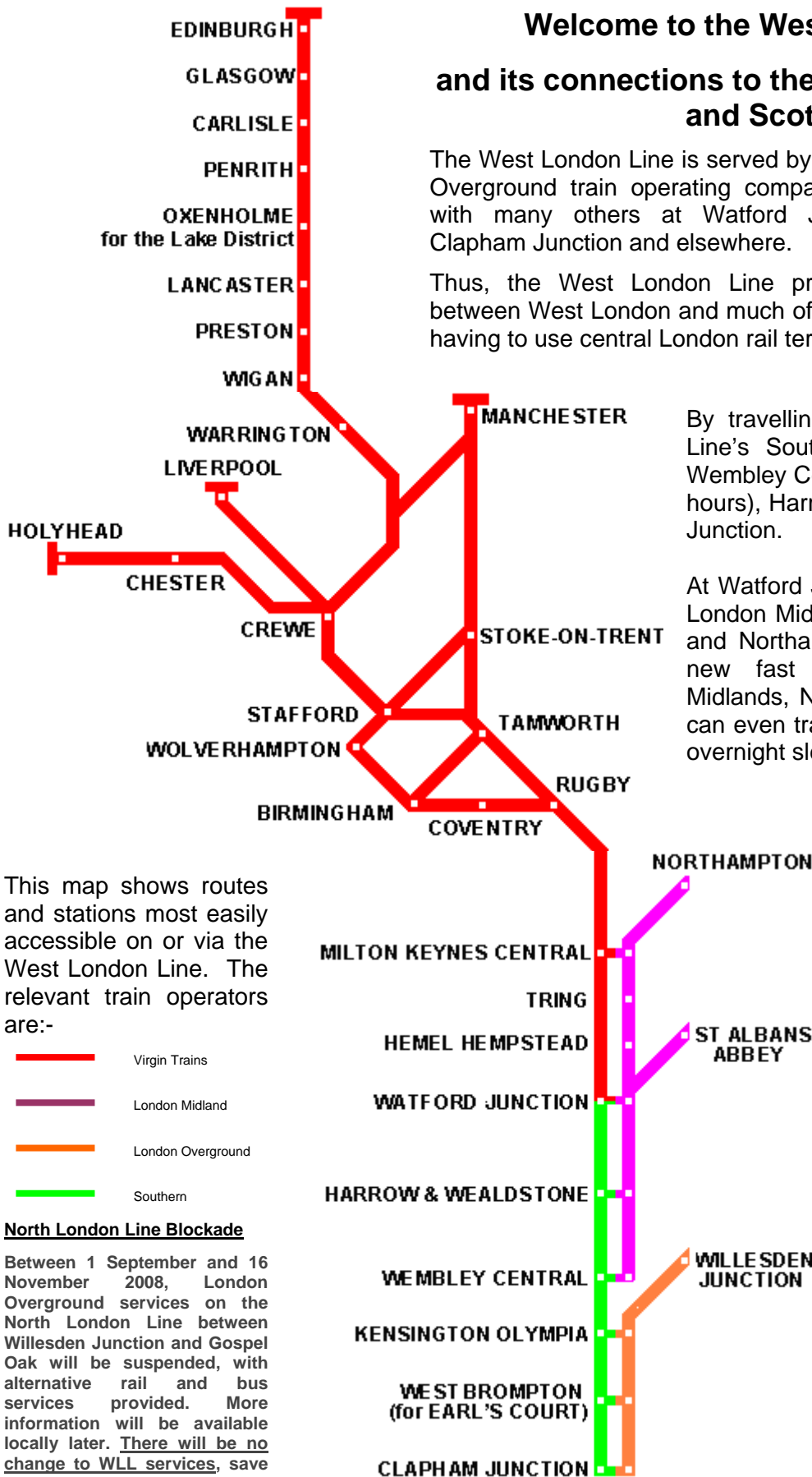
At Watford Junction you can change on to London Midland services to Milton Keynes and Northampton, or on to Virgin Trains' new fast Pendolino services to the Midlands, North West and Scotland. You can even travel to Scotland by the Scotrail overnight sleeper train.

You can also change at Watford Junction for a day out in St Albans, with its historic Cathedral and the Roman remains of Verulamium nearby.

The West London Line's London Overground service runs to and from Willesden Junction for connections with the North London Line.

Frequent North London Line trains serve West Hampstead, Finchley Road & Frognal, Hampstead Heath, Gospel Oak (for Barking line), Camden Road (for Camden Markets), Highbury & Islington, Hackney Central and Stratford, calling at all intermediate stations. There are direct trains between the West London Line and Stratford during peak hours on Mondays to Fridays.

Important - See note opposite about the North London Line Blockade.



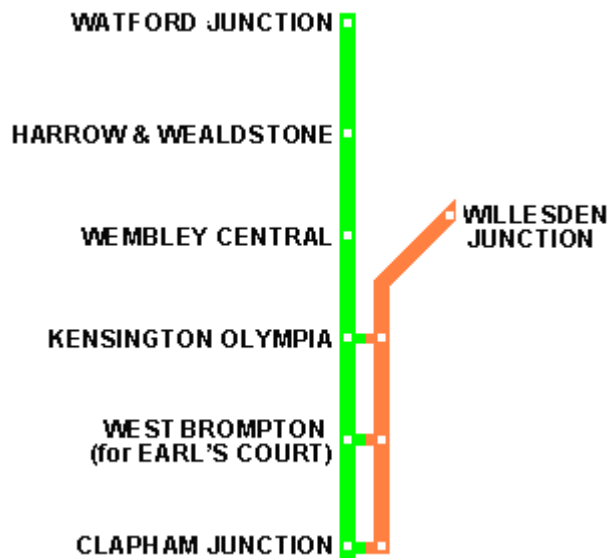
This map shows routes and stations most easily accessible on or via the West London Line. The relevant train operators are:-

- Virgin Trains
- London Midland
- London Overground
- Southern

North London Line Blockade

Between 1 September and 16 November 2008, London Overground services on the North London Line between Willesden Junction and Gospel Oak will be suspended, with alternative rail and bus services provided. More information will be available locally later. There will be no change to WLL services, save for suspension of the through peak services to and from Stratford.

TRAVELLING SOUTH – **via the WEST LONDON LINE**



Change at Clapham Junction for all South West Trains services (see back page) and Southern services to South London Metro stations and stations to Leatherhead and Dorking. See also notes below.

EAST CROYDON	Change for Southern services to TATTENHAM CORNER, CATERHAM, REDHILL, REIGATE, TONBRIDGE, EAST GRINSTEAD and UCKFIELD, plus Tramlink
GATWICK AIRPORT	Change for Southern services to LITTLEHAMPTON, BOGNOR REGIS, CHICHESTER and PORTSMOUTH
HAYWARDS HEATH	Change for Southern services to LEWES, EASTBOURNE and HASTINGS
BRIGHTON	Change for Southern services to HOVE and WORTHING

TRAVEL TO ALL THESE DESTINATIONS – AND AVOID ZONE 1

Advice to Passengers travelling via Clapham Junction

Allow up to 10 minutes for changing trains at Clapham Junction.

Be particularly careful of the large gaps between the train and the platform at many points on the station.

When changing between platforms, use the footbridge towards the front of train on which you arrive.

Passengers who may need assistance during their journey should ring 0800 138 1016 (24-hour service) at least a day before travelling.

Passengers travelling between stations on the West London Line and East Croydon or stations farther south are strongly advised to change at East Croydon where possible.

See also the notes above.

