

Update: Strike Action

The RMT and TSSA unions have announced strike action on **Wednesday 27 July 2022, Thursday 18 August** and **Saturday 20 August**.

As with the previous strikes which took place in June, this action is co-ordinated across other train companies and Network Rail, which will cause severe impacts across the rail network and disruption to passengers.

Our existing timetable will be reduced significantly with approximately 25% of typical weekday services operating, and those services that do run may be busier than normal. The days either side of industrial action are also likely to be affected.

For **Wednesday 27 July**, we have worked with industry partners, DfT and Network Rail to determine the timetable, which mirrors that of previous strike days with 4 trains per hour across the network, again with reduced times of operation between 07:30 and 18:30. We expect strike services to appear in retailing systems from Saturday 23 July. In summary, we will be operating:

- Hourly Manchester Piccadilly to London Euston (via Crewe)
- Hourly Liverpool Lime Street to London Euston (not calling at Runcorn)
- Hourly Birmingham New Street to London Euston
- Hourly Preston / Glasgow Central to London Euston (one train every two hours continues to Glasgow Central calling at Lancaster, Oxenholme, Penrith, Carlisle and Lockerbie)
- No Avanti West Coast services to North Wales, Shrewsbury, Blackpool or Edinburgh.

A table is provided with the times of first and last trains on each route. These are subject to change.

Avanti West Coast services will not serve Wilmslow. Due to route closures, Stockport, Macclesfield, Stoke-On-Trent and Runcorn will not be served, and these stations will be closed.

We recognise the significant impact which industrial action has on our customers. We are encouraging customers to only travel if absolutely necessary and to expect a significantly reduced operation, and to plan ahead if they do travel.

Any customers with existing tickets for travel from 26 to 28 July can use those tickets anytime between now and 29 July. Alternatively, customers with tickets for the affected days (26-28 July) can claim a full refund. In the meantime, we have suspended sales of Advance tickets to minimise the number of people disrupted. Customers should continue to check our website, and those of other operators, for updates. We also continue working collaboratively with other operators to support customer journeys. For more information about the impact of strike action on our services, visit <https://www.avantiwestcoast.co.uk/travel-information/plan-your-journey/strike>

We're disappointed with this action by the RMT and TSSA which we believe is premature, and are sorry for the inconvenience it will cause particularly for those travelling at the start of the summer holidays, and to attend key events including the Commonwealth Games and UEFA Women's Euro semi-final. We urge the unions not to press ahead with industrial action and to work with us on securing the long-term future of the railways.

You may also be aware that ASLEF union has called strikes on **Saturday 30 July 2022**. This dispute does not involve Avanti West Coast. We will continue to operate services, but expect these to be busier than usual as customers migrate from other operators services. ASLEF have balloted Avanti West Coast drivers, and we expect the results from this ballot on Wednesday 27 July.

We will provide a similar update in advance of the August strike days. Should you have any queries relating to the upcoming industrial action and its impact on Avanti West Coast services, please contact your Regional Growth Manager, or email stakeholders@westcoastpartnership.com

First and Last Departures

Direction	From	To	First Train	Last Train
Northbound	London Euston	Birmingham New Street	0843	1543
		Glasgow Central	0830	1330
		Liverpool Lime Street	0747	1456
		Manchester Piccadilly	0840	1540
Southbound	Birmingham New Street	London Euston	0850	1550
	Glasgow Central		0827	1222 (direct) 1437 (change at Crewe)
	Liverpool Lime Street***		0845	1556
	Manchester Piccadilly		0756	1447 (direct) 1547 (change at Crewe)

**** Subject to Change