

STEAM TRAINS AT...
AVON VALLEY RAILWAY

2026 TIMETABLE

TAKE A JOURNEY BACK IN TIME ON
BRISTOL & BATH'S HERITAGE RAILWAY



www.avonvalleyrailway.org

Find us just off the A431 between Bristol and Bath: BS30 6HD

WELCOME TO THE AVON VALLEY RAILWAY

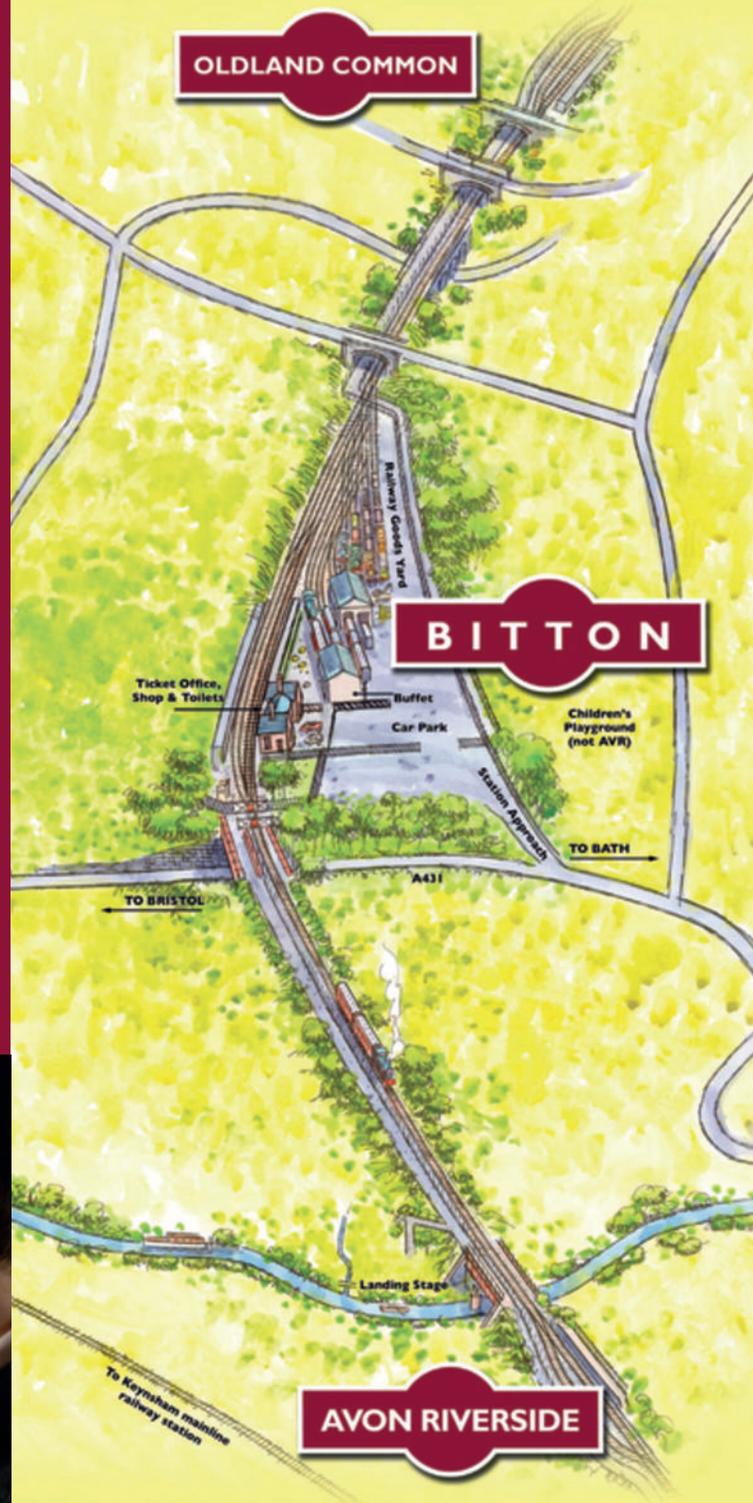


Our line was opened in 1869 by the Midland Railway as a route between the Midlands and the South Coast, via the iconic Somerset & Dorset Railway.

Closed under the Beeching Axe of the 1960's the line was preserved by an enthusiastic group of volunteers. Today, over 50 years on, three miles of track has been re-laid, locomotives and carriages restored, and the sound of steam can once again be heard along the Avon Valley.

WHAT TO SEE ON YOUR VISIT

- ▶ See our beautifully restored Victorian station at Bitton
- ▶ Take a ride in a heritage carriage behind one of our steam or heritage diesel locomotives
- ▶ Go for a walk alongside the track on the Bristol & Bath Railway Path (the 13 mile off-road route between Bristol and Bath city centres)
- ▶ Learn more about the history of the line in our small museum area
- ▶ Enjoy breakfast, lunch or afternoon tea in our station buffet (open daily)
- ▶ Pick up a railway-themed souvenir in our gift shop (open on our operating days).



A FIRST CLASS DINING EXPERIENCE

PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL. FOR DATES AND RESERVATIONS PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Scan the QR code to go direct to Dining Trains



Board our First Class vintage carriage and enjoy a dining experience like no other. Experience the best of British traditions and enjoy Breakfast, Lunch or Afternoon Tea as you take in the scenery of the Avon Valley. Our on-board dining experiences are perfect to celebrate a special occasion, or just as an indulgent treat for you!



BREAKFAST

Enjoy a glass of juice followed by traditional Full English cooked breakfast and tea or coffee. A British staple with a touch of class.



TRADITIONAL CREAM TEA

Enjoy a classic cream tea of scone, jam and cream with your choice of tea or coffee. Sometimes, simple is best.



BITTON BELLE

Our much-loved classic Sunday Lunch dining train. Enjoy a traditional roast lunch with all the trimmings, followed by an indulgent dessert.

FISH & CHIPS

Enjoy freshly battered Cod and chips served with a wedge of lemon, mushy peas and a side of buttered bread followed by a light dessert. A taste of the seaside in South Gloucestershire!



PIE & PINT

Enjoy a British pub-favourite with this comforting two-course meal. Take your pick from our selection of locally-made Pieminister pies, all served with mash and our selection of home-cooked vegetables. To accompany your meal, you will be served a refreshing pint of beer, cider or a glass of wine, followed by a delicious dessert.

WHAT BETTER WAY IS THERE TO ENJOY AN INDULGENT AFTERNOON TEA?

Enjoy a welcoming glass of fizz, followed by an Afternoon Tea of finger sandwiches, warm scones with cream and jam, and a selection of dainty cakes, all served with a hot drink of your choosing.



STEAM-HAULED CLASSIC MURDER MYSTERY

As steam fills the air and sparks fly into the dark sky, the train pulls slowly away from the station – but something's not right...

Join us for an evening of mystery and murder, with plots to unmask, plenty of intrigue, and non-stop entertainment. Throughout the course of your journey, tuck into your first-class meal and help the Chief Inspector answer the all-important question, whodunnit?

Murder Mystery trains depart on the following dates;

30 May – Treachery on Treasure Island

15 Aug – And Then There Were Nun!

19 Sept – Invitation to Murder

...More dates to be announced shortly, check our website for details.

Guests arrive from 18:15pm, where victims and suspects gather on the platform ready for the mystery to commence. The train promptly departs at 18:45pm, arriving back at Bitton in time for carriages at 9pm.



AVON VALLEY RAILWAY EVENTS 2026

(All events subject to change or cancellation without prior notice).

HALF-PRICE FOR HALF-TERM

14, 15, 18, 21 & 22
FEBRUARY

Enjoy special half-price promotional fares all half-term!

NEW

THE PEOPLE & THEIR PROTEST: 60th ANNIVERSARY

MARCH

8 MARCH

Join us as we mark 60 years since our line's closure with this historic immersive event. Plus, children travel for just 20p.

1966

STEAM INTO SPRING

15, 22 & 29 MARCH

As the days start to get longer enjoy a steam-hauled train ride. Plus, join us on Mothering Sunday, where all Mums will go **FREE**.

MARCH

1983

CHOCOLATE TRAIN

5 & 6 APRIL

Help us celebrate Easter and see our restored locomotive from Fry's chocolate factory in Keynsham.

1908

FARMYARD FRIENDS

11 & 12 APRIL

Meet our much-loved donkeys and some of their fellow farmyard friends at the station.

2145

LOCAL RESIDENTS

25 & 26 APRIL

Travel for **HALF PRICE** all weekend if you live in a BS or BA postcode. Just bring proof of address.

1990

BRICK EXPRESS

30 & 31 MAY

Jump onboard the Brick Express and try your hand at building with the world's most popular toy bricks. Plus admire the latest creations from Lego® Bricks from Bristol's GertLug group.

Children travel for just £1!

1932

BITTON BEER BASH

5, 6, 7 JUNE

Enjoy our great selection of real ales and ciders from around the country at our annual Beer Festival.

2026

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

27 & 28 JUNE AND
5 & 6 SEPTEMBER

FREE train travel for children who bring their Teddy Bear. Plus magic shows and balloon modelling.

2026

CHOCOLATE SUNDAYS

4, 11 & 18 OCTOBER

Take a ride behind our Fry's locomotive from the old chocolate factory in Keynsham. Enjoy a chocolatey treat whilst you travel the line too.

1910



FOOTPLATE RIDES

In 2026 we're offering you the chance to go on the footplate and join the crew as they take you on a full round trip of the line. You'll get to watch what's involved in operating one of our steam or heritage diesel locomotives as it hauls the day's passenger service and get an exclusive look behind the scenes of a real locomotive footplate.

FOOTPLATE RIDES Price £95

Various dates available throughout the year, see website for details.

NEW

HALLOWEEN GHOST TRAINS

30 & 31 OCTOBER

New for 2026

Join us for a **spooktacular** train ride in the dark. Expect to be scared and entertained as you take a thrilling trip on our ghost train.

OCTOBER



1458



SANTA SPECIALS

JOIN US AT THE AVON VALLEY RAILWAY
TO CREATE UNFORGETTABLE
CHRISTMAS MEMORIES ONBOARD OUR
2026 SANTA SPECIALS



Once aboard, the whistle will sound and you'll depart on a full round trip of the line. Whilst travelling, you'll enjoy a mince pie or festive biscuit, and Santa will pass through the train saying hello to everyone. All good boys and girls will receive a present from Santa, and there will also be the chance for your family group to take photographs and create those special festive memories.

Upgrade to our Premium Santa Experience to enjoy time with Father Christmas from the comfort of our first-class carriage. All Premium Santa passengers will enjoy a cosy hot chocolate alongside their festive sweet treat whilst you travel the line.

Keep an eye on our website for 2026 Festive Dining Experiences

MINCE PIE SPECIALS

The fun doesn't stop after Christmas! Fill the sleepy time between Christmas and New Year's with some continued festivities. Join us on select dates over Twixmas for a steam-train ride and a delicious mince pie.



Tickets available from July at www.avonvalleyrailway.org



TIMETABLE

We run a mix of steam and heritage diesel trains throughout the year, with the first trains of 2026 running throughout February half term, and our main running season getting underway from March through to the beginning of November. Trains typically run on weekends and on Wednesdays during school holidays. Exact dates and times can be found on our website. Pre-booking is recommended to guarantee your seat.

Trains generally depart from Bitton on our standard timetable at 10:45, 12:00, 13:15, 14:30 and 15:45*. Special timetables may apply for special events including Halloween and Santa.

Every effort will be made to provide the advertised services and locomotives, but are subject to change and cancellation at short notice.

TRAIN FARES

DAY ROVER

A standard full Line return is valid for one round trip of the line, lasting approximately 50 minutes. Our Day Rover gives unlimited train fares on the day of your visit.

	Full Line Return	Day Rover
Adults	£15.80	£21.00
Concession	£14.70	£19.00
Children (5 – 15)	£8.50	£13.70
Under 5s	FREE	FREE

For safety reasons all children under the age of 14 travelling on the train must be accompanied by a fare paying adult.

*The 15:45 train is subject to any changes in the day's timetable, please check our website for more details.

GROUP VISITS

Bring your group or society and travel back in time to the golden age of steam. Why not make your visit even more special by booking a delicious cream tea to enjoy on the train as you travel the line, or head to our buffet after your journey for some refreshments. Generous discounts are available to groups of 20 or more.

SCHOOL VISITS

We host a number of school visits throughout the year and are always looking to work with new schools to provide memorable educational visits. We provide a programme of fun, educational activities around topics relating to travel through time and the railway. We can also provide steam or heritage diesel-hauled train rides for schools, complete with our volunteer travelling ticket inspector and period-dressed guard to create an immersive and authentic journey back in time for children.

CELEBRATIONS AND PRIVATE HIRE

Make your special event First Class by hiring our vintage carriages to entertain your guests in the atmosphere of a bygone age. It's an idyllic backdrop for special birthdays, wedding receptions/anniversaries and corporate events. Our static dining carriage, 'Rose', in the station buffet, is also available for a number of private hire options – with full catering provided.

To find out more and enquire about costs and availability, please contact visitors@avonvalleyrailway.org

STATION BUFFET

Our station café 'The Buffet' is open from 9.00am daily (except Christmas and Boxing Day) serving a selection of breakfast options, light lunches, cakes and ice creams.

Dine in our static dining carriage, 'Rose'

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are essential to the running of our railway and we're always looking for more people to join us. You'll become part of a friendly team dedicated to the restoration, upkeep and operation of our railway. Volunteering at the Avon Valley Railway, you'll gain new skills, meet people and help create lasting memories for our visitors. We have a wide range of roles available to get involved with, both operational and throughout the week.

For more information about our current opportunities, please visit our website or email volunteers@avonvalleyrailway.org.



GIFT VOUCHERS

Our gift vouchers are the perfect gift for a special person in your life. Why not treat a loved one with our on-train dining experiences, ranging from a cream tea for two to a ticket for our popular *Bitton Belle* Sunday lunch? Gift vouchers are available to purchase via our website, or please call 0117 332 0435.



HOW TO FIND US

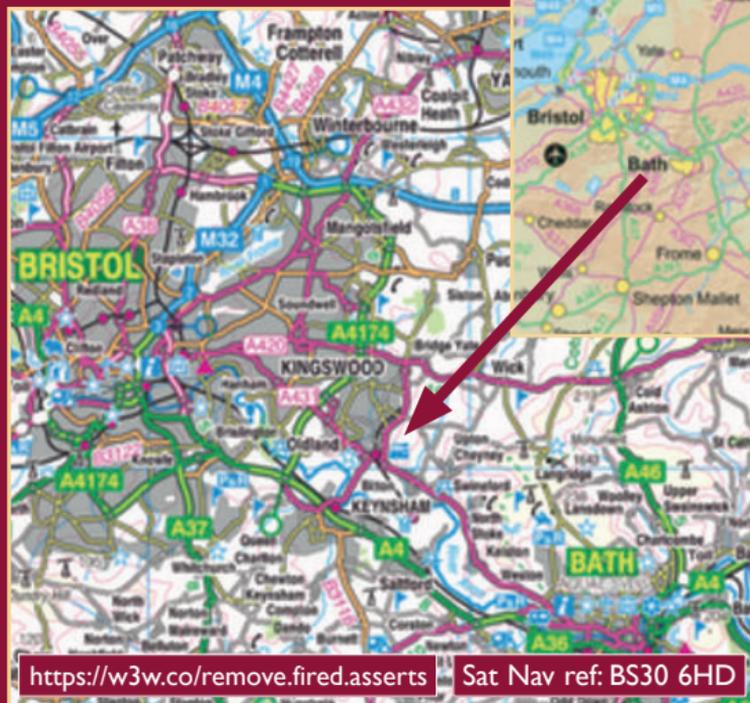
BY BIKE – from Bristol or Bath join the Bristol and Bath Railway Path (route 4 of the National Cycle Network) direct to Bitton Station. A cycle parking area is provided.

BY BUS – a number of bus services operate from Bristol and Bath to Bitton station. Find out more online at travelwest.info.

BY CAR – Bitton Station is situated midway between Bristol and Bath on the A431 road, one mile from Keynsham. Car parking at Bitton is FREE.

BY RAIL – the nearest mainline station is at Keynsham. For National Rail enquiries please telephone 0345 7484950.

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APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIMES

Birmingham	1 hr 40mins	Gloucester	50mins	Swindon	50mins
Cardiff	1 hr	London	2 hr 20mins	Taunton	1 hr 15mins

CATERING – a wide selection of hot and cold food and drink, delicious cakes, sweets and ice cream are available from Bitton Station Buffet which is open daily (excluding Christmas Day and Boxing Day).

GIFT SHOP – open on all days trains are running, offering a wide selection of souvenirs and gifts for all ages.

WHEELCHAIRS – a number of wheelchairs can be accommodated in a specially converted carriage. Please let us know in advance so we can assist.

CONTACT US

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