

Full Length Journeys on the Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway



The railway's original locomotive, "The Countess" returned to Raven Square for the first time on 9th September (Steve Clews, (W&LLR)

The Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway returned to operating selected trains over its full length in September, having successfully run over part of the line through August in the wake of the Covid-19 lockdown. Since reopening, railway staff have been closely monitoring visitor numbers and the coronavirus environment. Consistent with Welsh Government guidance, they now feel confident to continue services through the next month.

Trains will run every weekend until November 1, as well as on Wednesday, September 30 and October 28. On each day, two services will operate over the hour-long return trip between Llanfair Caereinion and Castle Caereinion, and one will run over the full eight-mile line from Llanfair to Welshpool and back. Additionally, on Tuesday, October 27 and Thursday, October 29 in school half-term week, a service of four trains between Llanfair and Castle Caereinion will operate.

All trains continue to depart from Llanfair Caereinion for return journeys only and there remains no vehicle access to Raven Square or Castle Caereinion stations. Full details and online booking for Castle trains remain on the website at www.wllr.org.uk while Welshpool trains should be booked by calling the railway's office on 01938 810441, open seven days a week from 9am to 4.30pm.

The Welshpool trains will continue to be subject to a modest minimum fare to ensure costs of the longer journey are covered, but a discounted family rate is available, and the child fare is unchanged. Everyone attending the railway will be required to wear face coverings and all trains will be cleaned between trips. A host of further cleaning measures have been carried out and there will be hand sanitisers widely available.