

# Steam Engineman Courses

## Live The Childhood Dream

We have a variety of Steam Engineman Courses to enable you to discover what it feels like to be on the footplate of one of our homefleet locomotives.

- Our **Taster Course** includes: A half day practical experience on the footplate.
  - Our **Bronze Course** includes: A two day course, one day in the classroom and the second day as a practical exercise.
  - Our **Silver Course** includes: a goods service from Minehead to Blue Anchor and shunting moves at Minehead and Dunster.
  - Our **Gold Course** includes: prepping the engine and having one round trip on the footplate and the other round trip travelling in the train.
- Please note you must have completed a Bronze Course first as the knowledge gained from this experience is essential for the enjoyment of the Silver and Gold Courses. Participants for all courses must be over the age of 18.



For more information or to book online please visit:  
[www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk/events/steam-engineman-courses](http://www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk/events/steam-engineman-courses)  
 Alternatively, call us on: **01643 704996**  
 Or email us at: [info@wsrail.net](mailto:info@wsrail.net)

# Stations

**Minehead** - Readers Halt second hand book shop • Signal box • Turntable • Water towers • Pay and Display car park • Seaside town with sandy beach and harbour • Start of the South West Coastal Path • Home of our steam and carriage and wagon workshops  
**Turntable Café** - licensed café serving hot drinks, light lunches, cakes and snacks  
**Buffer Stop Shop** - selling souvenirs, WSR merchandise, clothing, toys and collectables • Postcode: TA24 5BG

**Dunster** - Goods Yard • 20 minute walk to medieval village with Dunster Castle and Watermill (National Trust) • Yarn Market • Postcode: TA24 6PJ

**Blue Anchor** - Traditional gated level crossing • Signal Box • Sandy beach • West Somerset Railway Heritage Trust Museum • Postcode: TA24 6LG

**Washford** - Goods yard • Nearby: Cleeve Abbey (English Heritage) • Torre Cider Farm • Footpath along Old Mineral Line site • WSRHT Carriage Restoration Workshop • Postcode: TA23 0PP

**Watchet** - Historical Harbour town with Marina • Boat, Radio and Town museums • East Quay Art Gallery • Old Mineral Line Footpath • Postcode: TA23 0AU

**Doniford Halt** - Request Stop • Nearby: Doniford Farm Park • Fossil Beach • Footpath Access Only • Postcode: TA23 0TQ

**Williton** - Signal Box • Home of DEPG and engineering restoration workshops • Postcode: TA4 4RQ

**Stogumber** - Tea Garden • Nearby: Quaint village • Country Walks • Postcode: TA4 3TR

**Crowcombe Heathfield** - Highest Station • Signal Box • Seen in films: 'The Land Girls' and 'A Hard Day's Night' • Country Walks • Postcode: TA4 4PA

**Bishops Lydeard** - West Somerset Railway Heritage Trust Gauge Museum • Taunton Model Railway Group • Signal Box • Water tower • Free Car park • Nearby: Quantock Brewery and Historic Mill  
**Whistle Stop Café** - serving snacks, hot and cold drinks  
**Shop** - selling souvenirs, WSR merchandise, model railways, collectables, and more • Postcode: TA4 3RU

Where a shed or workshop is indicated, please note that these are generally not accessible to the public.

# Key for timetable

**S/D** : This service may run with either a Heritage Diesel or Steam locomotive

**DMU/D** : This service may run with either a Diesel Multiple Unit or a Heritage Diesel locomotive

**(R)** : Request stop; if on the platform you must raise your hand to request the train to stop, if on board please speak to a member of staff to let them know you intend to alight.

**-** : This service does not stop at this station

The coloured dates below show our operating days. Our standard timetable colours are: **Red, Brown, Orange, Yellow** and **Blue**.

**Purple** represents our special events, which operate under an alternate timetable that can be found on our website closer to the date of travel. **Green** represents our Christmas running dates.

Due to operational reasons our timetables may change throughout the season and therefore we ask all passengers to check our website for the most up to date information shortly before you travel.

Blue Timetable 2026				
Station	Steam	Diesel	Steam	Diesel
Bishops Lydeard	10:15	12:25	14:35	16:25
Crowcombe Heathfield	10:28	12:38	14:48	16:38
Stogumber	10:38	12:48	14:58	16:48
Williton	10:48	12:58	15:08	16:58
Doniford Halt (R)	10:54	13:12	15:22	17:22
Watchet	10:58	13:16	15:26	17:26
Washford	11:08	13:26	15:36	17:36
Blue Anchor	11:16	13:34	15:44	17:44
Dunster	11:26	13:43	15:53	17:52
Minehead	11:35	13:50	16:00	18:00
Station	Diesel	Steam	Diesel	Steam
Minehead	10:00	12:20	14:30	16:30
Dunster	10:08	12:28	14:38	16:38
Blue Anchor	10:15	12:35	14:45	16:45
Washford	10:25	12:45	14:55	16:55
Watchet	10:33	12:53	15:03	17:03
Doniford Halt (R)	10:39	12:59	15:09	17:09
Williton	10:43	13:03	15:13	17:13
Stogumber	11:03	13:16	15:26	17:25
Crowcombe Heathfield	11:12	13:25	15:35	17:33
Bishops Lydeard	11:25	13:40	15:50	17:45

Yellow Timetable 2026					
Station	Steam	DMU/D	Steam	Steam	Steam
Bishops Lydeard	10:15	10:55	12:25	14:35	16:25
Crowcombe Heathfield	10:28	11:07	12:38	14:48	16:38
Stogumber	10:38	11:25	12:48	14:58	16:48
Williton	10:48	11:34	12:58	15:08	16:58
Doniford Halt (R)	10:54	11:38	13:12	15:22	17:22
Watchet	10:58	11:42	13:16	15:26	17:26
Washford	11:08	11:51	13:26	15:36	17:36
Blue Anchor	11:16	11:59	13:34	15:44	17:44
Dunster	11:26	12:07	13:43	15:53	17:52
Minehead	11:35	12:15	13:50	16:00	18:00
Station	Steam	Steam	Steam	DMU/D	Steam
Minehead	10:00	12:20	14:30	15:25	16:30
Dunster	10:08	12:28	14:38	15:33	16:38
Blue Anchor	10:15	12:35	14:45	15:40	16:45
Washford	10:25	12:45	14:55	15:55	16:55
Watchet	10:33	12:53	15:03	16:03	17:03
Doniford Halt (R)	10:39	12:59	15:09	16:09	17:09
Williton	10:43	13:03	15:13	16:13	17:13
Stogumber	11:03	13:16	15:26	16:26	17:25
Crowcombe Heathfield	11:12	13:25	15:35	16:35	17:33
Bishops Lydeard	11:25	13:40	15:50	16:55	17:45

An additional DMU shuttle service will be available on **Wednesdays only in June and July** between Minehead and Watchet to link with the Watchet Wednesday Market.  
 The timings for this are below and run in conjunction with the standard blue timetable that can be seen above.

Station	DMU	DMU
Watchet	12:15	14:25
Washford	12:22	14:32
Blue Anchor	12:30	14:40
Dunster	12:45	14:55
Minehead	12:52	15:02
Station	DMU	DMU
Minehead	11:00	13:15
Dunster	11:07	13:22
Blue Anchor	11:14	13:29
Washford	11:27	13:45
Watchet	11:35	13:52



If you have any questions about our timetables please call/email:  
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Red Timetable 2026			
Station	Steam	S/D	Steam
Bishops Lydeard	10:15	12:25	14:35
Crowcombe Heathfield	10:28	12:38	14:48
Stogumber	10:38	12:48	14:58
Williton	10:48	12:58	15:08
Doniford Halt (R)	10:54	13:12	15:22
Watchet	10:58	13:16	15:26
Washford	11:08	13:26	15:36
Blue Anchor	11:16	13:34	15:44
Dunster	11:26	13:43	15:53
Minehead	11:35	13:50	16:00
Station	Steam	S/D	Steam
Minehead	12:20	14:30	16:30
Dunster	12:28	14:38	16:38
Blue Anchor	12:35	14:45	16:45
Washford	12:45	14:55	16:55
Watchet	12:53	15:03	17:03
Doniford Halt (R)	12:59	15:09	17:09
Williton	13:03	15:13	17:13
Stogumber	13:16	15:26	17:25
Crowcombe Heathfield	13:25	15:35	17:33
Bishops Lydeard	13:40	15:50	17:45

Brown Timetable 2026			
Station	Steam	Steam*	Steam
Bishops Lydeard	10:15	12:30	14:35
Crowcombe Heathfield	10:28	-	14:48
Stogumber	10:38	-	14:58
Williton	10:48	13:00	15:08
Doniford Halt (R)	10:54	-	15:14
Watchet	10:58	13:21	15:18
Washford	11:08	-	15:28
Blue Anchor	11:16	13:44	15:36
Dunster	11:26	14:06	15:46
Minehead	11:35	14:15	15:55
Station	Steam	Steam*	Steam
Minehead	12:20	15:15	16:30
Dunster	12:28	15:23	16:38
Blue Anchor	12:35	15:30	16:45
Washford	12:45	-	16:55
Watchet	12:53	15:56	17:03
Doniford Halt (R)	12:59	-	17:09
Williton	13:03	16:05	17:13
Stogumber	13:16	-	17:25
Crowcombe Heathfield	13:25	-	17:33
Bishops Lydeard	13:40	16:40	17:45

Steam\* - this service has limited stops and is attached to our QB dining train so will travel at a slower speed.

Orange Timetable 2026				
Station	Steam	DMU	S/D	Steam
Bishops Lydeard	10:15	11:30	12:25	14:35
Crowcombe Heathfield	10:28	11:43	12:38	14:48
Stogumber	10:38	11:53	12:48	14:58
Williton	10:48	12:03	12:58	15:08
Doniford Halt (R)	10:54	12:09	13:12	15:22
Watchet	10:58	12:13	13:16	15:26
Washford	11:08	12:23	13:26	15:36
Blue Anchor	11:16	12:31	13:34	15:44
Dunster	11:26	12:47	13:43	15:53
Minehead	11:35	12:55	13:50	16:00
Station	Steam	S/D	DMU	Steam
Minehead	12:20	14:30	15:25	16:30
Dunster	12:28	14:38	15:33	16:38
Blue Anchor	12:35	14:45	15:40	16:45
Washford	12:45	14:55	15:55	16:55
Watchet	12:53	15:03	16:03	17:03
Doniford Halt (R)	12:59	15:09	16:09	17:09
Williton	13:03	15:13	16:13	17:13
Stogumber	13:16	15:26	16:26	17:25
Crowcombe Heathfield	13:25	15:35	16:33	17:33
Bishops Lydeard	13:40	15:50	16:45	17:45

# Plan Your Visit

All aboard England's longest heritage railway! Our rural Somerset branch line extends over 20 miles from Bishops Lydeard (near Taunton) to the seaside town of Minehead. Along the way are 8 more picturesque stations, from Crowcombe Heathfield at the foot of the Quantocks, to the historical harbour town of Watchet and Blue Anchor with its view across the Bristol Channel to South Wales.



## How to Find Us

**By Road** - Bishops Lydeard Station (TA4 3RU) is on the A358, west of Taunton. Follow the brown WSR signs from M5 J25 or J26. There is a large free car park (height restriction of 2.1m).

**By Bus** - First Bus, number 28 serves Bishops Lydeard village and other stations regularly from Taunton Town Centre and Taunton Station, please check relevant bus companies for further details.

**By Coach or minibus** - Free Parking is available at Bishops Lydeard for larger vehicles that are above the height restriction of the car park, please call for further details. Parking is also available near Minehead Station.

## Accessibility

Many of our services have an accessible carriage to welcome passengers with accessibility needs. For further information please visit our website: [www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk/accessability-statement](http://www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk/accessability-statement)

## Interested in Volunteering?

We have a wide range of different roles across all departments. Please contact [volunteers@wsrail.net](mailto:volunteers@wsrail.net) for more information or call 01643 704996.

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	<b>50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION</b> Celebrating 50 years of preservation with some recreations from 1976!	<b>28TH &amp; 29TH MARCH</b>
	<b>RAILWAY200 INSPIRATION TRAIN</b> At Minehead Station, Free Entry!	<b>30TH MAR - 4TH APRIL</b>
	<b>BRUNEL'S EASTER BUNANZAAR</b> Join Brunel to help Honey the Bunny get to Grandpa Boris' Birthday Bash!	<b>4TH - 21ST APRIL</b>
	<b>YOUNG ENGINEERS</b> A day of learning about everything steam with Chris Vine. This event is for children aged between 5 and 15	<b>15TH &amp; 16TH APRIL</b>
	<b>SPRING STEAM SPECTACULAR</b> A 4 day event celebrating steam, with our home fleet & visiting locos	<b>1ST - 4TH MAY</b>
	<b>SUMMER DIESEL FESTIVAL</b> 4 days celebrating all things Diesel, with our home fleet & visiting locomotives	<b>4TH - 7TH JUNE</b>
	<b>SIR NIGEL GRESLEY WEEKEND</b> The iconic Sir Nigel Gresley headlines this weekend	<b>3RD - 5TH JULY</b>
	<b>DIESELS AT 65</b> A weekend celebrating 65 years of the preservation of some of the DEPG locomotives	<b>29TH - 31ST AUGUST</b>
	<b>1940S WEEKEND</b> A weekend celebrating the sights and sounds of the 1940s. Featuring performers and an evening dance	<b>12TH &amp; 13TH SEPT</b>
	<b>AUTUMN STEAM WEEKEND</b> A celebration of steam locomotives in conjunction with our 50th year of preservation.	<b>25TH - 27TH SEPT</b>
	<b>HALLOWEEN</b> Join Brunel on a secret quest for our Halloween trail. Purchase a trail sheet to take part	<b>24TH OCT - 1ST NOV</b>
	<b>CHRISTMAS</b> Santa Express, Carol Trains, Fish & Chipmas, Christmas Market, Plus more!	<b>VARIOUS NOV/DEC DATES</b>

**FISH AND CHIP PLUS CREAM TEA SPECIAL**

**VARIOUS DATES AVAILABLE**

Indulge in classic fish and chips as you travel from Bishops Lydeard to Minehead, followed by a delightful West Country cream tea on your relaxing return journey.

**MURDER MYSTERY SPECIAL**

**27TH JUNE & 26TH SEPT**

Put your detective skills to the test as you solve a thrilling murder mystery while enjoying a meal on board the train from Bishops Lydeard to Minehead and back. This immersive event is perfect for keen mystery solvers.

**CHEESE AND CIDER PLUS CREAM TEA SPECIAL**

**25TH JUNE, 16TH JULY & 20TH AUG**

Enjoy a delicious cheese and cider meal whilst you journey from Bishops Lydeard to Minehead, then savour a classic cream tea on your return.

**AFTERNOON TEA ON THE QUANTOCK BELLE**

**VARIOUS DATES AVAILABLE**

Treat yourself to a delicious afternoon tea as you journey from Bishops Lydeard to Minehead, then sit back and relax on your scenic return.

**NEW FOR 2026 CREAM TEA RETURN**

**VARIOUS DATES AVAILABLE**

Step aboard and unwind as you travel from Bishops Lydeard to Minehead, then delight in a delicious cream tea on your return journey. Please note, tickets are fixed returns and travel must be on the services stated on the website.

**All our Catering Services must be booked in advance. Please see our website for more details.**

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## Quantock Belle Premium Dining Services

The Quantock Belle service operates on the scenic West Somerset Railway between Bishops Lydeard (near Taunton) and Minehead. Our diners enjoy good food and excellent company as the train winds its way through the beautiful Quantock Hills, past the ancient port of Watchet and along the coast to Blue Anchor Bay and through to its conclusion at Minehead.

Whatever the occasion may be – a special anniversary, birthday celebration, a cosy dinner for two, or a Sunday lunch out – we are sure you will find dining on the Quantock Belle a delightful and memorable experience.

This year we will once again be joined by Chef Sam Le Roux.

Our Quantock Belle Services can only be booked in advance. For more details, visit our website.

**QUANTOCK BELLE SUNDAY DINING SERVICE**

**DATES BELOW**

19th April, 24th May, 21st June, 5th & 19th July, 16th & 30th August, 6th & 20th September and 11th & 25th October 2026.

**QUANTOCK BELLE EVENING DINING SERVICE**

**DATES BELOW**

27th June and 26th September 2026.



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## Tickets

Ticket Type	In Advance	On the Day
Adult Day Rover (Aged 16+)	£36.00	£38.00
Child Day Rover (Aged 5-15)	£18.00	£19.00
Under 5 Years Old	Two free when accompanied by a full paying adult	Two free when accompanied by a full paying adult
Dog/Bicycle	£3.50	£3.50
Carer	Free when accompanied by a full paying passenger, supporting documentation will be required to receive this ticket. Please check our website for full details.	Free when accompanied by a full paying passenger, supporting documentation will be required to receive this ticket. Please check our website for full details.
Singles and Returns	-	Vary between journey length, please see the 'Ticket Prices' page on our website for further details

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If you would like a single or return ticket from any of our stations, these can only be purchased on the day from the booking office or from one of our travelling ticket inspectors onboard the train. Prices for these journeys can be found on our website:

[www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk/ticket-prices](http://www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk/ticket-prices)

## Annual Passes

Our Annual Pass is a brilliant way for you to be able to visit the WSR as many times as you like throughout the season on our standard red, brown, orange, yellow or blue timetable days.

Passes are valid for 12 months from the date of issue. As a pass holder you are entitled to a 10% discount in our shops at Minehead and Bishops Lydeard.

If you have purchased a travel ticket with us, why not upgrade to an Annual Pass? The price you paid for your ticket will be deducted from the cost of your Annual Pass. This must be done within 7 days of purchase at Minehead Information Office.

Buy a WSR rover ticket and get 10% off your ticket for Lynton and Barnstaple Railway within 30 days of travel on production of a valid ticket.



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