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Timetable Updates

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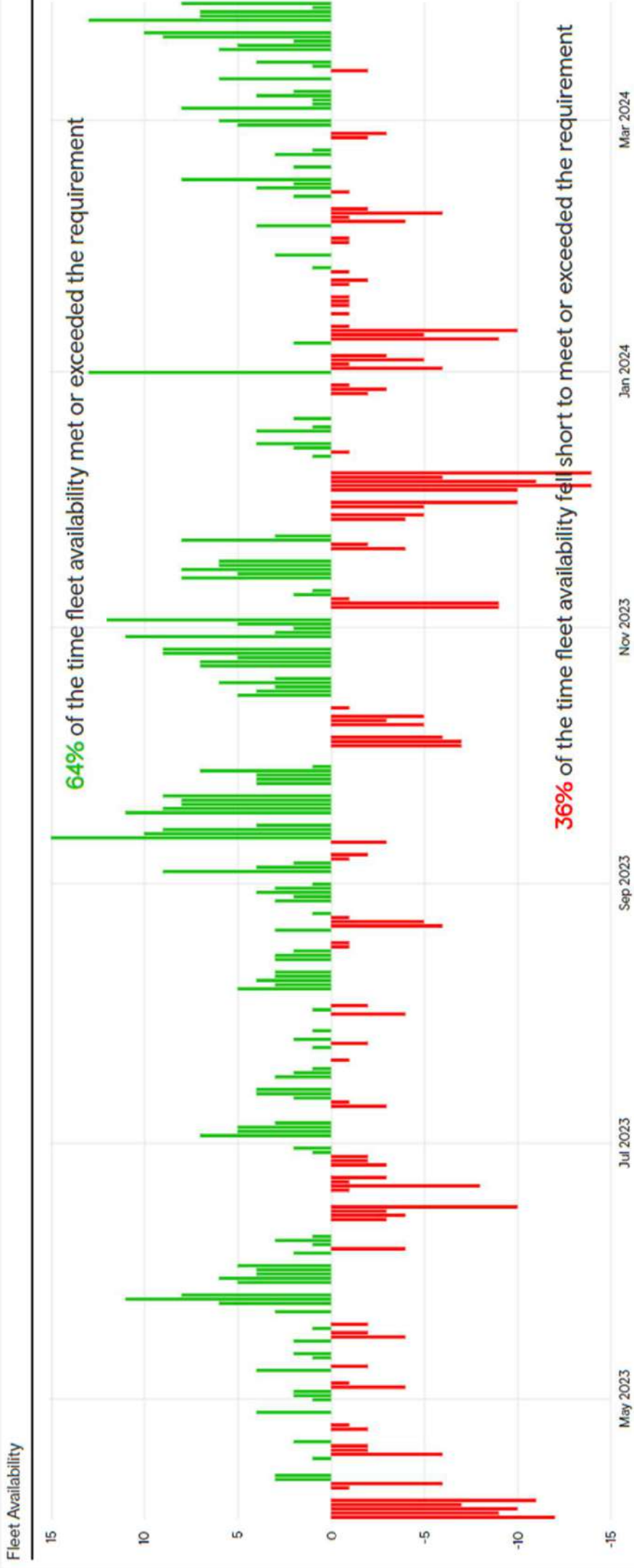
A few performance updates







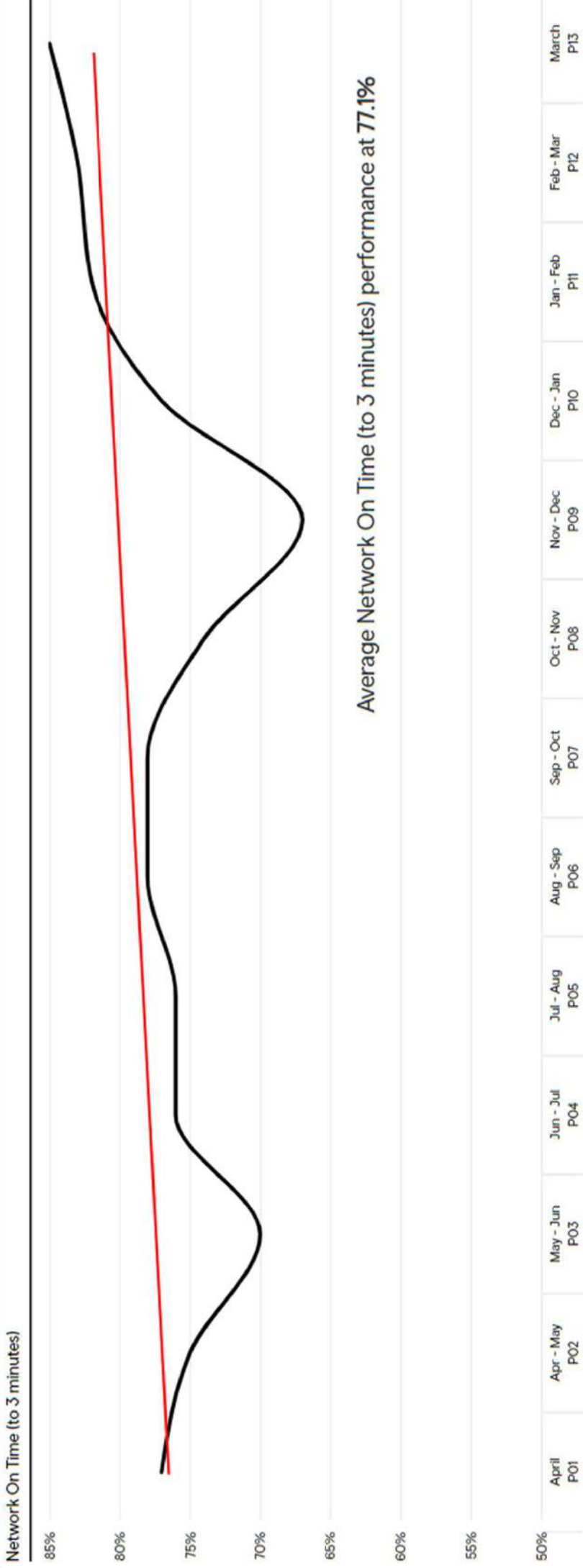
Performance Fleet Availability



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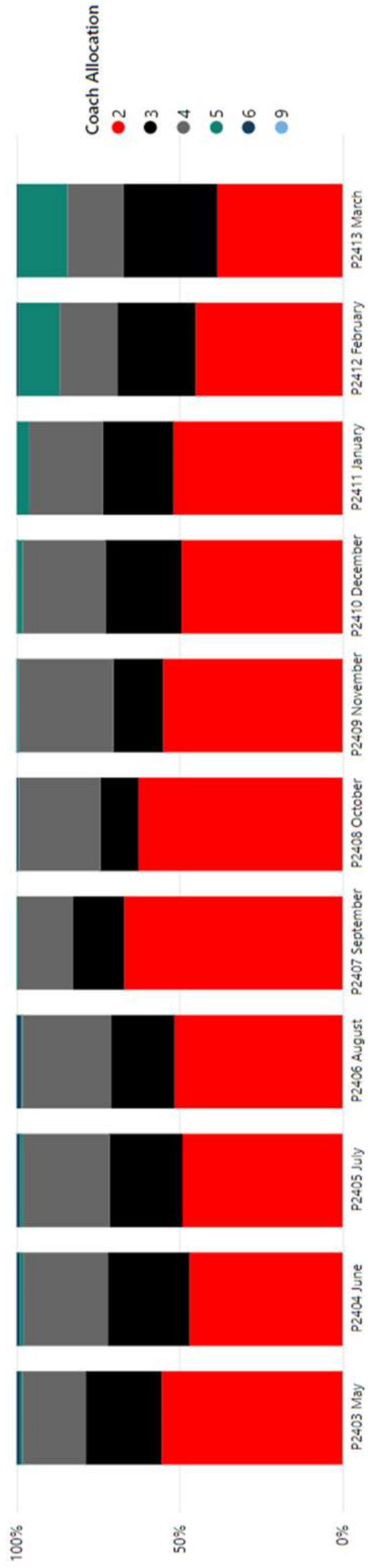


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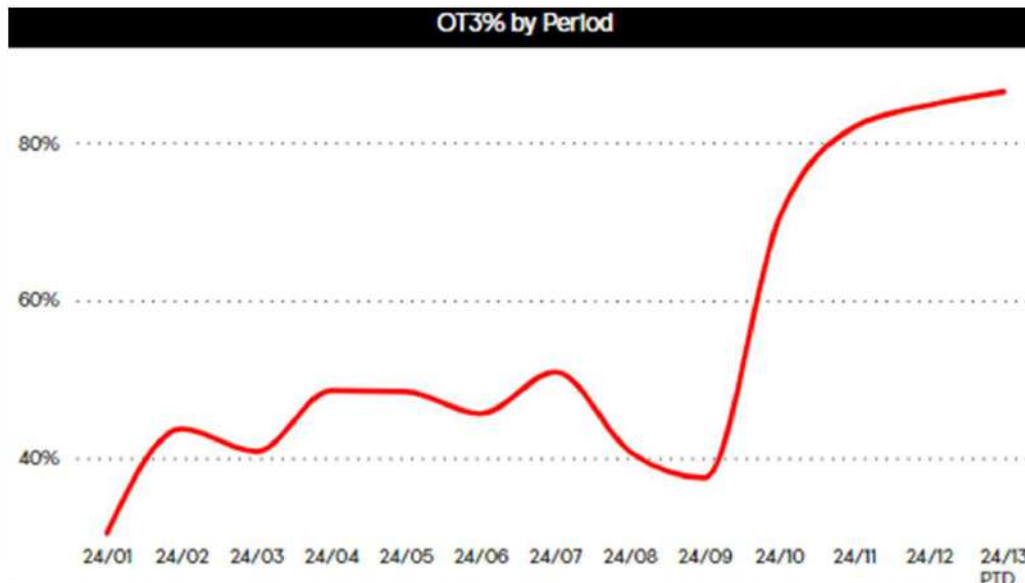




Performance Marches Formations (actual, all classes)



Borderlands update



Since the December Timetable Change and the 45-minute service frequency.

Combined with an SRT re-cast, OTT3 has improved by c.25-30pp from:

From: 50-55% OTT3 (P01-09 23/24)

To: 80-85%

and 3 of the last 6 weeks have been at 88%



June TT changes

- Substantial change on the CVL, less so on WCB
- 46 x cl.197 plus 2 hot spares = lots of strengthening on Marches, West Wales, North Wales. 153 AT later in summer
- 1W91 (0717 CDF-HHD 1206) now calls Craven Arms 0853/Church Stretton 0903. Leominster also hope for, and has been bid to NR
- Cheltenham consistent 1tph to begin by June, potentially May
- Minor changes to calling patterns in late services Cardiff – Bridgend:
 - 2215 Cardiff to Carmarthen does not call Pencoed, Pontyclun & Llanharan BUT 2237 Cardiff – Maesteg does
- Summer Sunday morning services back, out since Covid):
 - 06.21 Chester to Holyhead & 07.19 Holyhead to Crewe
 - 08.14 Swansea to Pembroke & 08.36 Carmarthen to Swansea
 - 08.20 Carmarthen to Milford Haven & 09.30 Milford Haven to Carmarthen
 - 08.31 Shrewsbury to Machynlleth



TfW gets £125m rail subsidy to cover continuing impact of Covid



Rhodri Clark

01 November 2023



New trains, such as this one at Blaenau Ffestiniog, have increased TfW's costs

The Welsh Government has awarded Transport for Wales an additional £125m for this financial year, to cover the continuing impact of Covid-19 on rail passenger numbers. The funding is approximately a 50% addition to the amount of rail subsidy TfW received in 2022/23.

Finance and Local Government Minister Rebecca Evans told the Senedd the government's revenue budget had increased by 5% this year, against inflation running at 8% on average. Revenue budgets would reduce for many...



Context

- Huge support to keep railway running through Covid; furloughed only a few colleagues and at 100%
- No ticket office closure plans, including in England
- Long term pay and productivity deal with drivers achieved:
 - 3 year pay deal
 - Sundays in working week and CVL operations protocol
 - Changes to historic terms e.g. major events
- Returned to 100% of pre-Covid TTs much earlier than much of the rest of the railway

But the cost of the railway is high per passenger carried i.e. subsidy



Strategic Review



In 2023, TfW were challenged:

“To redesign the Wales and Cross Borders timetable for a post-Covid world, using network capacity and rolling stock resources to gain higher patronage / revenue, whilst reducing subsidy from the public purse as much as possible.”

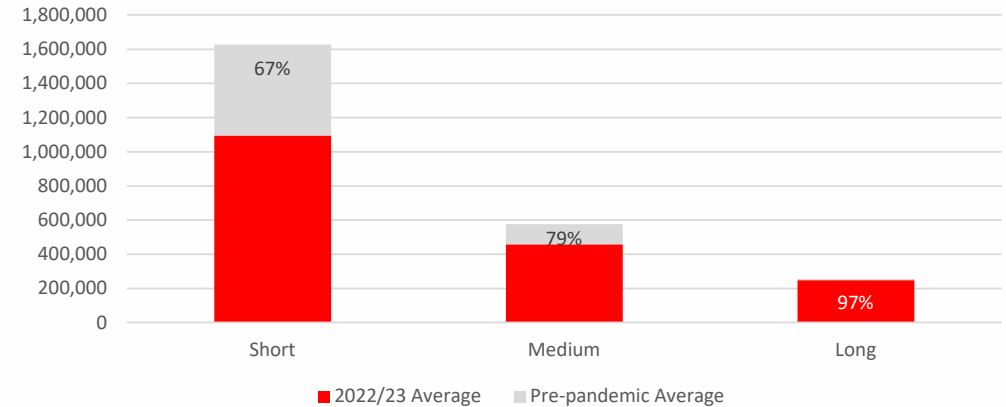
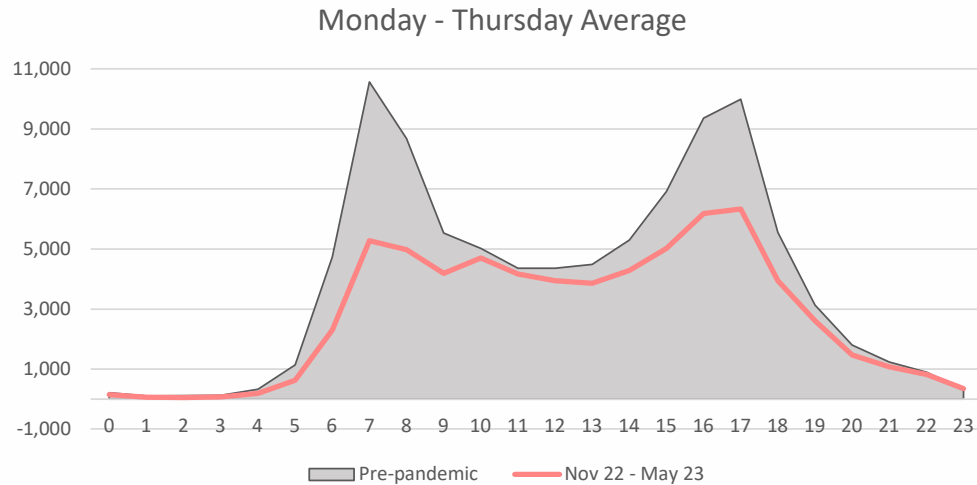
We identified four options:

1. Do nothing – deliver all previously announced timetable uplifts
2. 'Senni' - a basket of modest economies and new revenue opportunities
3. 'Glaslyn' - a development of Senni, including some more radical changes
4. 'Towy' – a very radical reworking of the network

TfW recommended to Welsh Government the adoption of **Senni** i.e. modest changes, which will be implemented from the Dec 2024 change, and are subject to the consultation now beginning.

Some changes take effect in future years up to 2028

Customer Demand Patterns since Covid-19



- Demand profiles have seen a significant shift following the pandemic due primarily to changed attitudes to remote working
- Monday – Thursday demand has seen a considerable reduction in traditional peaks, with demand now spread throughout the day
- Long-distance journeys have recovered to a greater extent than short-distance journeys
- Chester – Shrewsbury – Birmingham, Cardiff – Manchester, and Crewe – Holyhead / Llandudno have all demonstrated strong recovery
- Summer is much busier than pre-pandemic.
- Lines such as Heart of Wales, Swanline and Maesteg/Ebbw Vale have been much slower to return to pre-covid levels of use



Strategic Review



Key outcomes

- To retain the full fleet (owned & leased), providing options for units to be redeployed.
- A focus on **summer capacity and winter resilience** leading to a larger differential in the units utilised - 147 in summer / 141 in winter. Provides resilience to storms in winter, and capacity in the summer
- A project to consider fitting a further 3x 2-car cl.197 units to ETCS to provide greater capacity on Cambrian service group
- Continued investment in toilet emptying (CET) / stabling at Shrewsbury, Carmarthen and Pwllheli. Wheel lathe at Holyhead, bogie drop at Canton.
- Route-clearing the cl.153 AT units between Crewe and Shrewsbury plus Carmarthen and Fishguard Harbour/ Pembroke Dock to provide additional options
- Opportunities for better bus integration, particularly post bus franchising
- A worthwhile contribution to reducing the total subsidy required by TfW to run rail services
- **Modest changes and some future plans deferred, detailed in the following slides:**



Senni changes in North Wales

Route	What's being changed (vs. May 2023 timetable)	Date
Manchester Airport <> Llandudno	Diverted to Holyhead, calling all stations	2026*
Liverpool Lime Street <> Chester	Extended to Llandudno	2026*
Birmingham International <> Holyhead	Birmingham International <> Llandudno Junction, except: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 09:08 Birmingham International > Holyhead ends at Chester• 19:22 Holyhead > Birmingham International starts at Chester• 17:08 Birmingham International > Llandudno ends at Chester• 20:50 Llandudno > Chester cancelled	2026*
Cardiff Central <> Holyhead	Stops at Bodorgan, Ty Croes and Rhosneigr removed from most trains (now in Manchester services). See also Marches slide	2026*
Chester <> Crewe	No change	-

* Dependent on Level Crossing mitigations, particularly at Prestatyn to be delivered by NR



Senni changes, Wrexham - Bidston

Route	What's being changed (vs. May 2023 timetable)	Date
Wrexham – Bidston 'Borderlands'	Service increased to 45-minute intervals, 3 train service with 1x cl.230 and 2x cl.197 (2x cl.230 and 1x cl.197 from Dec'24)	Dec'23
	Operated by 3 out of a fleet of 5 cl.230s	By mid 2025
	We will introduce an additional journey at 06:36 from Bidston > Wrexham Central on Monday – Saturday to allow an earlier arrival into Wrexham (at 07:40). We're trying to implement this in June 2024 if NR will accept the request. Problem in autumn with RHTT clash, however.	June'24 or Dec'24
	TfW Rail Replacement services extended to Birkenhead North permanently until Bidston station (Merseyrail SFO) is accessible	



Senni changes Cambrian 1/2

Route	What's being changed (vs. May 2023 timetable)	Date
Birmingham Int'l <> Shrewsbury	Originally we proposed an extra evening train from Birmingham but this severs a through service starting at Birmingham International (23:07 to Shrewsbury); stakeholders criticised the removal of that through service, so we will retain today's pattern.	-
Shrewsbury <> Aberystwyth	Planned introduction of the following journeys now to occur March – September only : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 08:27 Shrewsbury > Aberystwyth• 10:30 Aberystwyth > Shrewsbury• 12:30 Shrewsbury > Aberystwyth• 14:30 Shrewsbury > Aberystwyth• 14:30 Aberystwyth > Shrewsbury• 16:30 Aberystwyth > Shrewsbury <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 06:24 Shrewsbury > Aberystwyth will now start at Welshpool at 06:46 (all year)	March'26



Senni changes Cambrian 2/2

Route	What's being changed (vs. May 2023 timetable)	Date
Machynlleth <> Pwllheli 'Cambrian Coast'	<p>Journeys to be removed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 05:07 Machynlleth > Barmouth• 06:45 Barmouth > Machynlleth• 08:52 Machynlleth > Pwllheli between Dec and Mar• 11:37 Pwllheli > Machynlleth between Dec and Mar <p>Retimed services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 21:47 Machynlleth > Pwllheli now starts ~20:55, runs Mar to Dec only• 20:26 Pwllheli > Machynlleth now starts ~19:30, runs Mar to Dec only <p>Journeys to be strengthened between May and September (2 from the following 3 each way):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 06:22 Birmingham New St > 08:52 Machynlleth > Pwllheli• 08:08 Birmingham Int'l > 10:52 Machynlleth > Pwllheli• 10:08 Birmingham Int'l > 12:52 Machynlleth > Pwllheli strengthened after Shrewsbury• 11:34 Pwllheli > Birmingham Int'l• 13:34 Pwllheli > Birmingham Int'l• 15:34 Pwllheli > Birmingham Int'l	Dec'24

Service summary - Cambrian



	Today	Winter Senni	Summer Senni (Mar-Sept)
SHR-MCN	12	12*	15*
MCN-AYW	16	16	19
MCN-PWL	8 plus Barmouth service	6	8

* plus a 1630 SHR-MCN leg added to the start of 1742 MCN-AYW, and 0624 SHR-AYW starts at Welshpool vice SHR.



Senni changes Marches

Route	What's being changed (vs. May 2023 timetable)	Date
(Cardiff Central) <> Shrewsbury <> Chester <> (Holyhead)	4x journeys timed for MkIVs now retimed as cl.197s to avoid 2-hour gaps in service: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 06:48 Cardiff > Holyhead retimed to start 07:20 and better serves Hereford college traffic (07:58 Abergavenny > Hereford 08:23)• 11:22 Cardiff > Holyhead now to call at Anglesey stations to service Bangor school traffic (15:36 Bangor)• 11:34 Holyhead > Cardiff retimed to start 12:33• 16:34 Holyhead > Cardiff retimed to start 16:30	Dec'23 and ongoing
(Cardiff Central) <> Crewe <> Manchester Piccadilly	Additional calls at Alderley Edge: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 06:29 Crewe > 06:46 Alderley Edge > Manchester Piccadilly 07:15• 05:50 Cardiff Central > 08:46 Alderley Edge > Manchester Piccadilly 09:13 ...both subject to agreement with DfT, but expected to be agreed	Dec'24
Cardiff Central <> Shrewsbury <> Liverpool Lime Street	New service deferred for at least 5 years. Requires unfunded Gobowen signalling upgrade	-



Senni changes South Wales local services 1/2

Route	What's being changed (vs. May 2023 timetable)	Date
Cardiff Central/Newport <> Ebbw Vale	<p>Newport <> Ebbw Vale service after 19:00 is the Maesteg/Cardiff <> Ebbw Vale service diverted via Newport; so the 1tph from Cardiff services both Cardiff and Newport traffic.</p> <p>The last direct Cardiff > Ebbw Vale train will be at 19:03 and the last direct Ebbw Vale > Cardiff at 20:03. (Network Rail cannot accommodate later Newport <> Ebbw Vale services due to the impact on maintenance, but this is under review)</p>	Dec'23



Senni changes South Wales local services 2/2

Route	What's being changed (vs. May 2023 timetable)	Date
Cardiff Central <> Cheltenham Spa	<p>Removed 3x planned TfW services at 04:54 (SX), 20:10 (EWD) and 22:10 (SX) from Cardiff to Cheltenham Spa and their return workings. TfW 21:10 and return to remain.</p> <p>XC are expected to call their 19:50, 20:55 and 21:45 Cardiff Central > Birmingham New St additionally at Severn Tunnel Junction, Caldicot, Chepstow and Lydney.</p>	June'24
Cardiff Central <> Bridgend via Vale of Glamorgan	<p>We will defer (for at least 5 years) the introduction of the daytime 2tph service, which had been planned for December 2025, but we will introduce 2 additional peak journeys on Monday – Friday at approximately the following times:</p> <p>07:30 Bridgend > Cardiff Central 08:30 17:30 Cardiff Central > Bridgend 18:30</p>	2026 (tbc)
Cardiff Central <> Swansea (Swanline)	<p>Increase to 1tph at off-peak times deferred for at least 5 years. Journeys <i>not introduced</i> are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cardiff to Swansea at 09:50 (Sep-May), 11:44 and 13:50• Swansea to Cardiff at 10:27 and 12:27; and 14:27 (Sep-May)	Dec'24 and May'25



Senni changes West Wales 1/2

Route	What's being changed (vs. May 2023 timetable)	Date
(Manchester Piccadilly) <> Swansea <> Milford Haven/Fishguard Harbour	<p>Timetable recast - two of the planned extra Fishguard services are diverted to Milford Haven. Better connections provided with the daytime Rosslare boat at Fishguard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Departures from Carmarthen towards Milford Haven at 04:55, 06:00, 07:46, 09:33, 11:53, 13:53, 14:34, 16:33, 17:53, 19:33 and 21:39; plus 23:06 on FO+SO• Departures from Carmarthen towards Fishguard at 05:50, 09:00, 10:33, 12:33, 15:53, 18:29 and 20:34. Boat departs 14:00 connecting out of the 13:25 arrival• Departures from Milford Haven towards Carmarthen at 05:56, 07:00, 09:00, 11:00, 13:00, 15:00, 16:00, 18:00 18:57, 20:38 and 23:20 plus 00:20 on SO+U• Departures from Fishguard towards Carmarthen at 06:50 (to Clarboston Road only), 08:01, 10:01, 12:06, 14:01, 17:01, 19:29 and 21:44. Boat arrives 11:45 connecting into the 12:06 departure	Dec'24



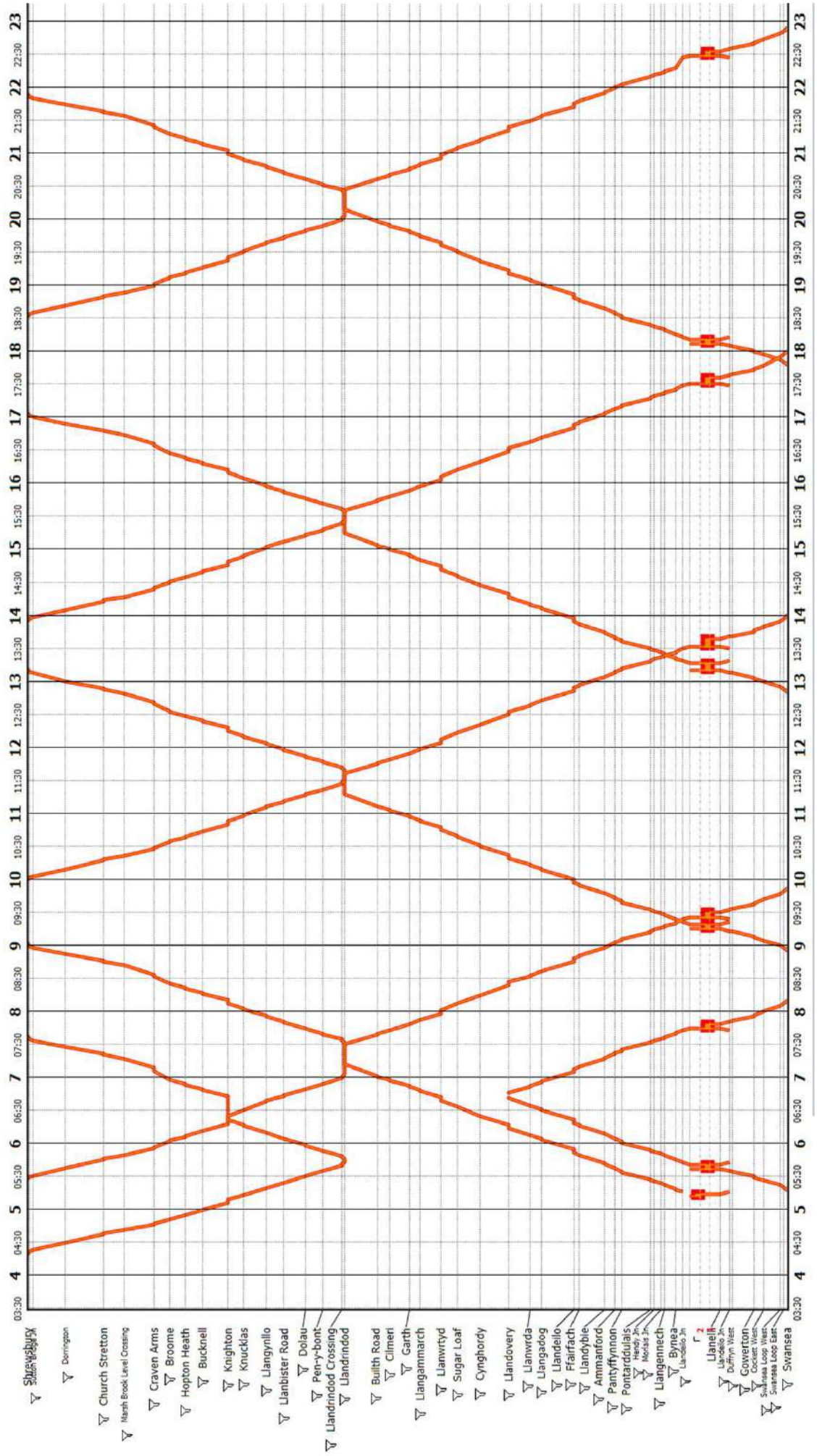
Senni changes West Wales 2/2

Route	What's being changed (vs. May 2023 timetable)	Date
(Manchester Piccadilly) <> Swansea <> Milford Haven/Fishguard Harbour	<p>Amend 4 journeys to better mesh with GWR's London Paddington <> Carmarthen service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 08:01 Fishguard Harbour > Cardiff Central ends at Carmarthen• 10:01 Fishguard Harbour > Cardiff Central ends at Carmarthen• 11:46 Cardiff Central > Milford Haven starts at Carmarthen• 13:46 Cardiff Central > Milford Haven starts at Carmarthen	Dec'24
Swansea <> Pembroke Dock	<p>Additional journeys between Swansea and Tenby between May and September, calling at Llanelli, Pembrey & Burry Port, Carmarthen and Whitland, at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Swansea to Tenby at approx. 08:55, 11:00 and 13:00• Tenby to Swansea at approx. 10:40, 12:39 and 14:41 <p>The operation of these is subject to agreement with NR, but expected to be agreed.</p>	May'25



Senni changes, Heart of Wales Line

Route	What's being changed (vs. May 2023 timetable)	Date
Swansea <> Shrewsbury via HoWL	<p>Reduce from 5 to 4 through journeys</p> <p>All planned train passes to occur at Llandrindod NOT Llanwrtyd, a huge improvement for passengers when trains are turned short.</p> <p>Remove late evening Shrewsbury <> Llandrindod and Swansea <> Llandovery services</p> <p>Exploring bus options ahead of bus franchising.</p>	Dec'24



- ✓ Slieve Donard
- ✓ Derrigoneen
- ✓ Church Stretton
- ✓ Marsh Brook Level Crossing
- ✓ Craven Arms
- ✓ Broome
- ✓ Hopton Heath
- ✓ Bucknell
- ✓ Knighton
- ✓ Knucklas
- ✓ Liangynllo
- ✓ Llanbister Road
- ✓ Dolau
- ✓ Pen-y-bont
- ✓ Llandrindod Crossing
- ✓ Llandrindod
- ✓ Builth Road
- ✓ Climeri
- ✓ Garth
- ✓ Liangammarch
- ✓ Llanwrtyd
- ✓ Sugar Loaf
- ✓ Cyngorhdy
- ✓ Llandoverly
- ✓ Llanwrda
- ✓ Liangadog
- ✓ Llandello
- ✓ Ffairfach
- ✓ Liandybie
- ✓ Amanford
- ✓ Pantyffynnon
- ✓ Pontarddulais
- ✓ Herby St
- ✓ Morlas St
- ✓ Liangennoch
- ✓ Bynna
- ✓ Llanedipon
- ✓ Llanelli
- ✓ Llanidloes
- ✓ Llanidloes Jn
- ✓ Dumfries West
- ✓ Gowerton
- ✓ Swansea Loop West
- ✓ Swansea Loop East
- ✓ Swansea

