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New timetable from 26 July

The changes introduced were a reduction in Southern Metro and Thameslink services but there were no changes to those on the Arun Valley or West Coastway. So, the timetables on the Southern website remain valid. - <https://timetables.southernrailway.com/SN/#/timetables/381/Table%20N>

Horsham improvements and closure of Arun Valley line

As we have already advised Network Rail are carrying out major engineering works which will affect all services through Horsham and the Arun Valley line. There have already been several weekend closures but the major closure will be over the **nine days between Saturday 14th to Sunday 22nd August including weekdays**. Further weekend closures will be on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th September, Sunday 3rd October. Also, there is some last-minute work at Purley on Sunday 15th August and Southern have recommended that travel on that day towards London should be deferred until after 14.00

What are the effects for users?

On weekends, no trains between Three Bridges and Barnham via Arundel/Horsham, or between Dorking and Horsham **From Monday 16th to Friday 20th August, no trains between Crawley and Barnham via Arundel/Horsham, or between Dorking and Horsham**

On all dates, services from Southampton, Portsmouth, Chichester will still run, but will have longer journey times as these are diverted via Littlehampton and Hove. Bognor Regis passengers will be required to change at Barnham.

I had hoped to be able to give members details of retimed services, bus substitutions, and any other changes but it has proved too difficult to summarise in this Newsletter. Our advice is to get times from the National Rail website at <https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/> What we do know is that there will be 6 buses in each direction between Horsham and Littlehampton. There will also be 6 buses per hour in each direction between Horsham and Crawley and 1 per hour between Horsham and Dorking. To give members an idea of journey times, I have set out below a specimen peak-hour morning service from most of our stations and a specimen off-peak service. Most of our stations will get 2 services an hour in these specimen times.

Chichester dep 06.33, **Barnham** dep 06.43 **Ford** dep 06.47, Victoria arr 09.09

Bognor Regis dep 06.36 Littlehampton arr 06.59 Victoria arr 09.09

Chichester dep 07.05, **Barnham** dep 07.12, **Ford** dep 07.17, Brighton arr 08.04 dep 08.12,

Victoria arr 09.18

Arundel:- Bus to Littlehampton dep 06.44 arr 07.04. Train dep 07.12 Victoria arr 09.08

Off-peak - Bus to Littlehampton dep 08.44 arr 09.04. Train dep 09.13 Victoria arr 10.58

Amberley - Bus to Littlehampton dep 06.59 arr 07.34. Train dep 07.42 Victoria arr 09.38

Off-peak - Bus to Littlehampton dep 08.29 arr 09.04. Train dep 09.13 Victoria arr 10.58

Pulborough:- Bus to Horsham dep 06.30, arr 07.05 Bus to Crawley dep 07.20 asr 07.40

Train dep 07.52 Three Bridges arr 07.55 dep 08.00, Victoria arr 08.38

Off-peak - Bus to Horsham dep 10.15 arr 10.20. Bus to Crawley dep 11.05 arr 11.25

Train dep 11.38, Three Bridges arr 11.42 dep 11.52, Victoria arr 12.28

Billingshurst:- Bus to Horsham dep 07.00, arr 07.20. Bus to Crawley dep 07.35 asr 07.55

Train dep 08.09 Three Bridges arr 08.13 dep 08.25, Victoria arr 09.09

Off-peak - Bus to Horsham dep 10.00 arr 10.20. Bus to Crawley dep 10.35 arr 10.55

Train dep 11.08, Three Bridges arr 11.12 dep 11.21, Victoria arr 11.58

Christ's Hospital:- Bus to Horsham dep 07.02, arr 07.15. Bus to Crawley dep 07.20 asr 07.40

Train dep 07.52 Three Bridges arr 07.55 dep 08.00, Victoria arr 08.35

Off-peak - Bus to Horsham dep 10.32 arr 10.45. Bus to Crawley dep 10.50 arr 11.10

Train dep 11.38, Three Bridges arr 11.42 dep 11.52, Victoria arr 12.28

Horsham:- Bus to Crawley dep 06.50 arr 07.10.

Train dep 07.52 Three Bridges arr 07.55 dep 08.00, Victoria arr 08.35

Off-peak - Bus to Crawley dep 10.05, Crawley arr 10.25

Train dep 10.38, Three Bridges arr 10.42 dep 10.53 Victoria arr 11.28

Littlehaven:- Bus to Crawley dep 07.00 arr 07.34.

Train dep 07.39 Three Bridges arr 07.43 dep 08.00, Victoria arr 08.38

Off-peak - Bus to Crawley dep 10.05, Crawley arr 10.25

Train dep 10.38, Three Bridges arr 10.42 dep 10.53 Victoria arr 11.28

Ifield:- Bus to Crawley dep 07.24 arr 07.34.

Train dep 07.39 Three Bridges arr 07.43 dep 08.00, Victoria arr 08.38

Off-peak - Bus to Crawley dep 10.18, Crawley arr 10.28

Train dep 10.38, Three Bridges arr 10.42 dep 10.53 Victoria arr 11.28

Crawley:- See specimen connectional departure times above e.g. Crawley dep 07.39

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