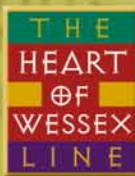


# Bristol to Weymouth Line Guide

11th December 2011 to 13th May 2012



The Heart of Wessex Rail Partnership  
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## WESSEX WANDERERS GUIDED WALKS



From mid May to mid October members of local Ramblers groups lead a programme of up to 34 walks ranging from 6 to 18 miles from stations along the Heart of Wessex Line. Carefully researched and designed by around 30 local volunteers, the walks will take you into some of the loveliest parts of the countryside along the line in convivial company. The Wessex Wanderer programme has been running for well over a decade, and the groups include old friends who have walked together for many years, visitors to the region and first time joiners who often report this as being one of the best days out they have had for ages! The programme for 2012 will be available from April on [www.avon-ramblers.org.uk](http://www.avon-ramblers.org.uk) or [www.heartofwessex.org.uk](http://www.heartofwessex.org.uk), or if you would like an advance copy as soon as the new programme is finalised, send a stamped SAE to: Walks Co-ordinator, 133 Conygre Grove, Filton, Bristol BS34 7HX.

## SPRING PLANTING



The FRIENDS OF DORCHESTER WEST were helped by enthusiastic, green fingered volunteers from COWDEN CARE FARM at two special planting days for Spring bulbs. Several of the voluntary station friends groups along the line have been doing the same, so look out for bursts of colour at many of our stations as Spring arrives.

## THANK YOU!

Comments from customers continually help to improve this guide. Special thanks for this edition to Geoffrey Streets from East Yorkshire, Edward Ronayne from Teignmouth in Devon, Nick Stevens from Freshford and Rosa Parker. A simply beautiful letter of appreciation from John Hornby in Trowbridge is now framed and up on the wall!

This Line Guide is produced by the **HEART OF WESSEX RAIL PARTNERSHIP**. Comments & ideas are welcome: [Catherine.Phillips@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:Catherine.Phillips@southsomerset.gov.uk)  
COVER PHOTO. Train arriving at Thornford by **DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL**. Photos illustrating walks by the Car Free Walks team. Background photo for Maiden Newton walk - view from the Wessex Ridgeway by **Nick Stevens**. Wessex Wanderers walks and Dorchester West planting project (above) by **Sue Blake**.

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## Bristol Temple Meads

Keynsham

From Edward Ronayne: "At Keynsham, connect by bus to the Avon Valley Railway" Find good travel directions on [www.avonvalleyrailway.org](http://www.avonvalleyrailway.org)

Oldfield Park

Bath Spa

Freshford

Avoncliff

Bradford-on-Avon

Trowbridge

Westbury

Frome

Bruton

Castle Cary



Community Rail volunteers from all along the line joined Network Rail for a Big Team Clean Up at Frome in late summer. Several customers have been in touch to say they noticed!

Yeovil Pen Mill

Request Stop Thornford X

Villagers from Thornford are loving their safe new route to the station. Find a walk into the Dorset AONB including this on [www.heartofwessex.org.uk](http://www.heartofwessex.org.uk)

Request Stop Yetminster X

Nick Stevens and friends visited MAIDEN NEWTON in the summer, and walked along the Wessex Ridgeway to Sydling St Nicholas. On the way back they relished Sylvia's home baking at No 64 (newsagents and café with garden).

Request Stop Chetnole X

Maiden Newton



Sylvia, manager of No 64, by Nick Stevens

Dorchester West

Upwey

Weymouth

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A discount bus pass available with your rail ticket for unlimited travel in Bath, Bristol, Weymouth & Yeovil

## COMMENTS & TIPS FROM CUSTOMERS

From Rosa Parker: Head for the Guildhall Market in Bath. A wonderful range of stalls from local food to crafts and gifts. [www.bathguildhallmarket.co.uk](http://www.bathguildhallmarket.co.uk)

From Geoffrey Streets: "Change at Castle Cary for the Paddington to Penzance main line. We often change there to visit Looe in Cornwall"

From Edward Ronayne "Catch the bus from Castle Cary station to Haynes Motor Museum in Sparkford" Use [www.travelinesw.com](http://www.travelinesw.com) for full travel details

Wonderful walking route from the station and guide to Castle Cary on [www.castle-cary.co.uk](http://www.castle-cary.co.uk)



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