

Kenilworth Railway Station



Kenilworth railway station on the Coventry to Leamington line was a railway station in Kenilworth, Warwickshire, opened in 1844 and closed in 1965 under the Beeching Axe, when the line was closed to passengers. Passenger services over the line restarted in the 1980's but the station was not reopened. What remains of the double track includes a passing loop here and the approaches to Coventry and Leamington Spa stations.

Proposals for re-opening the station have existed for many years. In 2008, CrossCountry and Warwickshire County Council supported the reopening and started to prepare a business case. It was included in 2008-2009 Warwickshire Local Transport Plan.

On 21 July 2009 it was announced that John Laing had been awarded a 20-year contract to design, build and operate the new station, due to open in 2013. Planning permission was granted on 21 April 2011. However, the funding for the project has been removed following the severe financial restrictions imposed on council finances in 2011 and the future of the new station now hangs in the balance once again.

Back on track! Plans for a new £11 million railway station in Kenilworth were given a major boost today (3 June 2013) as Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin announced that he was minded to fund the new station at Kenilworth, with the department providing up to £5 million towards the project.

Since then full permissions has been obtained, the occupants of the old station site have re-located and construction has commenced. Estimated date for completion is December 2016.

The line is also due to be upgraded including electrification as part of the freight spine from the south coast to north and much of the double track, currently singled, will be re-instated.

Below are some photos taken by Derek Billings and Peter Riley in the early 1970's before demolition of the disused buildings commenced. Some of the fine original features are clearly visible.



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