

South Western Railway timetable changes from Monday 11th January 2021

As update from SWR and SERUG (Salisbury & Exeter Rail User Group)

From Monday 11 January 2021 the number of **weekday** services will be reduced until further notice.

Journey planners have been updated and PDF timetables are available on SWR website at: www.southwesternrailway.com/plan-my-journey/timetables.

However, further changes to timetables may need to be made at short notice, so SWR strongly recommend customers check their journey closer to the time of travel at www.southwesternrailway.com/plan-my-journey.

SWR will continue to keep this position under review so that services can be increased when it's appropriate to do so, taking account of Government policy and customer demand.

- The weekday service pattern is similar to that operated during the lockdown last Spring – a basic 2 hourly shuttle service between Exeter St David's and Salisbury (with a change of train at Salisbury to travel onwards towards Basingstoke and London).
- There will be one through train to London per day (departing Exeter St David's at 05.10), but none in the westerly direction.
- There are no "additional" local services to/from Exeter for students and Devon commuters.
- Do remember also, no refreshments are available.

As at 10th January, the weekend timetables are still showing the current (hourly) service pattern, but these to be amended shortly.

The new timetable is available to download on the usual online channels or in downloadable .pdf format on the SERUG (Salisbury to Exeter Rail User Group) website.

In the (perhaps unlikely) event that you are required to travel to/from London, it is worth considering the alternative GWR services direct London Paddington. GWR are operating an (approximately) hourly service to Paddington from Exeter, Tiverton Parkway and Taunton, and every two hours from Castle Cary and Westbury. Journey times are generally faster than using the SWR services via Salisbury.

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