Marston Vale Line Services – Bedford/Bletchley Rail Service

Marston Vale Line services remain suspended until further notice following the announcement on 1st December that Vivarail had entered into administration. London Northwestern Railway (LNR) are exploring a number of options to resume train services as soon as possible.

Please see <https://www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk/news> for details.

Unfortunately it is a complex situation that will require input from the Department for Transport to resolve. All 3 MPs along the Line have raised the matter with the Department..

As you may have seen, BBC Look East filmed a piece at Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre on 14th February, which went out in the 6:30 bulletin that evening.

Please encourage residents concerned over the ongoing lack of rail services to make their views known to London Northwestern Railway (LNR) via <https://www.londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk/contact-us/customer-relations>.  Alternatively, Customer Complaints/Comments Forms can be collected from Bedford, Bletchley & Milton Keynes Central Stations and Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre.  Your Council may also wish to make representations if it has not done so already.

Please also encourage passengers who have any problems with Rail Replacement Buses to report to LNR via the means listed above. LNR have arranged mystery shoppers for the buses, which is gradually helping improve reliability. Passengers should purchase a ticket from the Ticket Vending Machine on the platform before boarding.

I would be grateful if you could post an update on your websites and social media platforms please. Feel free to share the Marston Vale CRP posts – our Facebook and Twitter handle is @marstonvalecrp.

Happy to provide copy for your newsletters.

Will keep you informed of developments.

Regards,

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