

Trains at Davenport, Monday - Friday from May 2018 Consultation timetable

<p><b>Davenport to Manchester Piccadilly</b> (stopping at all stations)</p> <p>06:29 07:15 07:29 08:15 08:29 09:29 10:15 10:29 11:15 11:29 12:15 12:29 13:15 13:29 14:15 14:29 15:15 15:29 16:15 16:29 17:15 18:15 18:29 19:15 20:15 21:15 22:15 23:15 23:40</p> <p><b>Buxton to Davenport direct</b></p> <p>06:33 07:33 16:36 17:35 22:58</p> <p><b>Disley to Davenport direct</b> (M: calls at Middlewood)</p> <p>07:21 M 08:21 M 12:02 13:01 M 14:02 15:01 M 16:02 17:02 18:01 M 23:26 M</p>	<p><b>Manchester Piccadilly to Davenport</b> (B: continues to Buxton, others to Hazel Grove))</p> <p>06:24 06:46 B 07:24 08:24 08:46 B 09:24 09:46 B 10:24 10:46 B 11:24 11:46 B 12:24 12:46 B 13:24 13:46 B 14:24 14:46 B 15:24 15:46 B 16:24 16:46 B 17:24 17:46 B 18:24 18:46 B 19:24 19:46 B 20:24 20:46 B 21:24 21:46 B 22:24 23:24</p> <p><b>Davenport to Middlewood and Disley direct</b></p> <p>07:07 09:07 18:07 (not Middlewood) 19:07</p> <p><b>Note 1:</b> These are the departure times for the stations shown. The timetable includes many other services to/from Buxton or New Mills Newtown which pass through without stopping making a direct journey impossible without a change of trains and a significant wait. <b>Note 2:</b> There are no through services from the Buxton line to/from Manchester Oxford Road and , Deansgate. <b>Note 3:</b> Trains listed also serve Woodsmoor.</p>
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## May 2018 proposed Northern Railway timetable

### Summary for Davenport and Woodsmoor users (see table overleaf)

At the beginning of May 2017, Northern Railway released to stakeholders their proposed timetables for the Manchester area, which should have applied from December 2017 but have been delayed to May 2018 because rolling stock needs to be released from late-running electrification work elsewhere in the country.

Their 'Stakeholder Briefing document tells us:

#### **Buxton and Hazel Grove - Manchester Piccadilly**

- **Three weekday trains an hour between Hazel Grove and Manchester:**
- **Hourly Buxton - Manchester Piccadilly**
- **Hourly New Mills Newtown - Manchester Piccadilly**
- **Hourly Hazel Grove - Manchester Piccadilly**
- **Two Sunday trains an hour between Hazel Grove and Manchester:**
- **Hourly Buxton - Manchester Piccadilly**
- **Hourly Hazel Grove - Manchester Piccadilly**

The problem for Davenport and Woodsmoor users is that many of these trains will not stop here, presumably in an attempt to offer a slightly faster service to/from what are seen as the most important stations at Hazel Grove and Buxton.

The pattern of service runs throughout the day, with no additional services in peak periods as has traditionally been the case. Incredibly, there is no train to Manchester between 08:29 and 09:29.

Neither are there any through services to/from Oxford Road, Deansgate, and Salford Crescent which are very useful for travellers to Manchester and Salford universities, and connections with Metrolink at Deansgate. This facility seems to have been transferred to the Macclesfield line which will also benefit from an even-interval half-hourly service.

Trains which do not call here include the ones from Manchester towards New Mills and those from Buxton towards Manchester, an odd arrangement which leads to an uneven pattern of departures from Manchester to Davenport/Woodsmoor and difficulty for Davenport residents wishing to visit places beyond New Mills including Buxton, as there is a very limited return service from there.

For many years the railway has also been a useful link for those wishing to visit Disley for Lyme Park, or Middlewood for the Middlewood Way. This timetable proposal ignores such local usage, as the departure lists included overleaf show.

The Saturday timetable is much the same as the Monday-Friday one, as far as we can tell, while the Sunday one is much closer to the current version, boosted to half-hourly by an extra Manchester - Hazel Grove service.

I'd be very pleased to be notified of any errors in the table: the original is presented in a less-than helpful format where our trains are mingled with other south Manchester routes.

In my opinion, this proposal is unsatisfactory in a number of ways, and needs to be reconsidered. Please share this document with anyone you feel has an interest. Comments received at:

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will be relayed to the appropriate bodies. - *Charlie Hulme, 4 May 2017*