

Castle Line News – March 2015

The new timetable, which starts on 18 May, is expected to generate measurable economic benefit particularly, and especially in tandem with the opening of the Civil War Museum, for Newark. Lincoln too plans to improve its transport and tourism infrastructure in response to additional visitors travelling by train. The new service will be marked on 13 May by a special promotional train from Nottingham to Lincoln stopping at Carlton, Lowdham, Newark, Collingham and Hykeham.

Planning for the strategic development of the line continues, focussing on increased line speed, modernised signalling, and ancillary capacity. Lowdham - Newark resignalling is scheduled for summer 2016, and will include upgrades to level crossings. Increased line speed (to 75 mph) along the Newark - Swinderby section is under detailed planning, and will require the closure of the Cross Lane level crossing. Collingham - Swinderby resignalling, again together with the modernisation of level crossings, is scheduled for 2018/2019. Along the whole route car parks at the most used stations will be improved and extended.

The listed building at Newark Castle will open in late summer this year. It will incorporate a ticket office and retail unit.

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