



What would the West Riding's rail network have looked like before the Beeching Axe fell?

This diagram is a version of the **MetroTrain** map used in West Yorkshire for many years, extended to include those stations and routes open in the West Riding on 1 January 1964 – one week before the first closures happened.

The original was designed as an information aid to local rail passengers, not an operational map. This version follows the design philosophy of the original – and some of its limitations. This means it shows possible connections rather than service levels.

Two alterations have been made for clarity and layout reasons; Leeds Central and Leeds City are shown as one station, and Leeds-Bradford services via Shipley are not shown as a separate route. Station names have been changed back to what they were in 1964. Routes taken by non-local express services where there is no local service along the same route are not shown.

Drawn with Inkscape v1.0.

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