

# TRAM Lines



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# Metro is green!



**BRAKE BRAKE!** Our regenerative braking systems are helping to recycle energy.

In the October 2007 issue of Tramlines, we told you about the Metro being the first UK light-rail system to use renewable energy. This initiative resulted in the Metro being effectively emission free

and therefore a very environmentally friendly way to travel!

Another way in which the Metro helps the environment is through the regenerative braking systems.

These braking systems mean that when a tram brakes, they generate electricity and feed this back up into the overhead power lines where it can then be used by other trams which are taking power in the same

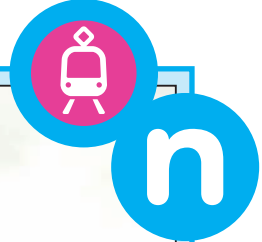
electrical section.

This results in a substantial saving in electricity taken from the National Grid thereby reducing carbon emissions.

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# Billy Wright to be honoured!

On Tuesday 13th May, Tram 07 will be getting an honour all of its own by being named after former Wolverhampton Wanderers and England captain, Billy Wright. The tram will be the latest to be named after famous West Midlands people.



Fred Roberts, General Manager at the Metro said; "Billy Wright was a fantastic servant for both his club and country and is still held in high regard by so many people both in the Black Country and beyond. Naming a tram after him is therefore a great gesture and we look forward to unveiling it"

## Billy Wright – FASCINATING FACTS!

- William Ambrose Wright was born in the Shropshire town of Ironbridge on 6th February 1924.
- Centre Half Billy captained England during their campaigns at the 1950, 1954 and 1958 World Cup finals.
- Between 1939 and 1959, he made 490 appearances for Wolverhampton Wanderers – the majority of which as captain.
- He was awarded a CBE for services to football soon after his retirement in 1959. He was also made an inaugural inductee of the English Football Hall of Fame in 2002 in recognition of his impact on the English game. He was named the Midlands' greatest footballer by BBC Midlands Today following a public vote in May 2007.

Watch out for pictures of the naming ceremony in the May edition of Tramlines.



GOOD PERFORMANCE DESPITE CHALLENGES: 98.4% of tram services operated in accordance with the timetable during March.

# March performance

We are pleased to announce a good service performance for March with 98.4% of all services operating to the new timetable.

Unfortunately there was an incident at Winson Green on Tuesday 1st April which caused damage to the overhead power lines resulting in the suspension of services between Handsworth Booth Street and Soho Benson Road tram stops until the evening of Thursday 3rd April.

We apologise for the disruption of services and inconvenience to our customers during this period. Throughout this period Metro tickets and passes were accepted on National Express West Midlands buses, London Midland train services between The Hawthorns and Birmingham Snow Hill tram stops and also on London Midland services between Wolverhampton and Birmingham New Street rail stations.

Our staff, alongside our contractors, worked extremely hard to rectify the problems as we tried to keep disruption to a minimum.

## New Timetable

The new Metro timetable was introduced on Monday 3rd March which includes earlier morning services with the first through trams from Birmingham and Wolverhampton now commencing at 0515 on Mondays to Saturdays and last through trams from Birmingham and Wolverhampton now departing at midnight on Saturday evenings.

Pocket timetable leaflets can be ordered via the Midland Metro website which is available through [www.nationalexpress.com/metro](http://www.nationalexpress.com/metro)

**TIMES HAVE CHANGED:**  
The new timetable is available in a pocket-sized version.



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