

Search

Go

Like 46k

Follow

Campaigns Games iJobs Dating Property Search E-Edition H&P Shop Register Login



HOME NEWS SPORT FOOTBALL BUSINESS COMMENT ARTS GOING OUT LIFE & STYLE SHOWBIZ DIARY OFFERS HOMES & PROPERTY

London Crime Politics Mayor Transport Education Health Technology UK World Ladder for London Reading Dispossessed Diary Live events

Hot Topics Boris Johnson Roy Hodgson Ed Miliband David Cameron Syria Tottenham Hotspur Arsenal

Richard Branson's Virgin Trains tops fares league with 210% increase in prices



Big hikes: Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Trains topped the list alongside First Great Western with prices hikes of 210 per cent

38

30

Send

DICK MURRAY
MATTHEW BEARD, TRANSPORT
EDITOR

Published: 01 October 2013
Updated: 13:08, 01 October 2013

Rail companies were today branded "great train robbers" as new figures revealed some fares have more than tripled since privatisation.

Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Trains and First Great Western topped the list with prices hikes of 210 per cent, according research by the transport union TSSA

East Coast Main Line is third with 200 per cent rises followed by East Midlands Trains (155 per cent) and Greater Anglia 150 per cent.

Separately the RMT union published figures today showing Tube fares have risen six times faster than wages since Boris Johnson become mayor in 2008.

The figures come after a group of MPs last month launched a campaign for restraint "the most expensive fares in the world".

Manuel Cortes, the TSSA leader, said: "The irony in all of this is that the Great Train Robbers who stole £3 million went to jail for 30 years. Those in charges of the train companies have ripped-off passengers for billions of pounds and have been rewarded with knighthoods. A standard single fare from Manchester to London has jumped 240 per cent since 1993, up from £45 to £154.

"It is cheaper to fly from Paris to Manchester then get a train to London. That is the economics of the madhouse."



Health insurance premiums From 70p a day [Get a quote](#)

Most Read Commented Shared



Family 'in bits' after talented dancer, 18, and friend die in blaze when car hits a deer



Ravel Morrison and Wilfried Zaha in England U21 bust-up



Gang thug faces life for murdering aspiring fashion designer who was stabbed 25 times



Party people - the stars out in London



Before they were famous - stars' dramatic makeovers

Connecting lives past, present and future
Read the latest stories HERE

Transport for London 150

Top stories in News

Gang thug faces life for murdering aspiring fashion designer who was stabbed 25 times

Mother's tribute to racing driver Sean Edwards, 26, who died in crash on final corner during a lesson

Van driver spared jail for killing grandmother while reversing down Marylebone one-way street

The union today called on the Government to end annual fare rises of inflation plus one per cent - a policy which has already seen increases of 20 per cent since the May 2010 general election.

Last week the union won a vote at the Labour Conference calling on a future Labour government to take the private rail companies back under public control as the franchises expire.

Remaining companies in the high fares league are: 6; Gatwick Express, 125 per cent: 7; Southeastern 100 per cent: 8; South West Trains 90 per cent: 9; Southern 85 per cent and 10, Thameslink 75 per cent.

Tube fares have risen six times faster than wages since Mayor Boris Johnson was elected in May 2008, the RMT union said today.

The union published its survey to coincide with the Mayor's speech to the Tory conference.

It stated an Oyster peak single fare in Zones 1-4 rose from £4 to £5.50p - a total rise over the period of 37.5 per cent, almost five times as much as wage rises and over twice as much as inflation.

Monthly Travelcard Zones 1-4 rose from £132.90 to £167.50p, a rise of 26 per cent, said the union.

Bob Crow, the RMT leader, said: "Leave aside the conference grand-standing, the stone cold fact is that on Boris Johnson's watch hard-pressed travellers have been forced to endure inflation busting fare increases."

A spokesman for the Association of Train Operating Companies (Atoc) said: "The TSSA is trying to take people for a ride.

"If its figures bore any resemblance to what most people actually pay, train companies would not be carrying double the number of passengers that they were 15 years ago.

"By offering a range of tickets to suit all pockets, operators have helped attract record numbers of passengers to the railway, generating growth which significantly outstrips other publicly-run railways in Europe."



You might also like



Ten ways to cut your computing costs today (Microsoft Business)



90% of professionals don't know about this email trick (PC Magazine)



Seven ways iOS7 will impact business (Think Big Grow Fast)

THE FUTURE: INVENT IT

Are you facing the Windows XP migration nightmare? (Transputec)

From around the web

How Any Busy Business Owner Can Easily Improve Efficiency (Microsoft Business)

The Latest Killer Extension for Gmail (Forbes)

Why is My Home IT Better Than My Work IT? (Business Value Exchange)

How to set up your first server (TechRadar)

90% of professionals email wrong, are you one of them? (GigaOM)

Replacement passports add £5 million to travellers (Money Advice Service)

More from the Evening Standard

Sinead O'Connor threatens to sue Miley Cyrus over tweets and accuses her of being a danger to women (04 October 2013)

Arsenal stars stunned by moment of magic on training ground (15 October 2013)

NFL star Adrian Peterson in mourning after two-year-old son is 'beaten to death' (12 October 2013)

I was raped at knifepoint on New York rooftop, says Madonna (05 October 2013)

Dismembered corpse found in Paris duct is woman TV journalist (03 October 2013)

London firefighters rescued man who got his penis trapped in a toaster (04 October 2013)

Recommended by

Ads by Google

Compare Best Dual Fuel
Compare All Dual Fuel Suppliers in Your Area & Switch Today!
www.uSwitch.com/Dual-Fuel

The End Of Britain

Ads by Google

What's My House Worth?
Are You Selling Your Property? Try Our Online Offer Calculator Now
expressstateagency.co.uk/Valuation

Expert Road Haulage
Professional, Competitive Work. Quality Road Haulage Services.
cammackhaulage.co.uk

Value Coach Rental
Coach Rental For Any Occasion. Unlimited Mileage Available.
clarksoncoachways.co.uk

Savile police transcripts: 'I didn't assault women - they assaulted me'



Carer jailed after cheating dementia victim, 85, out of his £92,000 home



Injured kangaroo hops into pharmacy at Melbourne airport



9 in 10 London asthma sufferers given poor care



'Don't let delays and blunders cause death of another child'

State sixth forms aren't inspiring pupils, says new academy head

Award for police officers who tackled axeman

Father killed after being pushed into path of truck while fighting off robbers

FROM AROUND THE WEB



5 Steps to a Faster PC! (Essential Tech Tips)



The 5 Most Embarrassing... (Conduit Blog)



The Cloud as Competitive... (Build Your Best Cloud)



If you have gmail, you need... (Frank Addante)

If You Have Gmail, You Need... (Inc.com)

The Battle of the Browsers... (Outbrain)

Recommended by

SPONSORED FEATURES

Find Out Why The Looming Crisis Could Mean The End Of Britain!
www.Moneyweek.com/End-Of-Britain

Need a New Bank Account?

Open An Alternative With No Credit Checks Or Unexpected Charges.
thinkmoney.co.uk/PersonalAccount

Lloyds TSB £3K Refunds

Had a Lloyds TSB Loan or Card? Find Out Now If Lloyds Owes You £3,000!
reclaimppifrom-lloydstsb.co.uk

Suggested Topics

- [Railroad Traffic](#) • [Inflation](#) • [Trade Unions](#)
- [First Great Western](#)

Comments



Post a new comment

[Login](#)

[Post](#)

60 Comments

[RSS](#) | [Subscribe](#)



Anonymous 14 days ago

Less hot-air from Boris with easy action to transform half-capacity Jonners buses into all-electric trolley-buses.

[Reply](#)

+2



bubblewrap 14 days ago

We are going backover.,Its cheaper to go by hot air balloon than travel on aVirgin train, And the toilet facilities are better.....

[Reply](#)

0



Anonymous 14 days ago

In fact the DFT receives more money from Train Operating Companies than it pays out to them thus raising a form of "Fares Tax" according to Rail Magazine !

With most London train companies paying to DFT while payouts are to Northern companies .

So a fares freeze should accompany a fuel duty freeze to ensure rail users are not subsidising Petrolheads !

[Reply](#)

+2

Marly 15 days ago

Tell us something we don't know. The entire public transport system should be there to support the public and get them to where they need to be (that usually means to work), not to make profits and create bonuses for massively overpaid board members. The system we have penalises people for going to work.

[Reply](#)

+4

Dave 15 days ago

Railways aren't there to make profit...All of Europe realizes that they loose money however the country makes a gain as a whole by getting people about quicker, saving road journeys etc... etc.....Get on a German, Dutch , French etc trainCosts less and is a much better serviceSome things can't be privatized the railways is one of them

[Reply](#)

[3 replies](#)

+4

Hilton Holloway 15 days ago

It's not privatised. The infrastructure is owned by Network Rail and rthe fares are subsidised by the tax payer. That doesn't sound like a private system to me.

[Reply](#)

[2 replies](#)

-1

Anonymous 15 days ago

Every train operating company is a private company, run for profit. They are given taxpayer-funded subsidies by the government and are allowed to set their own fares within certain limits. The government gets nothing in return. Therefore, the railways are a private system. Understand



Pensioner dressed up in flamboyant hats to sell crack in West End on days out



Police hunt man after autistic teenager is robbed in east London underpass



News in Pictures



Huh, that's what I think of American football: Cara D is in NYC for DKNY



Radiant: pregnant Winslet steals the show at London premiere of new movie Labor Day



EVENING STANDARD PARTNERS



Find the best executive cars on the market - download your free guide

[Click here](#)

NEWSLETTER SIGNUP

Sign-up for our weekly Reader Offers email

A fantastic selection of offers, giveaways and promotions.

[Sign-up now](#)

Ads by Google

Canadian Immigration

The World's Leading Experts Apply Now to Emigrate Today!
IXPVisas.com/Canada

You Could Be Owed £2400

If You've Ever Had A Loan You Could Be Owed A Refund
LloydsTSB.BankRefunds.net

Indefinite Leave 2 Remain

Indefinite Leave To Remain Visas. Fast, Friendly, ILR Help
CapitalVisas.com/ILR-Visas

Low Priced Coach Hire

Highly Competitive Rates. Reliable, Affordable Coach Rental.
ausdenclark.co.uk

ESfashionstore

THIERRY MUGLER
£855.00

[Crossword](#)

[Chess](#)

[Word Scrambler](#)

[Bridge](#)

[Number Crunch](#)

[Sudoku](#)

[Code Word](#)

[Kakuro](#)

[Gogen](#)

Box 'Office' hit! Gervais brings David Brent, the king of cringe, to the stage

now?

-2



Anonymous 14 days ago

Network Rail is a not for profit company but is not state owned !

In fact Government is considering putting Highways Agency on same basis !

+1



Anonymous 15 days ago

I'm beginning to think it was a good job Branson didn't get the lottery, railways are heavily subsidised by the taxpayer, yet Cameron wants to build a new line, the man is brain dead, the new line is not needed, big improvement to the network are needed, and would do much more than HS2 ever can.

[Reply](#) [1 reply](#)

-1



Anonymous 14 days ago

Well this Saturday lottery goes up in price to £2 per ticket for Lotto !

[Reply](#)

0



Hilton Holloway 15 days ago

Any idea how it costs to run the rail network? See this...

"The subsidised company, which is responsible for tracks and signalling, announced last month that its debt had soared past £30bn.

It has set out plans to spend £23.3bn running the railway network from 2014 to 2019 but the Office of Rail Regulation (ORR) has calculated the day-to-day costs at the lower figure of £21.4bn.

That's £4bn per year just to keep the track and infrastructure running. And rail tickets are on average 1/3 subsidised.

Rail is a very expensive system.

[Reply](#) [3 replies](#)

-1



Anonymous 15 days ago

Network Rail is not a company, it is a corporation with no shareholders. It is not "owned" by anyone, in the same way as the BBC is not "owned" by anyone. Rail tickets should be subsidised to the point where it is affordable to everyone and not just people on business trips paid for by their companies.

[Reply](#) [1 reply](#)

+2



Anonymous 14 days ago

Fact is its Cameron who has pushed up rail fares with share of rail costs going from 50:50 to 75:25 !

In fact DFT now receives more from rail companies than it pays out a form of Rail Tax as Rail Magazine refers to it !

While Osbourne admitted freeze on fuel duty has cost £21 Billion that's enough to build Stage 1 of HS2 !

+1



Anonymous 14 days ago

Road is even more expensive given how it expects taxpayers who don't drive to subsidize roads !

Time Highways Agency was put on same basis as Network Rail and made to cover same percentage of costs from users via tolls !

Fact is many Train companies now pay more to DFT than they receive leading to a form of Rail Tax as Rail Magazine calls it !

[Reply](#)

+1



Beth Williams 15 days ago

Branson has never been slow to maximise profit at the expense of the consumer. It is just a pity that with all the money he is making from train passengers the toilets are not kept in good order. When I had the misfortune to travel on Virgin Trains from Euston to Manchester in August the stinky odour drifted down the carriage.



Old school glamour at Mahiki with Joan Collins and friends



Party people - the stars out in London



Worst dressed celebrities: Who dressed like a dog's dinner this week? We show and tell...



Name the stars before they were famous



Polished to perfection... how the Duchess of Cambridge turned into a style icon

Find us on Facebook



London Evening Standard

Like

46,237 people like London Evening Standard.



Facebook social plugin

[Reply](#) [1 reply](#) +3



Anonymous 14 days ago

What did you expect from a shit service? Fragrance of roses, perhaps?

[Reply](#) 0



News pictures of the day



Nationally Proud 15 days ago

Give anybody a quasi monopoly without regulation and they would all take advantage, Selling off the railways was right - BR was a joke, but what the government got wrong was not regulating the new companies well enough. Same for all the other companies who bought up power and water utilities.

[Reply](#) [2 replies](#) 0



Dave 15 days ago

Go on a German, French, Dutch or Italian train.....Cost is minimal its and its more efficient.....Why because its state ownedRailways have to be state owned....All of Europe does it so why cant we....

[Reply](#) [1 reply](#) +4



Anonymous 14 days ago

Many of our railways are now state owned but that's Germany or France as ECML shows Tories don't believe we should have same rights as in Europe !

+2



Larry 15 days ago

I might've even considered voting Labour if they promised to renationalise the railways. But they did not fulfil their commitment in 1997 to keep the railways in the public sector and the fact that they caused the immigration problem means they just can't be trusted, and will never get my vote.

[Reply](#) [3 replies](#) +1



Dave 15 days ago

So instead you will vote Tory though who privatised the Railways!!!!!! Just admit your a racist right winger who will vote Tory regardless

[Reply](#) [2 replies](#) -1



Larry 14 days ago

Labour completed the railway privatisation! Your point is? And it's "you're" not "your" in your sentence. You're confused? Too cool for school? Boohoo, someone has different views to me, I'll just pull the race card...

+1



ASLEFshrugged 14 days ago

When Labour took over in 1997 privatisation was virtually finished, there wasn't much left to keep in the public sector.

There was a 63% "yes" vote for renationalisation at Party Conference in 2004 which Blair and Brown decided to ignore, claiming that it would cost £22bn but TSSA's motion (the rail union everyone forgets about) was for the various franchises to be taken back as they expired, making it all a lot cheaper.

+1



Steve, Brentford 15 days ago

Commuters: if god didn't want them sheared he would not have made them sheep.

[Reply](#) +1



pbench 15 days ago

Can all the maysayers please tell us exactly where the money for new trains comes from , how new stations are paid for (or old ones refurbished) and how expensive unions are paid off?

Stephen, if privatisation was such a disaster how would a government owned BA cope with easyJet? How would Amersham international cope with Siemens? How will a Royal Mail that nobody uses (the irony of emailing comments to a newspaper is clearly lost on you) cope with DHL?

Oh, and the Virgin service to the NW is so much better than 40, 30 20 or even 10 years ago it is like a different plant.

[Reply](#) [3 replies](#) -2



Nationally Proud 15 days ago

You are correct, BR shirked capital investment to the effect that the railways were becoming dangerous with rolling stock dating back decades flying about on tracks that were poorly maintained. BUT the government should have legislated for a regulator with teeth to stop the rip off.

[Reply](#) [2 replies](#)

+2



Dave 15 days ago

Are you stupid!!! BR's lack of capital investment was the government deliberately depriving funds for the railways thus making their argument that the only way to save them was through privatize the service..... Have you even been on a mainland European train.....I think not....Mainland Europe have government run railways and are far superior to what we have.....

+4



Anonymous 14 days ago

When railway was state owned it was Rail v NHS/ Defence etc and naturally rail was at bottom of the pile !

Privatisation and even Network Rail setup means this is no longer the case and as a result rail investment like rail use is booming with £37 billion for investment in next 5 years control period and thousands of new carriages on order !

Oddly its now Roads v NHS etc. for despite money paid in fuel duty and VAT by motorists it still goes into Treasury pot like Rail Fares used to and is reason roads need Highway Agency to have same set up as NR with revenue direct from fuel duty as a part of its income!

+2



Anonymous 15 days ago

John Major's Government pushed-through Rail Privatisation with undue haste in order that they should 'beat-the-clock', with their fast approaching General Election. Thus, they would have a fait-accomplii that would be in-ordinately almost impossible to reverse. Indeed, the Labour Party ditched its manifesto promise and sure enough, 'chickened-out'. The administrively messy layering of divided responsibilities, leaves vast swathes of room to 'pass-the buck', whilst wastefully swallowing millions of tax-payers and rail-users hard-earned money, into the opaque maelstrom of evasive fob-offs, lost in the administrative storm of curiously-awarded Contracts.

Dr Beeching unwittingly came near to completely eradicating our Heritage from Brunel and his contemporaries, with his ill-advised ripping-up of 1/3rd of our national rail-track structure in the sixties. More and more concrete covering 'our Green and Pleasant Land' jammed-full of perpetual blocked queues of private cars and heavy-goods vehicles, has not been a substitution for the lost railways. A new clear visionary in Westminster needs to 'get-a-grip', it is surely not an impossibility to devise more cost-effective railway ownership, that will not bleed the population twice (1) with gross taxation subsidies, (2) ever-escalating and un-justified fare increases, at the same time as share-holders pocketing unfair profits?

A New Rail Main-Line i.e. HS2 is necessary to provide rail-pathways to accommodate the exponential growth in demand for rail passengers and rail-freight that the Beeching-Cuts shrunken railway network of the last sixty years no longer is able to squeeze in.

[Reply](#) [1 reply](#)

+4



Anonymous 14 days ago

And guess what franchise gets priority after Hammond Locoshambes

That's right state run ECML !

Same old Tories who just knead the dough ...

[Reply](#)

+2



Harriet Startling-Grope Forsyth 15 days ago

we need a party FAR stronger than ukip:

nationalise the railways

ban foreign ownership of our newspapers

close our borders

those would be a good start

[Reply](#) [2 replies](#) -1



Anon 15 days ago

But then the standard would close and then where could you whine on?

[Reply](#) [1 reply](#) +2



Anonymous 15 days ago

Since regrettably the Standard alone stands proud, without The Evening News and The Star competing in former decades, The Standard is vital to its appreciative mass of avid readers.

0



Stephen 15 days ago

Waken up people ! The whole privatisation thing has been one big confidence trick. Individuals stuffing hundreds of millions of pounds of your money into their pockets. Railways, buses, gas, electricity etc etc etc. Most of them now owned by overseas governments. That's what you get for voting Tory, absolutely no sympathy for you Tory voters from here in The Peoples Republic of Scotland.

[Reply](#) [3 replies](#) +5



Harriet Startling-Grope Forsyth 15 days ago

yeah BUT, labour and ukip will just give us more of that. Nobody is committed to tackling the biggest problem our nation faces - privatised services & infrastructure.

[Reply](#) [1 reply](#) +5



Anonymous 14 days ago

The promise by Ed to freeze Gas and Electric prices has got Tories in a panic !

+1



Larry 15 days ago

And labour completed the privatisation of the railways in 1997 after promising to do the opposite...

[Reply](#) +3



Anonymous 15 days ago

So what do we think we're going to be saying about the Royal Mail privatisation 20 years down the line?

[Reply](#) [1 reply](#) +5



Anonymous 14 days ago

Reply got lost in the private postal service...

[Reply](#) +2



Steve, Brentford 15 days ago

"Any man over the age of 30 who has to use public transport is a failure" Margaret, Duchess of Argyll.

[Reply](#) [4 replies](#) 0



Anonymous 15 days ago

Thanks for reminding me of that discredited, elitist quote from one of Jimmy Saville's biggest supporters and greatest friends (she had him over for Xmas dinner every year you know!)

[Reply](#) [1 reply](#) +5



Steve, Brentford 15 days ago

Nope that was Margaret Thatcher. Keep up.

+2



Anonymous 14 days ago

She said, in between mouthfulls...

[Reply](#) +2



Anonymous 14 days ago

She did not understand London commuting then !

Just a country bumpkin

[Reply](#) +1



colinhenry 15 days ago

Beardie and co should never have been allowed anywhere near public transport. And neither should Bozo and those at TFL.

[Reply](#) [7 replies](#) +3



Anonymous 15 days ago

The worrying thing is that 'beardie' is now queuing up to take over the NHS with his Virgin Health company.

[Reply](#) +6



Anonymous 15 days ago

The company that runs public transport in London shouldn't be allowed anywhere near public transport in London?

Interesting theory....

[Reply](#) [1 reply](#) +1



colinhenry 15 days ago

TFL is not a company. The fact is that although it is there to run Transport in the Capital, those at the top (including Bozo) are incompetent buffoons who should have been sacked ages ago.

+3



Anonymous 15 days ago

Boris and Hendy certainly should reverse the wrong Mayoral-edict that halted Cross-River Tram: no exhausts, so lowering the

amount of harmful Particulates in London's Air; linking the Main-

Line Rail Termini of Kings Cross, St Pancras HS1, Euston HS2,

with Waterloo Station and Clapham Junction; on-street modern

trams daily carrying millions of Londoners efficiently and swiftly.

[Reply](#) [3 replies](#) +2



Hilton Holloway 15 days ago

Edinburgh tram line, £80m per mile. In London no less than £100m per mile. So that's a Billion for the line, before the infrastructure, rolling stock and massive traffic and business disruption.

Just convert Boris Buses to trolley bus and ditch the tracks. That will work.

0



Anonymous 14 days ago

Hilton Holloway

Anyone watching Conservative Conference would have seen trams running in the background on highly successful Metrolink network that just keeps on growing with a new section just opened and more to follow...in fact when Boris was interviewed tonight I wanted to shout "look behind you!" When a tram passed!

Trams clear jams ..Boris masters can't carry as many as a normal bus!

+2



Anonymous 14 days ago

Mayor Boris and his side-kicks Deputy Mayor and lackey Hendy are over-parked inert at GLA: stop buying more Botch-Master

Buses until they are morphed into high passenger-capacity articulated

ulated Trolley-Buses carrying 200 people each without exhaust

fumes belching-out, AND blow-the-dust-off the previously pre-

planned scheme for Trams from the Main-Line Rail Terminals of

Camden to South London.

+2



Handsoff 15 days ago

Rip Off Britain.

Not sure what the answer is though, re-nationalisation is not the answer as that'll make the railways even worse.

Bring them all under one publicly listed company, which the Govt retains a share in (25%ish?) so it can ensure any subsidies go to support unprofitable routes?

[7 replies](#) 0



Harriet Startling-Grope Forsyth 15 days ago

Why would it "make it worse"? People who say that NEVER have any reason they can bring to the table to support this claim. If you push them, they simply witter on about how it was 40 years ago in the 70's.

[3 replies](#) +1



Handsoff 15 days ago

Because gov't cannot run things as efficiently as private sector. They increase costs and reduce flexibility due to the added size of the operator.

0



colinhenry 15 days ago

So why then do these marvellous private sector companies need twice the subsidy the old BR got?.

0



Anonymous 14 days ago

Fact is British Rail was less government controlled than railways have been since they were privatised !

BR was like the BBC left to get on with the job of running and maintaining railways .

However, railways now have a problem with growth of usage and that's where new system is working better as rail does not compete with NHS or Defence for funding like it used to do in days government could use it as an easy option for funding cuts !

That's why health, defence etc are being cut because easy options have been privatised !

+1



Harriet Startling-Grope Forsyth 15 days ago

one of the first things we could do is make sure our trains have only ONE 1st class carriage (which is rarely used by anyone) and the rest standard fare. That would instantly create millions more passenger places without requiring new trains.

For all my life i've watched trains running with every one of them having a slew of empty first-class carriages. we ar paying just to drag these empty dead weights around.

Why the hell are we reserving so much passenger space for non-existent passengers?

we need common sense, something no party curenly has.

[2 replies](#) 0



Anonymous 15 days ago

Common-sense? Perhaps you could use a little, by having a less bizarre non-de-plume by-line For-sooth?

+1



Anonymous 14 days ago

That was plan First group had when it bid for WCML but Hammonds Locoshambles put paid to that idea.

Don't Miss



Cara and Jourdan



Kate Winslet



David Brent



Instagram overload



Party people



[Archive](#)
[Topics](#)

[Terms](#)
[Code of Conduct & Complaints](#)

[The Independent](#)
[Homes & Property](#)

[ES Magazine Subscription](#)
[Get Listed](#)

[ES Rentals](#)
[Jobsite](#)

Accessorize.com