

**HS2 is a new high speed railway that will form the backbone of Britain's rail network. HS2 will run between London and Birmingham from 2026, extend to Crewe by 2027 and then link to Manchester and Leeds from 2033.**

Trains will continue on up the East and West Coast Main Lines, serving towns and cities in the north of England and Scotland. This will provide millions of people with access to the new high speed network.

HS2 will help unlock Britain's economic potential by bridging geographic divides and delivering a better connected and more balanced economy. It will provide more capacity for local, regional and freight services on existing lines, relieving congestion and providing people with better travel options.

Towns, cities and regions across Britain are planning to use the arrival of HS2 services as a catalyst for growth, with schemes to regenerate urban areas, create jobs and provide greater opportunities for local people.

## HS2 services in Cumbria

HS2 trains will serve the current stations in Oxenholme, Penrith and Carlisle. These will become 'integrated high speed stations', where passengers can catch HS2 trains and access the high speed network to the south.

Running every hour, HS2 services will bring the region to within two hours of Birmingham, and around two and a half hours of London.

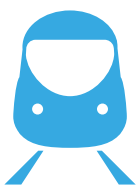


■ Court Square, Carlisle  
Image: Carlisle City Council

**"HS2 will help our dynamic businesses access important national and international markets and allow more visitors to enjoy our world class visitor attractions."**

*Graham Haywood,  
Cumbria LEP Director*

### Carlisle ↔ London (via Preston)



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HS2 journey time



Journey time saving

### Carlisle ↔ Birmingham:

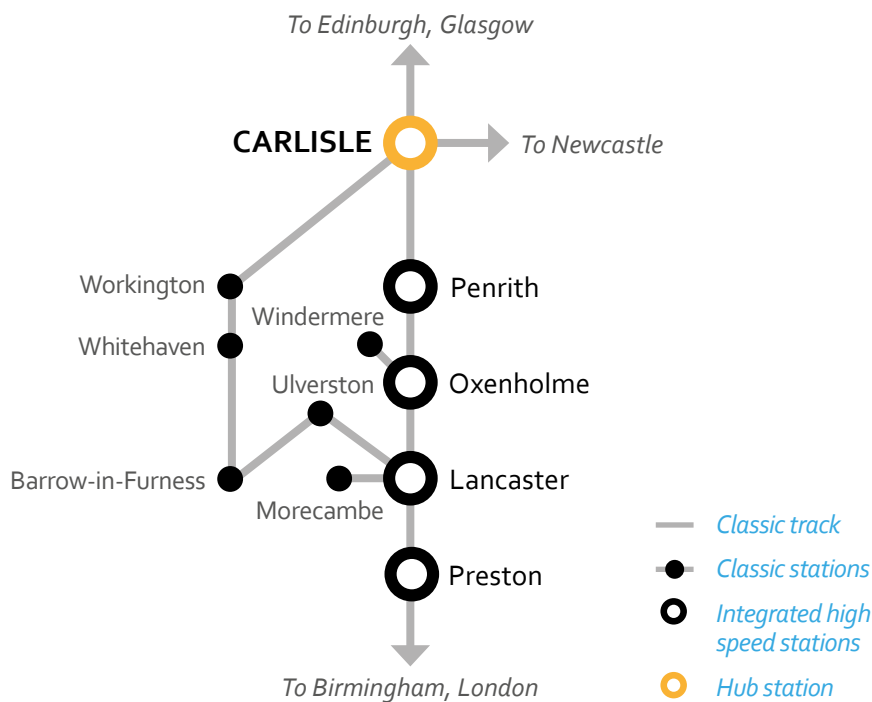


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HS2 journey time



Journey time saving



"HS2's connections to Carlisle, and its business and tourism sectors, is key to our long term economic prosperity."

*Dr Jason Gooding, Chief Executive, Carlisle City Council*

"The reality is if you are two and a half hours away from somewhere you can go there and back in a day. [HS2] means its feasible for business people to come to Cumbria, do business, then go back in the same day."

*Rob Johnston, Chief Executive, Cumbria Chambers of Commerce*

## Connectivity

Rail connectivity is at the heart of the Cumbria Infrastructure Plan to enhance economic growth by attracting visitors, workers and investment.

In Carlisle, HS2 will enhance the station's role as an integrated transport hub and gateway to Scotland, London (via Preston), Birmingham, West Cumbria, Newcastle, Manchester and Leeds. The Infrastructure Plan outlines improvements at Penrith and Oxenholme stations in the Lakes, with better access and passenger facilities seen as essential.

## Economy

Cumbria is home to some of Britain's most important strategic energy and manufacturing assets, such as Sellafield nuclear reprocessing plant and submarine manufacturing at Barrow, as well as being one of England's most scenic counties and tourist hotspots. Over the next decade, Cumbria has an investment pipeline of new infrastructure projects worth over £25bn.

Carlisle's station is already an important asset for the regional economy, and HS2 will better link Cumbria's industry to national and international markets.

HS2 will also help increase visitor numbers to the Lake District National Park and wider region, which attracts over 40 million visitors a year, generating £2.4bn and supporting over 30,000 jobs.

## Redevelopment

The authorities in Cumbria are working on redevelopment plans that will truly transform the space around the integrated high speed station in Carlisle. The Carlisle Station Gateway Plan will regenerate the area, with new businesses, shops and housing around the station and city centre. The redevelopment will make the most of the city's heritage, such as the imposing Citadel next to the station and could generate an additional £40m for the local economy.

"If you reduce journey times it makes Cumbria and the Lake District more accessible to people at the weekends, so its as much about migration from the south to the north..."

*John Stevenson MP, Member of Parliament for Carlisle*

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