



## The Isle of Wight Railways

### How have the Isle of Wight Railways changed over time?



#### STUDENT INTRODUCTION

*Train Story* is the story of the island's railway history - what can you discover about how and why the railways changed on the Isle of Wight?

#### Welcome to *Train Story*

Q. How many years of railway history on the Isle of Wight does the exhibition cover? *Hint: check out the video clips on display*



#### 1862 The First Railways

Q. Which 2 towns were linked by the railways?

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Q. Why was Whippingham Station built?



Q. How much was the first class fare from Cowes to Newport?

Q. Name 2 of the locomotives used by the Isle of Wight Railway Company at this time:

1.

2.

Q. How many miles of railway were on this 'small island'?

#### 1900

Q. How many stations were there?

Q. What had happened in the 1880s?

#### 1923 The Coming of the 'Southern'

Q. Why had the railways become 'run down'?

Q. Who was appointed to take charge of the Island's railways?

## The Beginning of the End

1952

Q. What were the railways used for in WW2?

Q. Name 2 reasons why the railways started to lose money:

- 1.
- 2.

Q. Which was the first branch to close?



## 1966 The Last Trains

Q. What did the Beeching Report say?

Q. Which line was it agreed would remain open?

Q. On what date did the 'new' electric service begin?

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How we began:

## Isle of Wight Steam Railway is born!

Q. What was the name of the only locomotive (steam engine) left?

Q. Where was she marooned?

Q. What was the length of the line when it first opened?

Name 3 of the locomotives acquired after 1971:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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Q. By how many miles was the track extended?

Q. Who laid the track?

Q. Which competition did Haven Street win?

## 2004 First Class Service

Q. Who opened the carriage and wagon workshop on 19 May?

## Into the future...

Q. How many volunteers help run the Isle of Wight Steam Railway?

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