



**INTRODUCING
BRITISH RAILWAYS
PRESTON**

**A MESSAGE FROM THE
DISTRICT GOODS MANAGER**

British Railways offer to Commerce and Industry a speedy and safe transport service between producers and consumers for the carriage of goods of every description.

This booklet is produced to advise the trading community of Preston the various railway depots in the town with particulars of the traffics which can be dealt with at each depot.

So that it will be possible for you to get in direct communication with the Goods Agent or his specialised staff who deal with the various aspects of transport, the appropriate telephone numbers and extensions are shown.

Should you require any further information either regarding Preston or other parts of British Railways, do not hesitate to communicate with me.

Telephone Number
Warrington 2271

District Goods Manager
Arpley Station
Warrington

GENERAL INFORMATION

The postal telephone number of British Railways is

PRESTON 4821

which is linked through a private exchange to all Departments.

The depots are under the supervision of the Goods Agent, Mr. J. W. Ruse, whose office is at Christian Road Goods Depot.

The following is a list of extensions on the private branch exchange from which information on rates, transit, cartage, warehousing, etc., can be readily obtained:—

	Telephone No. Preston 4821	
	Christian Road Extension	Butler Street Extension
Goods Agent	43	—
Chief Clerk	46	—
Forwarding office ..	50	45
Delivery office	23	18
Warehouse office ..	—	6
Accounts office	49	—
Cartage office	44	54

The following depots in the Preston area are under the supervision of the Goods Agent, Preston, the facilities available at each depot being shown below:—

Christian Road .. Specially adapted for the handling of sundries traffic

Butler Street .. Traffic in full truck loads (consignments of 1 ton and over for one consignee) comprising goods, minerals, railway containers and warehouse traffic

A gantry crane, 20-ton capacity, is provided to deal with heavy traffic. An end-on loading dock is available to facilitate handling of motor cars, etc.

Warehouse accommodation is available for storage of cotton, grain, feeding stuffs and foodstuffs

Greenbank Forwarded and received full loads in goods and mineral and coal class traffic
(Extension 40)

Warehouse accommodation

Loading dock available to enable tip loadings of scrap metal, etc., traffic

Maudlands Forwarded and received full loads in mineral and coal class traffic (Extension 12 (2 rings))

Corporation Street Coal class traffic

Deepdale Forwarded and received full loads in mineral and coal class traffic (Extension 12)

Fishergate Hill .. Forwarded and received full loads (Extension 61)

Oxheys Forwarded and received livestock (Extension 14)

CARTAGE

The cartage fleet based on Christian Road and Butler Street provides an extensive collection and delivery service in the town, both for sundries and full load traffic.

FREIGHT TRANSITS

Direct wagons of sundries merchandise are despatched daily to the cities and principal towns in England, Wales and Scotland and an indication of the normal transit (collection to delivery) afforded. It will be appreciated in certain cases Saturday deliveries may be affected by the closure of firms' premises:—

From Preston, Christian Road

Destination	Normal Delivery
Aberdeen ..	2nd day
Barrow ..	Next day
Birkenhead ..	„
Birmingham ..	„
Bolton ..	„
Brighton ..	2nd day
Bristol ..	„
Cardiff ..	„
Carlisle ..	Next day
Carnforth ..	„
Chester ..	„
Chorley ..	„
Coventry ..	„

From Preston, Christian Road (continued)

Destination	Normal Delivery
Crewe	Next day
Derby	"
Edinburgh ..	2nd day
Glasgow	"
Kendal	Next day
Lancaster	"
Leicester	"
Lincoln	2nd day
Llanelly	"
London	Next day
Newport	2nd day
Northampton ..	Next day
Nottingham	"
Penrith	"
Perth	2nd day
Peterborough ..	"
Plymouth	"
Portsmouth	"
St. Helens	Next day
Stockport	"
Stoke	"
Tonbridge	2nd day
Warrington	Next day
Whitehaven	"
Widnes	"
Wigan	"
Wolverhampton ..	"
Workington	"

From Preston, Butler Street

Destination	Normal Delivery	Destination	Normal Delivery
Ashton-under-Lyne	Next day	Hull	Next day
Blackburn	"	Leeds	"
Blackpool	"	Liverpool	"
Bolton	"	Newcastle	2nd day
Bradford	"	Oldham	Next day
Burnley	"	Ormskirk	"
Bury	"	Rochdale	"
Chorley	"	Sheffield	2nd day
Fleetwood	"	Southport	Next day
Gateshead	2nd day	Stockton	2nd day
Huddersfield	Next day	York	"

The same services are available for through loads.

TOWN CARTAGE

In the course of their normal goods collection and delivery services in Preston, British Railways operate a Town Cartage service, whereby merchandise is collected from a Trader's premises and delivered to any address in the town.

Requests for this service should be made to:—
Christian Road Goods Depot
Extension 46

OVERSEAS AND CONTINENTAL SERVICES

British Railways, through the District Goods Manager's Organisation in Warrington, are participants in the arrangements concerning the carriage of goods by rail agreed under the Berne Convention.

In principle, this provides for through consigning of goods by a single transport document covering the whole distance from Preston to destination via the British Transport Commission's rail and steamer services and European Railways by all principal routes.

ASSOCIATED HUMBER LINES LTD.

An official agency with commercial representation is also operated on behalf of Associated Humber Lines Ltd. who have direct sailings between Hull and Goole to France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Denmark, catering for traffic to all European countries—whereby quotations of rates and documentation can be arranged for the carriage of merchandise and passengers to and from the near Continent.

Full information on these services may be had on application to the District Goods Manager, Warrington, telephone Warrington 2271.

AGREED FLAT RATES

British Railways are willing in suitable cases to negotiate Agreed Flat Rates with traders, whereby an average charge per ton or per package can be ascertained, which is equitable to both trader and railways.

The basis of the Agreed Flat Rate is broadly the average transport cost to the trader during a representative period.

The scheme is designed to provide a simplified charging system, and by avoiding the checking of separately charged consignments, effects a saving in clerical cost to the trader.

Request for Agreed Flat Rates should be made to the Goods Agent, Christian Road.

CREDIT FACILITIES

British Railways are at all times willing to open credit accounts with established traders who have a regular traffic conveyed by rail, where the volume warrants the facility.

Application for credit facilities should be made to the Goods Agent, Christian Road.

ROAD/RAIL CONTAINERS

Since the railway container was first introduced, the principle has been extended and elaborated to cater for a vast range of traffics from meat to machinery, from textiles to tractors. The container is, in effect, the demountable body of a railway truck or road vehicle, and being a separate unit from the chassis, may be carried by rail, road or sea.

The main advantages are in a door-to-door service, elimination of intermediate handling, minimised risk of damage, and reduction in packing costs.

A comprehensive illustrated folder, "Road-Rail Containers—Door-to-Door Transport," showing the types for particular traffics, with dimensions and cubic capacity, will be supplied on request to the Goods Agent.

STORAGE FACILITIES RAILHEAD DEPOTS SITES FOR WORKS PRIVATE SIDINGS

The advantages of easy accessibility to railway facilities are obvious, and application for accommodation in or near railway goods yards should be made to the District Goods Manager, Warrington.

COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATION

It is the constant endeavour of British Railways to make their services more efficient by full co-operation with the public, industry and commerce, and liaison is maintained by the Goods Agent and an outdoor Commercial Representative.

In the mutual interests of the railways and the trader, the services of the Commercial Representative are available for advice and assistance in connection with transport problems and allied matters. Please telephone Preston 4821.

COLLICO CASES

British Railways, in conjunction with Collico Ltd., have introduced a scheme under which traders can hire on a monthly basis collapsible steel or alloy cases for the conveyance of their products by rail.

The hire charges include the cost of rail transit of the cases (tare weight) outwards when loaded and also the return of the empty cases collapsed flat to hirer.

The advantages of the scheme to traders include:—

- (1) Elimination of cost of cartons and timber
- (2) Simplification of work of packers
- (3) Saving in storage space
- (4) Added measure of security and reduction in insurance costs
- (5) Mislaid cases can be speedily traced

PARCELS TRAFFIC

A fleet of parcels vans operate in Preston collecting and delivering passenger train parcels traffic. Speedy rail services are available to all parts of the country.

Details of rates and charges for the conveyance of parcels traffic can be obtained from Preston station.

WORKS AND PARTY OUTINGS

British Railways can arrange Works and Party Outings. Special quotations are given which include travel, meals and sight-seeing tours. A representative will call upon you if you telephone Preston 4821.

