

The journey of our new trains



Winter
2017

WMR is established and orders for two brand new train fleets are placed



Construction begins of our new Class 196 trains by manufacturer CAF

2018

Autumn
2019

The first train is ready to be tested on the famous Velim test track in Eastern Europe



Second phase of production begins in Newport, Wales

Spring
2020

Summer
2020

With Covid-19 restrictions temporarily eased, our first 196 units begin arriving in the West Midlands



The first trains in the fleet begin testing on the UK rail network

Autumn
2020

2021

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the remaining trains are constructed, and on-track testing continues



Summer
2022

Training begins for our drivers and senior conductors ready for the first trains to enter service on the Shrewsbury Line



Spring
2023

Trains arrive on the Hereford/Worcester and Leamington – Nuneaton Lines

