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Carnforth railway station District railway map, Carnforth right , Carnforth was not an important or well developed village before the Victorian era railway age, but was geographically strategically located to make it so. While supplies of lime stone made it interesting, access into Westmorland , the Lake District and the coast of Cumberland beyond made it an ideal transport hub point. In it became a junction station when the Ulverston and Lancaster Railway used it, as did the Furness Railway soon afterwards after taking control of the ULR. In the s architect William Tite redesigned the station and layout, allowing Midland Railway trains access. At its height Carnforth handled up to trains a day of holidaymakers, commuters, freight and fuel bound for the seaside, cities, ports and industrial centres. The building today is still in use as a light industrial facility. Many of these shadow factories, plus a number of Royal Ordnance Factories , had been purposefully located in Cumbria and the Northwest coast, out of range of the bombers of the Nazi Luftwaffe. Consequently, when World War 2 did break out, with a combination of additional staff moved and recruited to these facilities, plus the raw materials going in and requirement of distribution of output, the transport result was a relative boom in both freight and passenger traffic. With the United States involved in the war from , planning for Operation Overlord the invasion of Europe began. The Port of Liverpool and the west coast ports of Scotland were key to importing war machinery and supplies from North America, as well as distributing US Army and Canadian Army troops across England for training, again initially in the northwest and northeast. The combination of these factors put a huge strain on local locomotive servicing facilities at Carnforth. Therefore, in late , the Government agreed to fund the construction of a new shed at Carnforth, to allow for the new and planned level of locomotive servicing requirement. Built on the site of the former LNWR facility and opened in , [2] it allowed for the servicing of many more locomotives, and together with highly mechanised supporting infrastructure greatly reduced the need for operational manpower. On nationalisation in , British Railways inherited an almost brand new depot Code: As a result, Carnforth MPD remained relatively undeveloped from its reconstruction in , by the time it closed in Beet formed Steamtown Railway Museum Ltd, [4] and the resultant visitor attraction Steamtown Carnforth became a mecca for steam enthusiasts, then facing a national ban on steam traction on the BR network. With the assistance of the Lancaster Railway Circle, an increasing number of steam engines arrived at Steamtown from onwards. However, although backed by then transport minister Barbara Castle , the need to build a number of motorway bridges and re-routing of the A road from Haverthwaite via Greenodd to Plumpton Junction, meant that the complete vision was unsuccessful. Steamtown continued under the leadership of Dr Beet, who developed it as a major regional visitor attraction. Even after the mainline steam ban was removed in the early s, the site remained a hub for both enthusiasts and major servicing point for steam locomotives and associated rolling stock. The museums own stock developed with the purchase of some ex-industrial shunters, and three hulks from Woodham Brothers scrapyard at Barry Island: GWR Class No. With increasing Health and Safety Executive regulations, and an increased reliance on revenue from supplying and servicing steam locomotives to power enthusiast trains, the commercial decision was taken not to reopen Carnforth as a museum or visitor attraction for the season. Steamtown Railway Museum Ltd still exists today as a holding company, and operates an extensive railway repair and operating facility on the site. Smith later set up the West Coast Railway Company Ltd, which operates heritage steam and diesel trains across the national UK railway network.

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Scottish Region of British Railways: In the s, the regions were abolished and replaced by "business sectors", a process known as sectorisation. The Anglia Region was created in late , its first General Manager being John Edmonds, who began his appointment on 19 October Full separation from the Eastern Region "apart from engineering design needs" occurred on 29 April It was intended to bring the railway system into the 20th century. Not all the modernisations would be effective at reducing costs. The dieselisation programme gave contracts primarily to British suppliers, who had limited experience of diesel locomotive manufacture, and rushed commissioning based on an expectation of rapid electrification; this resulted in numbers of locomotives with poor designs, and a lack of standardisation. Beeching cuts During the late s, railway finances continued to worsen, whilst passenger numbers grew after restoring many services reduced during the war, and in the government stepped in, limiting the amount the BTC could spend without ministerial authority. A White Paper proposing reorganisation was published in the following year, and a new structure was brought into effect by the Transport Act These included a British Railways Board, which took over on 1 January British Railways was involved in numerous related businesses including road haulage Following semi-secret discussions on railway finances by the government-appointed Stedeford Committee in , one of its members, Dr Richard Beeching , was offered the post of chairing the BTC while it lasted, and then becoming the first Chairman of the British Railways Board. A third of all passenger services and more than 4, of the 7, stations would close. Beeching, who is thought to have been the author of most of the report, set out some dire figures. Of the 18, passenger coaches, 6, were said to be used only 18 times a year or less. The closures were heavily criticised at the time, [20] and continue to be controversial. The fate of the rest of the network was not discussed in the report. Post-Beeching[edit] The basis for calculating passenger fares changed in Passenger levels decreased steadily from to the late s, [26] and reached a low in A main line route closure during this period of relative network stability was the V DC-electrified Woodhead Line between Manchester and Sheffield: The s and s saw the closure of some railways which had survived the Beeching Axe a generation earlier, but which had seen passenger services withdrawn. The Serpell Report made no recommendations as such, but did set out various options for the network including, at their most extreme, a skeletal system of less than route km. This report was not welcomed, and the government decided to quietly leave it on the shelf. Meanwhile, BR was gradually reorganised, with the regional structure finally being abolished and replaced with business-led sectors. Provincial was the most subsidised per passenger km of the three sectors; upon formation, its costs were four times its revenue.

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Following the last days of steam on British Railways in it was assumed that steam would never again grace the mainline rail network of Britain. Instead however of being restricted to the preserved railways of the day steam once again found

itself performing on B.R., hauling enthusiast special rail tours.

Chapter 6 : Carnforth MPD - Wikipedia

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Ka shortly after find it's new home at Paekakariki in the mid 70s. I'm sure you will be able to recognize some of the faces!

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