

Reston station opened today on the East Coast line

A new station has been opened on the East Coast route at Reston in the Scottish Borders.

There is now a daily serve in each direction as LNER's Azuma trains will stop there en route to either Edinburgh or Berwick and beyond. The station closed almost 60 years ago.

Today the LNER Azuma carried the special 'Celebrating Scotland' official tartan livery as the train made the first journey north from Reston. The inaugural northbound service departed from Reston at 07:27, before calling at Dunbar at 07:43, arriving at Edinburgh Waverley at 08:07. An evening weekday Aberdeen to Leeds southbound service will call at the newly opened station at 9.41.

David Horne, Managing Director at LNER, said: "I am delighted to welcome Reston as our latest destination on one of the most scenic parts of our route, boasting magnificent views of both the Scottish Borders countryside and coastline.

"I know the residents of Reston will be thrilled that the station is open and services have resumed once again to Reston. Many have campaigned for a number of years to see this day and we are proud to be able to serve the community."

Barrie Forrest, Chair of the Rail Action Group, East of Scotland, is among those who campaigned to restore services. He said: "It will make a huge difference. It will give us a transport system that we have not had for many years. It will enable young people to further their education. Older

generations can go out taking the train instead of the car.

Tickets start from £10.80 for an Advance single journey in Standard between Reston and Edinburgh or £20.20 in First Class.

Advance tickets between Reston and Newcastle start from £15.70 in Standard or £30.20 in First Class.

LNER services to Reston Station Mondays to Fridays

- 06:22 Newcastle to Edinburgh (07:27)
- 18:18 Aberdeen to Leeds (21:41) **Saturdays**
- 06:22 Newcastle to Edinburgh (07:25)
- 20:00 Edinburgh to Newcastle (20:38) **Sundays**
- 08:45 Newcastle to Edinburgh (09:47)
- 21:00 Edinburgh to Newcastle (21:38) Reston is located approximately 50 miles south of Edinburgh Waverley.

