

Best Campaign: Gold Award

Rail Action Group, East of Scotland

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Judges' comment: "Really uplifting, impressive achievements not just aspirations (Reston and East Linton stations, service improvements for Dunbar and North Berwick), campaigning style an example to all with a tight and professional campaign group, creating a common purpose with an inclusive approach and winning over politicians (not embarrassing them!)"



Annual General Meeting 2023 London



Rail Action Group East of Scotland RAGES

Tom Dickson

13th. January 1999 – RAGES formed



Photo: Stewart Stevenson, MSP, left, with Tom Thorburn (© RAGES)

Tom pictured with then Minister for Transport, Stewart Stevenson, MSP in March 2008

Strategic Aims of RAGES (1999)

- To improve the rail service between Edinburgh and Dunbar with extension to Berwick upon Tweed at a later stage.
- To have East Linton Station reopened for active use and to press for the reopening of Reston Station.
- To consider the implications with regard to car parking and bicycle storage at Stations between Waverley and Berwick upon Tweed.
- To improve the level of service to North Berwick.
- To keep under scrutiny the standards of passenger facilities at stations between Waverley and Berwick upon Tweed, including North Berwick, and to draw the attention of the relevant bodies to shortcomings which arise.
- To reopen the branch line from Longniddry to Haddington.
- The group, being environmentally minded, will actively strive to encourage rail travel within its geographical area.



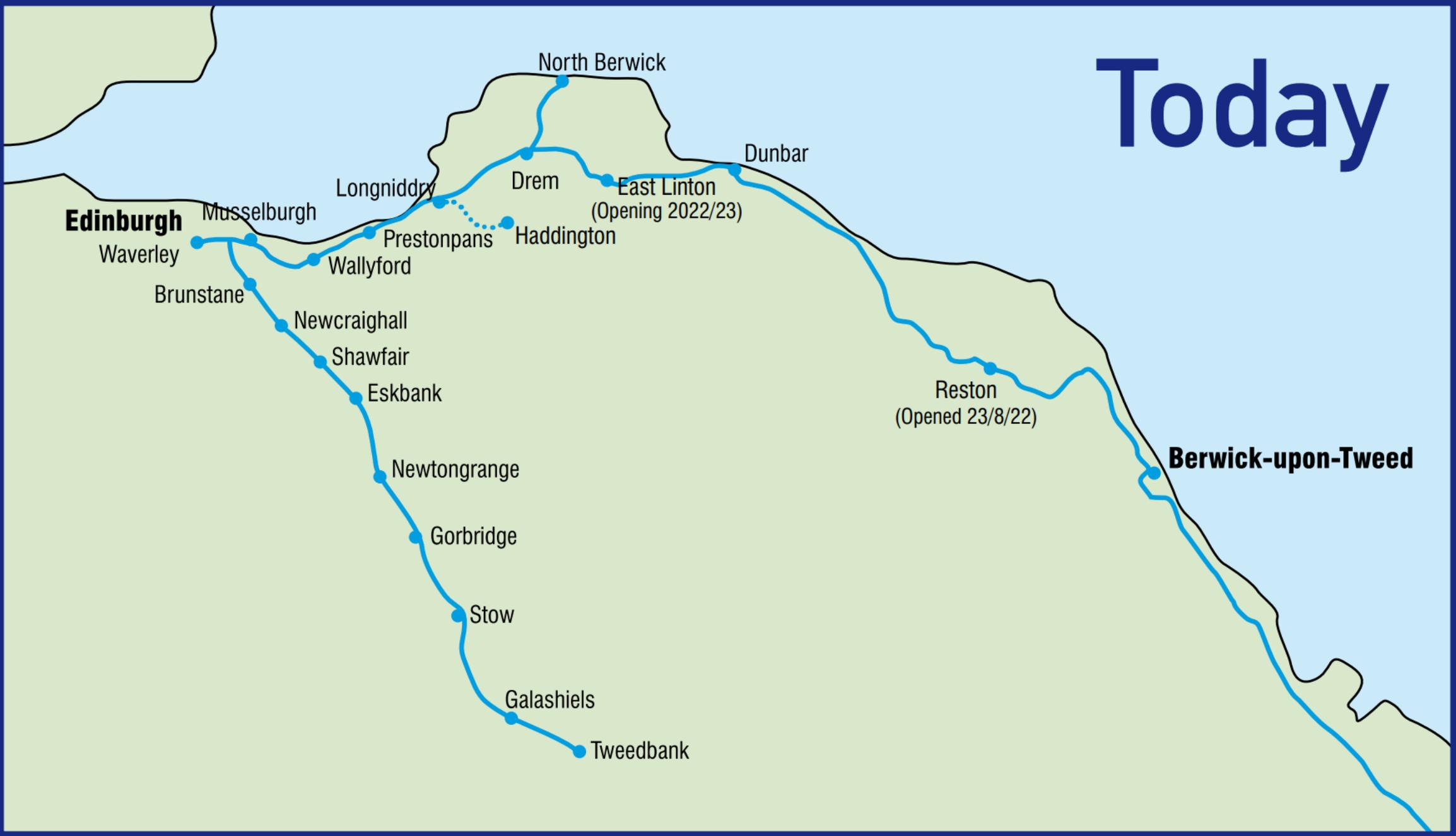
Key Dates

- 22/06/1846 Reston station opened
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- 22/06/1846 Haddington station opened
- 05/12/1949 Haddington station closed to passenger traffic
- 04/05/1964 Reston, East Linton Station closed as part of the Beeching report
- 02/02/1968 Haddington station closed to freight
- 23/05/2022 Reston station entered into service
- 2024 East Linton enters into service
- TBA Haddington station enters into service

1947



Today



PRESTON





Reston Railway Station Circa 1905

Circa 1953



Circa 1955



February
2020
site
survey
work



May 2021



September 2021



8th. February 2022



April 2022



April 2022



May 23rd, 2022

First passenger train to arrive at Reston in 58 years
05.29am from Edinburgh Waverley arriving at Reston 06.21am





East Linton





Looking East 24/04/1954



Looking West 24/04/1964

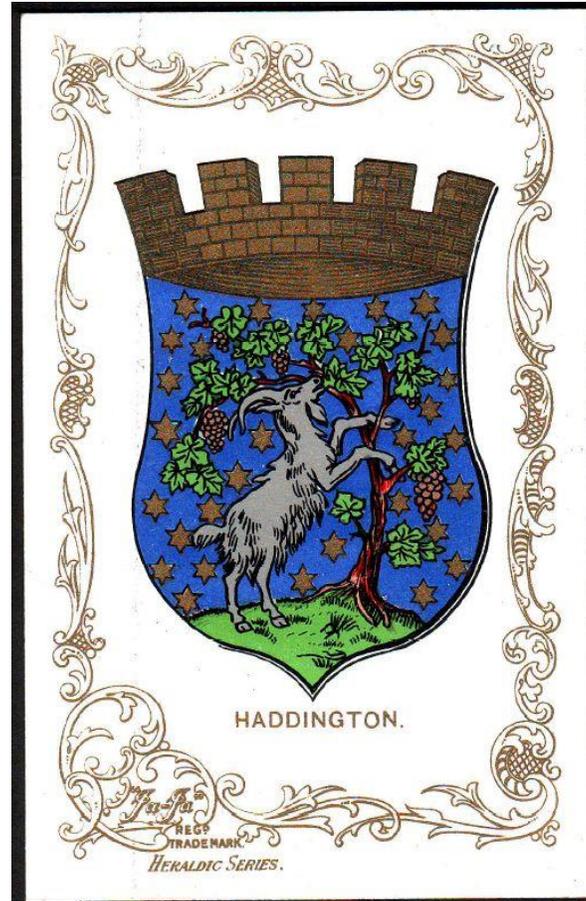








Haddington





Return of 1/8 Royal Scots, Haddington (30/4/1911)

Photo by G. Bruce
Haddington.

BRITISH RAILWAYS

CLOSING

or

HADDINGTON STATION

From MONDAY 5th December 1949

ON and after the above date HADDINGTON STATION will be CLOSED to PASSENGER TRAINS, and thereafter the following arrangements will apply:—

Passengers for Haddington will be booked to Dunbar or Edinburgh from which places bus services are available.

Passenger train parcels and miscellaneous traffic, for or from Haddington, will be conveyed to or from Longniddry by rail and between Longniddry and Haddington by road motor or freight train service.





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Our Main Aims:

- Reopen the branch line from Longhoddry to Haddington with all services running through to Edinburgh.
- Improve rail transport in the east of Scotland with the aim of reducing social isolation and improving connectivity in rural areas.
- Promote rail as an environmentally friendly and sustainable mode of transport.
- Improve rail services between Edinburgh and Berwick-upon-Tweed, and the intermediate stations including North Berwick.

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