



# Downpatrick & County Down Railway Society

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Santa Now Arriving at Platform 1**

The Lapland Express is arriving this week at the Downpatrick and County Down Railway for three weekends only with a very special passenger - Santa Claus!

This very special guest will be arriving in style onboard his own steam train to greet scores of children on the platform, eager to meet the jolly big man in the red outfit.

Although the details of his trip are tightly guarded secrets, looked after by Elfin Security Services, it has been gathered that after greeting the children (and some more grown-up children) on the platform, Santa will invite everyone to join him for some festive fun on the Christmas train.

Travelling behind a seventy-year old steam engine, No. 3, onboard vintage coaches, Santa is expected to merrily lead the way in getting everyone into the seasonal mood by singing Christmas favourites, such as Jingle Bells and Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer.

Once at the destination of the Winter Loop Platform, Santa will invite everyone to join him in his special grotto coach. Here, the children will get to speak one-to-one with Santa and tell him what they wanted for Christmas, promising (of course) that they had been very good all year.

The steam train will be leaving the railway station for the next three weekends, the 3rd and 4th; 10th & 11th; 17th and 18th December. Santa will also be providing his guests refreshments on the buffet coach, and doors open from 2pm till 5pm.

Fares are £4.50 for adults, £5.00 for children who receive a present from Merlin, while it is just £2.50 for children under three to see Santa, and £4.00 senior citizens.

For further information on this event, please contact the Downpatrick & County Down Railway on 077 9080 2049 or click [www.downrail.co.uk](http://www.downrail.co.uk).

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