

## THE NEXT STATION IS ... LEDBURY



**Where:** On the Worcester to Hereford line, 14 miles east of Hereford.

**Service:** London Midland and First Great Western, but constraints are single line sections east to Malvern Wells [ $5\frac{3}{4}$  miles] and west to Shelwick Junction [ $11\frac{3}{4}$  mls].

**Through trains:** Hereford to Birmingham roughly hourly during the day, although irregular before 09.00, when the timetable gives precedence to through trains to London Paddington. 05.52 and 07.01 are HSTs. Three other London through trains, otherwise change at Worcester. Sunday service is poor, with first service eastbound not until 13.50.

**Footfall:** 184,340 in 2009/10

**Facilities:** Privately operated booking office by John Goldrick, open 06.30 to 12.00. Flower beds maintained by local WI. Customer Information Screens on platforms. No disabled access to up platform, footbridge only.

**Car parking:** 50 spaces, free.

**Future:** Aspiration for Sunday morning trains and better in late evening.

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