## Only 24 people a year use Britain's quietest railway station - 4 January, 2018

Barry Links is a railway station on the east coast of Scotland. It is between Dundee and Carnoustie, a town famous for its golf course.

What and where is Barry Links? What is Carnoustie famous for?

Barry Links is the quietest railway station in the United Kingdom. Only 24 people used the station between 1 April, 2016 and 31 March, 2017.

What is Barry Links known for? How many people used the station in the year ending March 2017?

The station has no ticket office or ticket machine so it is not possible to buy a ticket there. The only option passengers have is to buy their ticket on the train. Another problem is that only one train a day stops at the station from Monday to Saturday and there are no trains on Sundays.

Why is it not possible to buy a ticket there? Where do passengers buy their tickets? How many trains stop there between Monday to Saturday? Are there any trains on Sundays?

The second quietest railway station in Britain is Teesside Airport. Only 30 people used this station in 2016–2017.

What is the name of the second quietest railway station in the UK? How many people used this station in 2016-2017?

This might seem strange because airports are very busy places but there are two problems with Teesside Airport station. The first is that it is more than 1.6km from the airport, so passengers have to walk from the station to the airport as there is no bus service from the station to the airport. The second is that only two trains a week stop at this station – both on Sundays.

What is strange about the second quietest station? How far is the station from the airport? Is there a bus between the railway station and the airport? What is the second problem with the railway station?

The busiest station in the UK is Waterloo in London. There were 99 million journeys to and from this station in 2016–2017. The second busiest station is Victoria station, which is also in London, with 75 million journeys.

What is the busiest railway station in the UK? How many journeys were there from this station in 2016-'17? What is the name of the second busiest station in the UK and how many journeys were made from this station?

Although busy, these London stations are not the busiest in Europe. 214 million passengers used the Gare du Nord in Paris in 2016–2017.

Are these two London stations the busiest stations in Europe? How many journeys were made from Gare du Nord?

The busiest railway station in the world is in Japan. It is Shinjuku Station in Tokyo. In 2016–2017, 1.26 billion people used this station. This is very different from Barry Links station.

Where is the busiest railway station in the world? What is it called? How many people used this station in 2016-'17?