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Riding Yorkshire's Final Steam Trains: Journeys on BR's North Eastern Region

By Keith Widdowson

The History Press Ltd, United Kingdom, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 231 x 155 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Keith Widdowson visited the North Eastern Region of British Railways on over forty occasions during the final eighteen months of steam powered passenger services. With the odd exceptions (usually for railtours) most of the locomotives were neglected, run down, filthy, prone to failure and often only kept their wheels turning courtesy of the skills of the crew coaxing them along with loving care. Far from the scenic delights so often justifiably portrayed of the Yorkshire countryside, the ever-dwindling numbers became corralled within the industrialized heartland of Bradford, Leeds, Wakefield and Normanton. Here, Widdowson recalls that bygone era, leading an almost nomadic nocturnal existence on his self-imposed mission of stalking the endangered Iron Horses in one of their final habitats. He was often far from alone in his quest. The Haulage-bashing fraternity comprised of like-minded enthusiasts from throughout Britain, often congregated, lemming like, on the one-coach early morning mail trains, the Summer Saturday holidaymaker trains or the Bradford portions; indeed any passenger service with a steam locomotive at its front. From the many disappointments of thwarted possibilities to the euphoric...



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