

Saturday 28 October

RAILWAY 96

Hexham		0839	
Carlisle	0932	0957	via Dumfries
Glasgow Cent	1234	1538	via main line
Carlisle	1646	1652	
Hexham	1740		

Off peak day return Hexham-Carlisle 11.00

Off peak return Carlisle- Glasgow 20.35

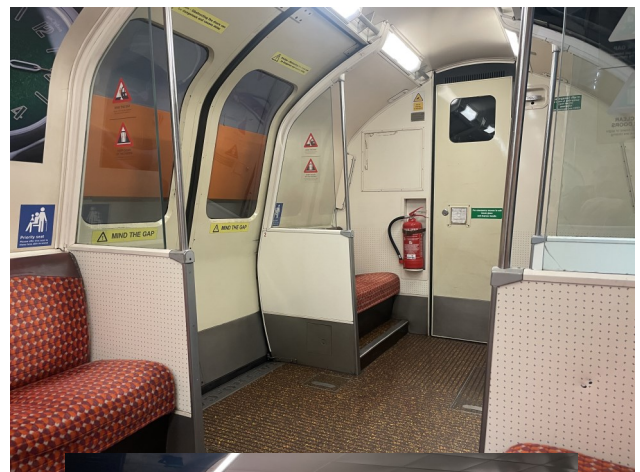
Underground 3.30

Should I start doing Scotland before I have finished England? Govan Old Stones closes on Tuesday for the winter, which is an excuse to head North now. A lot of people travelling west, and at Carlisle I was glad I was heading north on the local train via Dumfries - the Stones don't open until 1 pm, so I will do something useful. Nice view of the Cathedral.



Dumfries is a splendid station, the line moves through some lovely countryside (and autumn colours). Electrification now starts at Barrhead, as soon as we are in Glasgow - Scotland is so far ahead of England. (Electric trains start running in December). People got on at every station, and we were well filled by the time we got to Glasgow.

I walked to St Enoch, via a shop Gareth would have enjoyed. It's a long time since I've been on the underground. It has not been modernised for 30 years, so hasn't changed. There is a new project under way at the moment and new trains have recently arrived to be tested.





The statue outside Govan Underground station was installed in 2017. It was made by Andrew Brown, and shows Mary Barbour. She led the community in fighting rent increases in 1915 - it culminated in a protest outside the Sheriffs' and the City Chambers. After the War she became one of the first female councillors in Glasgow. Her statue was only the fourth to be installed in Glasgow to a woman.

Govan Old Church is just down the road - a road with stunning (and uncared for) Victorian architecture on one side, and a 1960s grotty block on the other. I won't reproduce everything which is on the blog.

I walked back to the Subway and completed the circle, then waited in a queue for the London train. Despite the fact it was busy and noisy, I managed to sleep most of the way to Carlisle, then an easy ride home.