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## **ONCE THREATENED EARLY TAMAR VALLEY TRAIN NOW EXTENDED TO GUNNISLAKE**

The once threatened early morning commuter train from Calstock to Plymouth has been extended to start back from Gunnislake in the new Summer Tamar Valley Line timetable.

Running everyday Monday to Friday, the train now starts from Gunnislake at 05 56, calling at Calstock at 06 07, Bere Alston 06 17, Bere Ferrers 06 22, then St Budeaux, Keyham, Dockyard and Devonport before arriving at Plymouth at 06 39.

This is the first time for at least twenty years that the early train has started from Gunnislake.

The early train was due to be axed eighteen months ago in cuts following the introduction of a new rail franchise for the South West.

Thanks to a campaign by local people, local councils and the Devon & Cornwall Rail Partnership, the train was saved and now First Great Western has been able to improve it.

Rail Partnership Manager Richard Burningham said "I am delighted that not only did people power save the early train but now it has been improved. Thanks in particular to First Great Western for being able to make the improvement happen."

The Summer timetable has started and runs to 13 December. It can be found on the internet at [www.firstgreatwestern.co.uk](http://www.firstgreatwestern.co.uk) or [www.carfreedaysout.com](http://www.carfreedaysout.com) or picked up from a number of local shops and post offices.

National Rail Enquiries can also provide details of train times and fares on 08457 48 49 50.

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