



# Off the rails at Elstree and Borehamwood Museum



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Did you know Elstree was almost a part of the London Underground? With not one but two Tube lines?

How this would have affected the town is explored in Elstree and Borehamwood Museum's latest exhibition 'Off The Rails – The Line That Never Was'.

An 18-foot scale model recreating the Elstree extension from Edgware shows where the Tube lines would have run and information boards tell the story with photographs, drawings and plans starting with the initial idea and long term effects of the post-war cancellation.

'Elstree South' underground station, as it would have been, has been recreated and the museum's display cabinets are filled with Tube and bus memorabilia and artefacts. There is also a video explaining the story from planning to being cancelled.

Simon Gee, Museum Trustee at Elstree and Borehamwood Museum, said: "The exhibition hopes to show how the town might have changed if the Tube line came to Elstree and Borehamwood. Where would the other stations on the line have been located? What would this have meant for local people and businesses? Come along to find out what might have been!"

Councillor Meenal Sachdev, Portfolio Holder for Community, Leisure, Culture and Health, said: "This is an exciting exhibition in to how our town might have been if we'd been included on the London underground's Tube line, as planned in the 1940s.

"The exhibition includes an amazing model replica of the Tube line and the layout also depicts parts of Elstree village and crossroads. This makes it easy to see the village in relation to the position of Elstree South station.

"This is Elstree and Borehamwood's first exhibition in 18 months, so I hope residents visit to find out what might have been. It's a real slice of our local history and our dedicated volunteers have worked so hard to create this interesting, informative and interactive exhibition.

"I would like to thank all the volunteers at Elstree and Borehamwood Museum for creating this exhibition. All four of our museums always need more volunteers, so if you're interested in joining our friendly and welcoming teams, please contact the museum you're interested in supporting."

Elstree and Borehamwood Museum is currently open three days a week, Tuesday and Thursday between midday and 6pm, and on Saturday from 10am to 3pm. It is free to visit.

Please visit Elstree and Borehamwood Museum's website: <https://elstree-museum.org.uk/> for more information on exhibitions.

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