

Key:

Companies amalgamated by the 1921 Railways Act

(Date) – The date that the company was amalgamated into, or purchased by the G.W.R.

The Great Western Railway (G.W.R) and its constituents

Early amalgamations and purchases.

Berks and Hants Railway (1846)

Birkenhead Railway (1 January 1860) Chester and Birkenhead Railway

Birkenhead, Lancashire and Cheshire Junction Railway

Cheltenham and Great Western Union Railway (1 July 1843)

Monmouth and Hereford Railway (1846)

Oxford and Rugby Railway (1846)

Shrewsbury and Birmingham Railway (1 September 1854)

Shrewsbury and Chester Railway (1 September 1854)

Wilts, Somerset and Weymouth Railway (14 March 1850)

Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway

South Wales Railway (1 January 1862)

West Midland Railway (1 August 1863) Newport, Abergavenny and

Hereford Railway

Worcester and Hereford Railway

Vale of Neath Railway (1 February 1865) Aberdare Valley Railway

Bala and Festiniog Railway (1910)

Banbury and Cheltenham Direct Railway (1897)

Berks and Hants Extension Railway (1882)

Bridport Railway (1901)

Bristol and Exeter Railway (1 January 1876)

Bristol and South Wales Union Railway (1868)

Buckfastleigh, Totnes and South Devon Railway (1897)

Calne Railway (1896)

Carmarthen and Cardigan Railway (1 July 1882)

Cornwall Minerals Railway (1 July 1896)

Cornwall Railway (1 July 1889)

Corwen and Bala Railway (1896)

Culm Valley Light Railway (1880)

Dartmouth and Torbay Railway

Devon and Somerset Railway (1901)

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East Somerset Railway (1874)
 Ely Valley Railway (South Wales) (1903)
 Faringdon Railway (1886)
 Festiniog and Blaenau Railway (10 September 1883)
 Forest of Dean Central Railway (1866)
 Gloucester and Dean Forest Railway (1875)
 Golden Valley Railway (Pontrilas to Hay Junction) (1 May 1901)
 Great Western and Brentford Railway (1872)
 Helston Railway (1898)
 Kington and Eadisley Railway (1897)
 Lambourn Valley Railway (1 July 1906)
 Launceston and South Devon Railway
 Leominster and Kington Railway (1898)
 Llanelly Railway (1 January 1873)
 Llangollen and Corwen Railway (1896)
 Llynvi and Ogmore Railway (1 July 1873) Llynvi Valley Railway
 Lostwithiel and Fowey Railway
 Maenclochog Railway
 Malmsbury Railway (1880)
 Manchester and Milford Railway (1 July 1907)
 Marlborough Railway (1896)
 Milford Railway (1896)
 Minehead Railway (1897)
 Monmouthshire Railway (1 August 1875)
 Moretonhampstead and South Devon Railway
 Nantwich and Market Drayton Railway (1897)
 Newent Railway (1892)
 Newquay and Cornwall Junction Railway
 Newquay Railway
 North Pembrokeshire and Fishguard Railway
 North Pembrokeshire and Fishguard Railway (1 July 1898)
 Ogmore Valley Railway
 Par Tramway
 Pembroke and Tenby Railway (1 July 1896)
 Ross and Ledbury Railway (1892)

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South Devon and Tavistock Railway
South Devon Railway (1 February 1876)
Staines and West Drayton Railway (1900)
Stourbridge Railway (1 February 1870)
Stratford-on-Avon Railway (1883)
Tenbury and Bewdley Railway (1869)
Torbay and Brixham Railway (1 January 1883)
Vale of Llangollen Railway (1896)
Wallingford and Watlington Railway (1872)
Watlington and Princes Risborough Railway (1 January 1884)
Wellington and Drayton Railway (30 August 1877)
Wellington and Severn Junction Railway (1892)
Wenlock Railway (1896)
West Cornwall Railway (1 February 1876) Hayle Railway
Whitland and Cardigan Railway (1 September 1886)
Worcester, Bromyard and Leominster Railway (1888)
Wrexham and Minera Railway (1871)
Wycombe Railway (1867)
Wye Valley Railway (1905)

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The following companies were absorbed into the Great Western Railway as a result of the Railways Act 1921, However they were incorporated into the new larger business on the different dates shown.

Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway (1 January 1922) 10.5 miles (17 km)
 Barry Railway (1 January 1922) 68 miles (109 km) Vale of Glamorgan Railway 20.75 miles (33 km♠)
 Brecon and Merthyr Railway (1 July 1922) 59.75 miles (97 km)
 Burry Port and Gwendraeth Valley Railway (1 July 1922) 21 miles (34 km)
 Cambrian Railways (1 January 1922) 295.25 miles (472 km) Aberystwyth and Welsh Coast Railway
 Cardiff Railway (1 January 1922) 11.75 miles (19 km)
 Cleobury, Mortimer and Ditton Priors Railway (1 January 1922) 12 miles (19 km)
 Didcot, Newbury and Southampton Railway (1923) 42.75 miles (68 km)
 East Gloucestershire Railway 25.5 miles (41 km)
 Exeter Railway 8.75 miles (14 km)
 Forest of Dean Central Railway 5 miles (8 km)
 Gwendraeth Valley Railways (1 January 1923) 3 miles (5 km)
 Lampeter, Aberayron and New Quay Light Railway 12 miles (19 km)
 Liskeard and Looe Railway 9 miles (14 km)
 Llanelly and Mynydd Mawr Railway (1 January 1923) 13 miles (21 km)
 Llanidloes and Newtown Railway
 Mawddwy Light Railway
 Midland and South Western Junction Railway (1 July 1923) 63.25 miles (101 km)
 Mid-Wales Railway
 Neath and Brecon Railway (1 July 1922)
 Newtown and Machynlleth Railway
 Oswestry and Newtown Railway
 Oswestry, Ellesmere and Whitchurch Railway
 Penarth Harbour, Dock and Railway 9.75 miles (16 km)
 Port Talbot Railway (1 January 1922) 35 miles (56 km) South Wales Mineral Railway 13 miles (21 km)

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Powlesland and Mason (railway shunting contractors) (contractors at Swansea Docks) (1 January 1924)
Princetown Railway (1922) 10.5 miles (17 km)
Rhondda and Swansea Bay Railway (1 January 1922) 29 miles (46 km)
Rhymney Railway (1 January 1922) 51 miles (82 km)
Ross and Monmouth Railway 12.5 miles (20 km)
Swansea Harbour Trust (1 July 1923)
Taff Vale Railway (1 January 1922) 124.5 miles (199 km) Penarth Extension Railway 1.75 miles (3 km)
Tanat Valley Light Railway
Teign Valley Railway 7.75 miles (12 km)
Vale of Rheidol Railway
Van Railway
Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway
West Somerset Railway (1922) 14.5 miles (23 km)
Wrexham and Ellesmere Railway