

Runcorn East opens

NEW station at Runcorn East, between Frodsham and Warrington Bank Quay on the Chester - Warrington line, became operational on October 3 and a formal opening ceremony was held on October 18, when a commemorative plaque was unveiled. In Runcorn New Town at Norton—where a previous station was closed from September 1, 1952—the station has cost around £485,000 and has been financed jointly by British Railways, Warrington & Runcorn Development Corporation, and Cheshire County Council. The station area includes a ticket office, car parking and taxi bays, bus-turning facilities, and a footpath link to the Runcorn Busway system. The station platform has been designed to accommodate nine-car trains, which means that regional services can use the station as well as local trains.