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Is this the UK's fastest sleigh?

As we count down the days until Christmas, Chiltern Railways has unveiled the newest addition to its fleet - The Chiltern Santa Train which is believed to be the UK's fastest sleigh.

Led by Santa, the Chiltern Santa Train will fly down the track at 100 miles per hour and is the perfect way for Santa to deliver presents and transport customers with precious gifts between London Marylebone and Birmingham Moor Street.

Conceived as part of Chiltern's push for the UK to "Get Festive", the company engaged specialist train sleigh makers, Charles Rayner LTD to install a magical vinyl 'wrap' of Santa's sleigh on one of its silver trains.

The train was transformed into a sleigh over a two-day period and will feature on the Chiltern line until after Christmas.

Santa's elves have also been recruited to bring Christmas cheer and will be helping customers at Chiltern stations. Other festive celebrations will include carolling at stations and Father Christmas taking his Santa Train on an adventure with specially selected families from Birmingham Children's Hospital and Home-Start Banbury onboard for a day out in London on 16 December.

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Editor's notes:

- Train wrap images courtesy of Charles Rayner LTD. For more information, visit http://www.charlesraynerltd.co.uk/
- For more information about Birmingham Children's Hospital, visit http://www.bch.nhs.uk/
- For more information about Home-Start Banbury, visit http://www.home-startbanbury.org.uk/