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**Here Comes the Bride....  
Merseyrail Runs Special Train for Bride-To-Be**

**20 August 2014:** Merseyrail has commissioned a special train to get a bride-to-be to her wedding on time.

Leanne Cole, who will marry at St George's Hall on Sunday, will travel on a three-car train, available only to her and the bridal party, from Fazakerley to Liverpool Central.

The novel arrangement came about after Ms Cole approached staff at Fazakerley station and then contacted us through our website. We were happy to honour her request.

To maintain the bridal theme, Merseyrail will decorate Fazakerley station as well as the middle carriage of the train, with balloons and streamers, using colours to match her dress and flowers.

Maarten Spaargaren, Merseyrail's managing director, said: "This was certainly an unusual request, but we had a good think about it, and came to the conclusion that with a bit of effort, it would indeed be possible for us to play a part in what we hope will be a wonderful, memorable day for Ms Cole and her new husband."

Ms Cole added: 'I didn't feel the need to hire a fancy car when there is a reliable and convenient train service around the corner from where I live. I also felt it would be a fun and unique way to travel. The service Merseyrail has provided has been exceptional and completely exceeded my expectations; I am very grateful to them.'

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