



# GOLDEN AGE DEVELOPMENTS

## The Tewkesbury Heritage Railway

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# Route Background

The Tewkesbury Heritage Railway runs for a distance of around 2 miles along the trackbed of the old Birmingham and Gloucester Tewkesbury Branch, and a small section of the Tewkesbury and Malvern railway from the mainline at Ashchurch, to Tewkesbury.

The last passenger train along the line ran in 1961 (through services to Great Malvern stopped in 1952), and in 1962, the Tewkesbury Railway Preservation Society (TRPS) bought the already closed quay branch and an Ex-GW 8750, No. 9635 to run on it. The Society ran trains between the quay at Healings Mill and Tewkesbury Town station for two years until 1964 when BR closed the rest of the line to freight.

The Dowty Preservation Society took over the section from Ashchurch to Tewkesbury until they moved to Toddington in the 1980s, when they sold the section they owned to the TRPS who then have been running the line ever since.

## Stations

The line has five stations as of 2017

Tewkesbury Quay, built in the old mill sidings next to the river by the TRPS when they first took over the branch in 1962.



Tewkesbury Town, the original 1840 Birmingham and Gloucester Railway station in Tewkesbury town centre operated by the TRPS since 1962.



Tewkesbury, the main station for the town from 1864 - 1961. The original buildings were demolished when passenger service ended so the Dowty Society and the TRPS bought and relocated some GWR buildings. As a result of this, the station was styled fully after the GWR rather than the original MR.



Gannaway Lane was not originally on either preservation society's plans for the line, but when Tewkesbury School was built in the 1970s, Tewkesbury Borough Council funded a small Platform to enable school run trains to take traffic off the congested Ashchurch Road.



Ashchurch For Tewkesbury is the junction for the mainline and luckily kept its original building. The branch platform was realigned in 1965 to allow THR trains to run around without fouling the mainline. There is also a turntable and servicing point for visiting mainline locos.



# Scenarios



The route comes with Quick Drive scenarios, and there is also a Free Roam scenario for your exploration pleasure!

This route has been left as blank a slate as possible to allow for whatever operations you can think of on this fictional route. Note: the longest possible train for the passing loop at Tewkesbury Quay is a Black 5 with 3 MK1s

## Route Requirements

### **PAYWARE:**

**AP Wherry Lines (Steam) - The route will not work properly with the AP site version**

**Bristol to Exeter (Steam)**

**China Clay for Export (Steam)**

**Canal Pack (Steam)**

**Malmesbury Branch (Steam)**

**Riviera Line in the Fifties (Steam)**

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**Settle to Carlisle (Steam)**

**The Woodhead Route (Steam)**

**Weardale and Teesdale Network (Steam)**

**West Somerset Railway (Steam)**

## **FREWARE**

CW Pre-WWII Asset Pack

GAD Common Library

GAD West of England Mainline

GAD Signalling Equipment

VP Grass Pack

VP Tree Pack V2

VP Road Pack

VP Track Pack

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VW Pannier Tank Pack (Steam)

Riviera Line in the Fifties (Steam)

## **Installation**

Extract the Tewkesbury Heritage Railway .rwp file to a desired folder. Either open the package manager in Utilities.exe or install to your railworks root folder by opening the .rwp with 7Zip.

## **Usage**

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