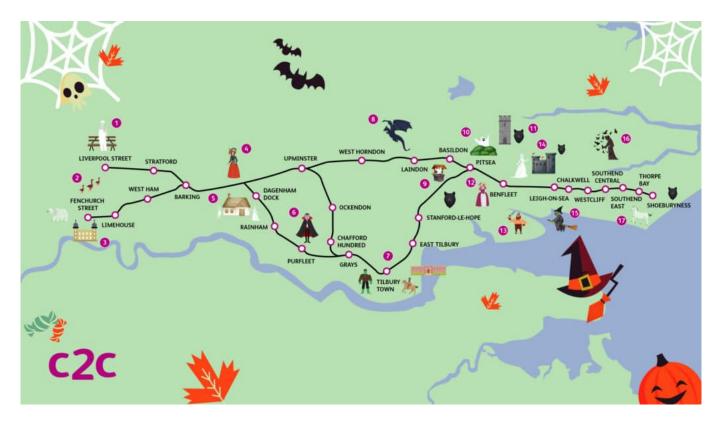
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c2c unmasks eerie experiences along the line for Halloween scare-searchers

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It's about this time of year that the spooky tales start creeping out of the woodwork, and c2c are certainly not holding back with the ghoulish delights this year!

Passengers along the London to South Essex route will need their wits about them this month, as the operator unmasks a series of eerie experiences to add a little creep into the commute.

They've put together their favourite ghoulish tales from along the route, which can be found on an interactive map here – perfect to plan a spooky half-term trip out, or for the truly brave, and evening out ghost hunting.

Tales on the trail include:

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- The bizarre occurrence that took place at Liverpool Street Station: back in 2000, CCTV footage captured a blurry spectre on the closed Eastbound Central line platform. Workers went to check and initially saw nothing until an ethereal set of white overalls appeared to be sitting on a nearby bench!
- Mind your head if you travel to Hadleigh Castle: It is reportedly haunted by a lady in white, who has seen to become enraged with a young milkmaid named Sally so enraged she walloped her over the head with a bucket. You have been warned!
- Spooky happenings at Eastbury Hall, in Barking: built during the reign of Elizabeth I, Eastbury Hall is rumoured to have connections to the gunpowder plot. Visitors have reported seeing a little girl in Elizabethan clothing in the upper rooms.
- Keep to the paths in Pitsea: there have been many sightings of Black Shucks, ghostly black dogs with glowing red eyes around PitseaMount, Hadleigh Castle, Shoeburyness and on the road between Fobbing and Vange. Walkies, anyone?
- If you make it to the end of the line, and Southend: Wherever you turn in this historic town, you're bound to bump into something spooky. A local favourite is the monk with a penchant for black magic at Prittlewell Priory. The local birdlife goes crazy when he appears, so keep an eye on the seagulls and watch your chips if he decides to make an appearance.

Rob Mullen, c2c's managing director said: "We wanted to create something that brought a little spooky entertainment to the route this Halloween. Our creepy trail offers a fun day out for the kids, or a group of friends, as you go out to explore all the mysterious spots along the trail."

To add a little more weird to your wanderings, c2c has 2FOR1 vouchers on offer for many spooky London attractions during the month of October, for both children and adults alike, when you purchase a c2c ticket, from the London Dungeons to the Ghost Bus Tours and a Jack the Ripper walking tour. Details are available here.