

Dunfermline sees station name change following historic city status

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ScotRail has announced that Dunfermline Town railway station will now be called Dunfermline City, after its historic status was officially recognised by His Majesty King Charles.

Transport Minister Jenny Gilruth was keen that the station's name reflected the importance of Dunfermline's status and approved the process to make this happen.

Ms Gilruth said: "I am delighted that Dunfermline's significant historic status and importance to Scotland is being properly recognised as a City today. I am pleased that Dunfermline Town station will be renamed by ScotRail as Dunfermline City so that everyone arriving and leaving by rail knows that Dunfermline is now a city again. I am sure this decision will be warmly welcomed by the City's residents as they celebrate this momentous occasion."

The station is a busy and popular one for people connecting with other parts of Fife, and beyond, for both commuting and leisure journeys.

While the name change has been confirmed following the announcement and special ceremony in

Dunfermline earlier this week, it will take some time to complete the logistics of the change.

Changing a station name is a complex one, and will involve changing all references to the station across the many databases throughout the rail industry, including those used by Network Rail for signalling, timetabling, and operational purposes.

This process is underway, and the change to Dunfermline City will be formally completed as soon as possible. This includes the changing of signs at the station and across all electronic channels.

Alex Hynes, Managing Director of Scotland's Railway, said: "We are thrilled that Dunfermline has been awarded city status and it is fantastic to see The King and the Queen Consort visit the newly named city.

"It is appropriate that we play our part in this change and we have started the process of changing the name of the station.

"It will take some time to formally complete, but we are doing everything we can to make this exciting change as soon as we can in recognition of Dunfermline as Scotland's eighth city."

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