

# Press Release

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## **KEEP TRACK OF YOUR BELONGINGS**

What do a pair of crutches and a cat called Holly have in common? These are two of the many unusual items left onboard CrossCountry's trains.

CrossCountry, one of Britain's largest train operators, has revealed the most unusual and interesting items that have been left behind on their trains during 2008. As the busy Christmas holiday season approaches, CrossCountry is reminding its customers to take care of their possessions when travelling.

The top five unusual items left behind by some of the 30 million customers who travel with CrossCountry every year include:

- A cat called Holly
- Over £30,000 in used banknotes in a small green holdall
- A pair of crutches
- A wheelchair
- An antique typewriter

Every year, approximately 6,000 items are found by CrossCountry's onboard staff. The top 10 items left on a CrossCountry train are:

- 1 Mobile phones
- 2 Books
- 3 Umbrellas
- 4 Bags (handbags, hand luggage, briefcase etc)

- 5 Ipod / MP3 players
- 6 Glasses
- 7 Carrier bags / shopping
- 8 Laptops
- 9 Jewellery
- 10 Wallets / purses

**Andy Cooper, managing director at CrossCountry said:** “People leave all sorts of items on trains and this year we have found some very unusual ones, including baby buggies, shoes, designer handbags, cricket bats and even a wedding dress.”

**Andy added:** “We always advise passengers to check their seats and the areas around them when leaving a train, especially at busy times, to ensure that they have all their belongings with them. However, people can sometimes forget things and our staff are always on the lookout for anything left behind, and we always endeavour to reunite our passengers with their lost luggage.”

Book seats for Christmas now at [www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk](http://www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk)

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**Notes for Editors:**

CrossCountry is part of the Arriva group which operates transport services in twelve European countries, employs more than 40,000 people and provides more than one billion passenger journeys every year. For more information about the Arriva group visit [www.arriva.co.uk](http://www.arriva.co.uk)

**CrossCountry facts and figures.....**

STATIONS SERVED: 118

ROUTE MILES: 1,654

WEEKDAY SERVICES: 279

PASSENGERS CARRIED: Over 30 million passenger journeys a year anticipated

ANNUAL TRAIN MILEAGE: Approximately 16 million

EMPLOYEES: Approximately 1,800

LONGEST TRAIN SERVICE: Penzance to Aberdeen (772 miles)

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