

## Views of the Railway Line from Swarkestone Road

The views on these pages can be seen on the stretch of the Swarkestone Road which runs from Cuttle Bridge to Weston on Trent.



Just before crossing this bridge, the Ashby to Derby line joined with the line running from the Nottingham area that joined the Birmingham and Crewe line to the south west of Sinfin. I am told that before the Second World War, there was a day trip from Melbourne to Blackpool so the trippers' train would have used this bridge from right to left on its way to Crewe.



After the bridge the line can be seen from Swarkestone Road and shortly after this point, the line's route divided with one set of tracks heading for the Birmingham and Crewe line and the other towards Chellaston. The Chellaston route has long since disappeared





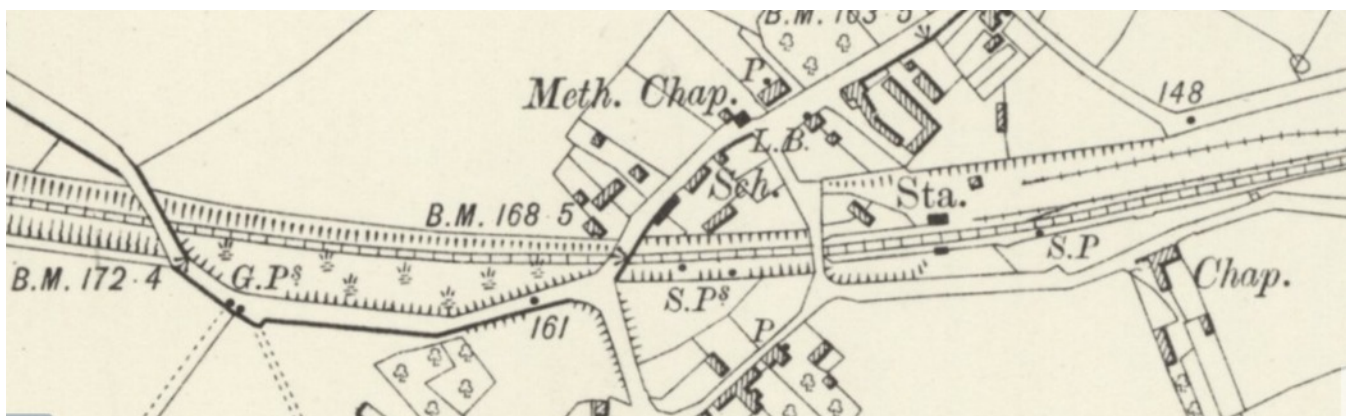
This is not the Derby to Ashby line. It is the line which runs from the Nottingham area to Derby's Birmingham and Crewe lines, but in the past the Derby to Ashby line had a junction with this line. Today, the line is only used for goods trains. As this line enters Weston on Trent, it passes under three bridges. The view above shows the second bridge when viewed from the first bridge and the view below shows this second bridge again when viewed from the third.







Immediately after this third bridge was Weston upon Trent railway station. I believe that the the main buildings were to the left of the line. I am told that the last train on Sunday evening from Ashby went to Chellaston but then instead of continuing to Peartree and Derby, ran back along the line to Weston on Trent and Castle Donington before terminating its journey at Trent station.



The line passing through Weston on Trent