

GUILDFORD RAILWAY STATION: PLATFORM ANNOUNCEMENTS VIA A HEARING LOOP

From Ted, one of our members, on January 27th 2020:

All these installations are positioned near the top of the ramps to the Subway that links all platforms, and carry the voice message sent to the nearby loudspeakers - I have found a snap from December that shows the wiring - see it on wheelmap page below. Depending on which direction you face relative to the small box with the loop, a "better than Tannoy" signal can be heard up to nearly 2m away.

It took me several journeys before I could locate the signage and kit for the one on Platform 2, which is against the wall beside Uppercrust, all the others are attached to canopy roof poles, always on the even numbered face of the island platforms.

The only PAINTED floor Loop sign is on Platform 2 - to show that the Help/Alarm Point alongside is Loop enabled. It looks to be far enough away from the Train announcement loop on the wall not to suffer cross-talk. Some other larger stations have floor marking but I can't find any snaps. See the typical Help Point image - very small loop signage on box - at Salfords <https://wheelmap.org/nodes/2526292310> and a better poster image at Earlswood <https://wheelmap.org/nodes/2526308931>

I didn't have time on 13th Jan to check if the loop on Platform 2 also announced Platform 1A departures, or if the loop on 4 calls out trains on 5, but they will if the connected Tannoy does so. If I have time on next Monday before or after the HoH, I will listen to all the loops including Ticket office and Help Point and complete an entry on HereUhear.

Notes:

Train doors never open onto Platform 7 - get on these trains via ramp to 6

Terminating services via Effingham Junction use platforms 1 & 2. Departures by platform are shown here, <https://traintimes.org.uk/live/Guildford>

As usual the Accessible ticket counter (only low one and a Loop sign) was closed when I arrived on 13th Jan, and I couldn't hear a loop signal in passing on my return when it had reopened.

Comments and more images on: <https://wheelmap.org/nodes/5863634798>

Clapham Junction (on Platform 13 at least, DENS East member report/snap) has the same kit.

London Bridge has something similar with Loop footfall marking: <https://wheelmap.org/nodes/4290857012> for images. I only checked one platform over a year ago.

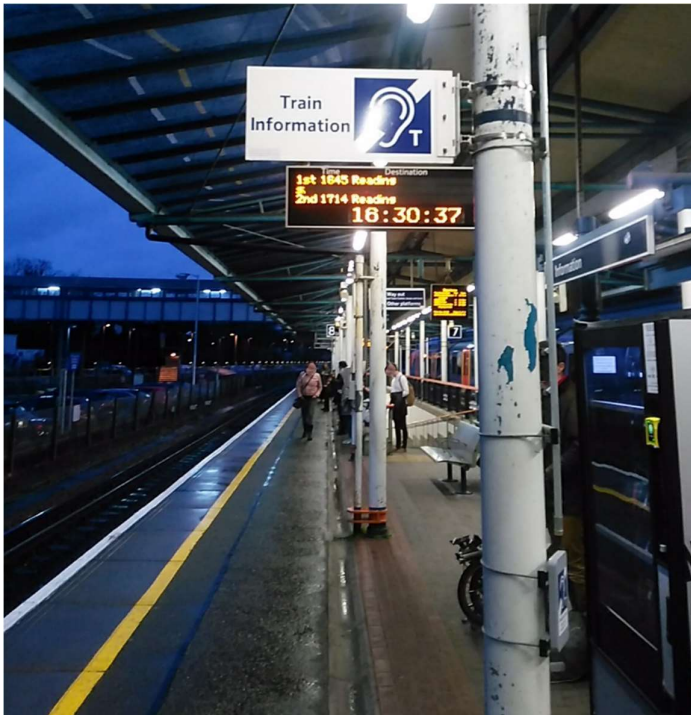
Regards

Ted

PLATFORM 6:



PLATFORM 8:



PLATFORM 4:



PLATFORM 2:

