

Leaves on the line?



When it comes to delayed trains, commuters have heard nearly every excuse in the book. But it remains something of a novelty to be told that a train is late because the driver has been viciously attacked by a seagull. That's what happened to passengers awaiting the 8.15 from Hastings, East Sussex, to London recently. The rush-hour train was delayed while the driver, who had been struck on the head, was checked over by first-aiders. The driver, who had been walking along a platform towards his train's cab at the time, was said to be ruffled, but resumed his duties 15 minutes later.

Liza Donaghue, 63, a mother of four and foster carer, was waiting at Tonbridge station, Kent, when she heard the announcement over the loudspeaker system. She said: "No one had really taken any notice until that point, then everyone looked and started looking at each other and saying, 'Did he just say what I thought he said?' Then everyone started laughing. People could not believe it."

A Southeastern Trains' spokesman said: "This is a rare occurrence. But seagull attacks can be quite serious. They are large birds and people have been knocked to the ground by them."

A spokesman for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said that apart from scavenging raids for food, seagulls usually attack people only to protect their young in nearby nests but that it was the wrong time of year for that.

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Tekst 1

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