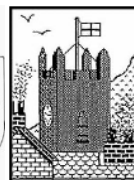


# Northern Devon Railway Development Alliance



***"To achieve delivery of a modernisation programme for North Devon (Tarka) Line passenger rail services between Barnstaple and Exeter, and their extension to Bideford, championing their transformational benefits for communities and businesses and advocating to decision-makers the economic, social and environmental case for developing and investing in the project programme"***

**Second annual convention, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – Barnstaple, North Devon**  
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## **Programme – 11.30 for 11.45 start, to 13.15 lunch then 15.15 close**

- 1 - Welcome - Mayor of Barnstaple Councillor Janet Coates
- 2 - Partners at related events elsewhere - NDRDA Acting Convener Roger Blake
  - # Department for Transport 'roadshow' in Falmouth for Integrated National Transport Strategy
  - # Great Western Railway event in London, Managing Director Mark Hopwood CBE by video
- 3 - Peninsula Transport's draft Strategic Implementation Plan - Peter West OBE, NDRDA adviser
- 4 - Devon & Torbay Local Transport Plan 2025-40 - Roger Blake, NDRDA Acting Convener
- 5 - NDRDA draft Business Cases development, for line modernisation and for Bideford extension - Peter West OBE, NDRDA adviser
- 6 - Network Rail line modernisation for shorter journey times and twice-hourly services - Andrew Robinson, Senior Strategic Planner (Western)
- 7 - Great Western Railway - Matt Barnes, Head of Strategic Service Development
- 8 - Demand & Revenue study / Economic Case - Ian Baxter, Strategy Director SLC Rail
- 9 - Navantia UK / Harland & Wolff (Appledore) - Daniel Burke, Bid Engineer
- 10 - other contributions from the floor, then close working session for networking buffet lunch and coffee, further informal networking and concluding remarks until 15.15 departures in time for 15.35 train south.

Initial NDRDA founder members: Bideford Town Council, Railfuture, Tarka Rail Association (2023), Barnstaple Town Council, Northam Town Council, Torridge District Council (2024). Chittlehamholt, Satterleigh & Warkleigh Parish Council, King's Nympton Parish Council, Chulmleigh Parish Council, Lapford Parish Council, Burrington Parish Council (2025).