

Atlantic Coast Exeter Railway

ACE Rail

Presentation on behalf of



Devon and Cornwall

Branch meeting

30.9.23





August 2022 Torridge and West Devon MP meets local councillors, Tarka Rail Association and GWR to support ACE Rail.

October 2022. A project to develop the case for an extension and upgrade of the Tarka Line has received a £6,500 grant from Great Western Railway. Roger Blake confirms Railfuture's £5,500 fighting fund to the Business Case.



GWR MD Mark Hopwood CBE visits Barnstaple



December 2022



January 2023 – House of Commons Transport Committee – Rural connectivity
Mark Hopwood CBE mentions his visit to Barnstaple



Crediton railway station

Bideford, Barnstaple and Crediton town councils support ACE Rail



March 2023 ITV West Country ACE Rail interview
The 60th anniversary of the Beeching report



May 2023 GWR's senior management return to meet with the Tarka Rail Association



ACE Rail next stages

- Better bus strategy for Bideford.
- Higher capacity service for the Tarka line.
- Develop and fund further studies and gather evidence for Bideford.

Report by Tim Steer

Tarka Rail Association – joint vice chair
