

Number of rail journeys in Mid Devon rises by more than a tenth

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The Campaign for Better Transport said it was "cause for celebration" that more people across Britain are taking the train and called for investment to expand the rail network further.

New figures released by the Office of Rail and Road show there were around 0.1 million entries and exits recorded across the eight stations in Mid Devon in the year to March.

This was a 16% increase on the 881,000 the year before, and a 54% increase on the 665,000 recorded in the year to March 2020, the last full year before the Covid pandemic.

Some 122,000 of those were made using a season ticket, accounting for 12% of all entries and exits in Mid Devon.

A total of 1.73 billion passenger journeys were made in the year to the end of March, up 7% from 1.61 billion in the previous year, the ORR said.

Michael Solomon Williams from the Campaign for Better Transport said: "More people travelling by train is real cause for celebration, disproving all the gloomy predictions that the railways wouldn't bounce back after the pandemic.

"People love travelling by train, and everyone who does is helping to cut congestion and carbon emissions – but unfortunately not everyone has that choice.

"Some people have no station nearby, and many struggle to afford train travel.

"We are campaigning for Great British Railways, the new public body that will soon run both trains and track, to have clear targets to increase passenger numbers and expand the rail network.

"Connecting more communities by rail, building on the success of new lines like the Elizabeth Line, and reopened lines like the Northumberland Line, will bring enormous economic, environmental and social benefits, as rail has always shown it can do."

Feras Alshaker, director of planning and performance at the ORR, said: "This year's statistics show rail usage continuing to grow around the country, and we're also seeing the sustained impact of major investment, particularly the Elizabeth line.

"These insights are vital in understanding how travel patterns are changing and in planning a network that meets passenger needs."

(This is an extract, omitting details of busiest and least-used stations nationally, not relevant for Mid-Devon)