

TravelWatch – *ISLE OF MAN*

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Isle of Man

- Those interested in being actively involved in setting up TravelWatch Isle of Man are forming a Working Group. At present, the priority is getting organised and making best use of our volunteers. Brendan O’Friel is acting as the Working Group Co-ordinator.
- An important task is to establish a list of passenger issues. We will then prioritise these issues and seek improvements.
- An early priority is to press for improved passenger information about bus and other services from the Sea Terminal and at the Airport. In due course, we will also seek improved information for our passengers arriving at sea and air terminals in the UK.
- We hope to provide helpful information for passengers – an example will be found at this end of this Bulletin
- We have growing support from passengers which is very encouraging. We have also had very positive reaction from several MHKs.

North West

- TravelWatch NorthWest is holding a public meeting at Crewe on Saturday 10th February. Details are to be found on the TWNW website.
- Also on the TWNW website is information about public transport links with ferries in the North West. Click on “Meeting Documents” and find the report on the Liverpool Meeting of 7th October 2006.
- The TWNW website has a valuable contacts page including links to the websites of other passenger groups, travel information sources and to the websites of operators.

Passenger Information

- Rail Cards for use on the Great Britain rail system can be both purchased and renewed through the Steam Packet Travel Shop at the Sea Terminal. Don’t forget that a Virgin Trains Saver ticket bought with a senior Rail Card entitles the user to travel at any time i.e. the usual restrictions on Saver tickets does not apply to those purchased with a senior Rail card.
 - Liverpool John Lennon Airport has improved public transport links. Regular buses from directly outside the airport run to Liverpool South Parkway where trains to Birmingham, Manchester and the Merseyrail network are provided. Liverpool South Parkway is a brand new station with good facilities including lifts to all platforms.
 - A new hourly direct bus service – number 700 – is provided from Liverpool John Lennon Airport to Manchester city centre.
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