

Greater Anglia reveals an out-of-this-world fact about their services

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Train operator Greater Anglia has said its locomotives have now run 15 million miles, which is the same as 31 return trips to the moon.

The business continued with its mission throughout the pandemic to bring new trains into service and replace every old train on its network. To date, it has 102 new trains in its fleet.

In 2021 it brought 32 new trains from the Alstom factory in Derby into their network.

There are now new trains on every route on the Greater Anglia network apart from Kings Lynn to London Liverpool Street, where they will be introduced next year.

In the past year, 86 old trains have been retired to make way for modern replacements.

All of Greater Anglia's new trains are longer with more seats. If they were lined up one after the other, they would stretch about eight miles – the same distance as from Tower Bridge to Putney Bridge on the River Thames.

Routes where Greater Anglia's new electric commuter trains were introduced for the first time this year included lines between London Liverpool Street and Clacton-on-Sea, Colchester Town, Ipswich, Harwich, Cambridge and Hertford East and between Stratford and Meridian Water.

Every new train introduced has plug and USB points; fast, free wifi; and better accessibility features, including an accessible toilet on every train.

There are also dedicated cycle spaces on each new train and better passenger information, including screens which show which parts of the train have more seats available.

The new trains contribute to the company's reduction in carbon, with many hi-tech green features, including regenerative brakes that harness the energy produced by braking and return it to the power network and intelligent computer systems that save energy.

The trains are lighter and more aerodynamic, making them more energy-efficient.

Martin Beable, Greater Anglia's engineering director, said: "Our new trains are making a big difference to customers' journeys. The trains glide from one destination to the next, and passengers on board are able to enjoy all the mod cons modern travellers expect.

"It been challenging at times during the past 12 months, but we're really pleased to have got new trains on every route on our network this year.

"We're looking forward to bringing even more new trains onto the network next year."

Routes exclusively served by Greater Anglia's new trains built by Swiss company Stadler are between Norwich, Lowestoft, Cambridge/Standed, Sheringham and Great Yarmouth; Ipswich, Felixstowe, Lowestoft, Cambridge and Peterborough; Marks Tey and Sudbury; London and Stansted Airport; and the Intercity route between Norwich and London Liverpool Street, calling at Diss, Stowmarket, Ipswich, Manningtree, Colchester, Chelmsford and Stratford.