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GWR offering a unique ticket to ride

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Great Western Railway (GWR) has joined forces with Dartmouth Steam Railway and River Boat Company — offering a through ticket direct to Dartmouth that allows passengers to travel via train, steam railway and boat.

People can catch a GWR train to Paignton and then connect with the steam train to Kingswear, before finally using the foot passenger ferry service to Dartmouth.

Phil Delaney, GWR commercial director, said: "We're proud to serve some truly breathtaking destinations on our network and I'm delighted we can now add Dartmouth to that list with this wonderful through ticket.

- GWR honours WWII codebreaker Alan Turing
- Former Prime Minister joins GWR's independent advisory board
- GWR proud of its four-year contribution to £3.5m Action for Children charity partnership

"It's great that we've been able to put this partnership in place with Dartmouth Steam Railway and River Boat Company (DSRRB). I believe our customers will love this unique opportunity to travel by GWR train, steam railway and boat to one of the most picturesque spots the south west has to offer.



"Purchasing your ticket couldn't be simpler, either online or through the GWR app. Just remember to input Kingswear (for Dartmouth) in the journey planner and the following day you could be experiencing a truly memorable day out."

The new ticket was championed by Totnes MP Anthony Mangnall, who has worked closely with GWR and DSRRB to make sure it was on sale in time for the summer holidays.

Mr Mangnall said: "This new link and cooperation between GWR and the Dartmouth steam railway offers a romantic and unique way of arriving in South Devon.

"I hope residents, visitors and tourists alike will make full use of the throughfare ticket to Dartmouth via Kingswear. This partnership has long been an ambition of mine and I am incredibly pleased to see it come to fruition."

Dartmouth Steam Railway and River Boat Company Managing Director John Jones said: "This is a great opportunity for the Dartmouth Steam Railway – it is very exciting to be able to link up with GWR to offer visitors from far and wide the opportunity to enjoy a trip on our steam trains and boats. Passengers are sure to enjoy both the fantastic views and, fingers crossed, the amazing weather!

"I'd like to say a really big thank you to both Anthony Mangnall and GWR for getting this new venture up and running."

Bookings are available from this week and will remain on sale until Sunday, 30 October, when the Steam service ceases for the winter. Tickets are only available when purchased in advance. Bookings close 23:59 the day before travel and reservations are mandatory.

For more information about the special GWR through ticket visit here, and for the Dartmouth Steam Railway & River Boat Company, visit Dartmouth Rail River.