

## New train washer installed at Southend Victoria depot

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Trains in East Anglia are set to sparkle after Greater Anglia installed a new carriage washer machine at Southend Victoria depot.

The £1.5m machine was installed in March and can wash up to 70 carriages per hour.

The new train wash is more efficient and effective, saving water, energy and time.

Martin Moran, Greater Anglia's Commercial, Customer Services and Train Presentation Director, said: "We are very pleased to have a new train washer at Southend Victoria.

"The new washers will improve the quality and standard of train washing, as well as helping to save up to 10% of the volume of water needed, compared to what was previously used.

"Our new trains look great and we want to keep them looking this way for years to come, which is why we are heavily investing in cleaning. We are currently in the process of replacing every single train in our fleet to make our customers' journeys easier and more comfortable.

"I would like to thank everyone who was involved in this project."

A hand washing regime was put in place to maintain high standards while the new machine was installed.

The washers at Clacton, Colchester, Ilford depot and Orient Way in London are also being refurbished, as part of a £4m project to improve train cleaning, as the company introduces new trains.

The train cleaning upgrade is part of a £1.4bn investment in transforming train services in East Anglia. Greater Anglia is currently in the process of replacing all trains in its fleet with brand new ones. The first Alstom train ran from Southend Victoria in November 2020 with the roll out continuing this year.

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