

Over 220 additional car parking spaces now available at Manningtree rail station

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A £3.1 million extension of Manningtree rail station's car park is now complete.

220 additional spaces opened on Monday following work by Greater Anglia to expand the existing one-storey decked car park and develop wasteland, bringing the total number of spaces to over 800.

An additional 20 Blue Badge spaces have been created and new more energy efficient LED lighting has also been installed throughout.

Simone Bailey, Greater Anglia's Asset Management Director, said: "I'm delighted that the work is now complete, creating so much more space at this busy station.

"As more people make the switch from car to rail, attracted by its sustainability in terms of being a better choice environmentally, but also thanks to the introduction of our longer, more comfortable fleet of brand new trains, it's important that we can meet this growing demand.

"I'd like to thank our customers and the community for their patience while this work was carried out."

Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) has recently been installed at the car park, giving customers greater control over how and when they pay for their parking.

The ticketless ANPR technology makes it easier for customers to pay for parking, as it increases the variety of payment options available, and helps to improve security.

Customers can pay for their parking online anytime up until midnight the day after their visit on the Great Anglia Parking Portal (gaparking.co.uk).

They can even pre-register their car and payment details online, allowing automatic payment to make parking completely hassle-free.

Blue badge holders will continue to park for free, provided they register with NCP either online or by phone up within 24 hours of leaving the car park. They can do this online, by phone or by post and register more than one car if required.

The work is part of a £25 million investment in improving car parks including installing ANPR at 20 car parks, adding an extra 1,782 spaces, fitting LED lights, improving CCTV and security and re-surfacing.

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