

# TransPennine Express first rail operator to be declared Carbon Literate

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TransPennine Express (TPE) has proven going green can be rewarding after being formally recognised as Carbon Literate.

It is the first time a UK train operator has achieved the standard set by the Carbon Literacy Trust and is the first step in a long-term programme designed to enhance TPE's approach to sustainability and environment awareness.

Nicola Martin, Head of Sustainability for TPE, said: "I'm delighted that we have been recognised for our commitment to tackle the climate crisis and maintain our low-carbon culture.

"This accreditation, as a Carbon Literate Organisation, is a visible 'badge' that shows our dedication to lead and enable sustainable tourism and transport across the North and beyond. We've achieved bronze and are well on our way towards silver."

The accreditation, awarded by the Carbon Literacy Trust, is internationally recognised and demonstrates

recipients are prioritising action to tackle the climate crisis.

TPE has cut its carbon emissions by 18 per cent since 2019 and its Nova train fleet, which includes bi-mode and electric trains, helps reduce customers' CO2 contribution by 77 per cent compared to travelling by car.

But being Carbon Literate is about much more than reducing emissions, and recognises the efforts of TPE to address all aspects of sustainability through improved day-to-day working practices.

Nicola added: "More than 85 per cent of our senior management have undertaken Carbon Literacy training bespoke to rail, which gives them the tools and knowledge to take positive action to tackle the climate crisis.

"This is a great step on our journey to be as environmentally efficient as possible, demonstrating our contribution to net zero ambitions, and reducing our negative environmental impacts." To find out more about TPE's commitment to sustainability and tackling climate change visit: [Sustainability our vision and ambition \(tpexpress.co.uk\)](https://tpexpress.co.uk/sustainability)