

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION

INTRODUCTION

Companies viewing County Durham as a prospective location in which to prosper will find a first rate comprehensive transport and communications network covering not only the County and Region; but linking it with the rest of the U.K., Europe and Scandinavia.

Worldwide connections are easily obtained from Newcastle and Teesside Airports through London Heathrow, Gatwick, Manchester and Schipol (Amsterdam).



ROAD TRANSPORT - FREIGHT

Distribution within the UK by road transport is perhaps the most popular method, being fast, efficient, economical and versatile.

There are numerous freight operators to select from and as competition is keen, the best possible package is easily obtained.

The motorway system throughout the U.K. together with the much improved trunk road system ensures the bulk of deliveries can be made within 24 hours of collection from the factory.

ROAD DISTANCE AND TRAVEL TIMES (BY LORRY) FROM DURHAM CITY

	<u>Distance</u>		<u>Hours</u>
	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Km</u>	<u>(Approx)</u>
Aberdeen	273	437	7.0
Birmingham	182	290	4.0
Edinburgh	142	227	3.0
Glasgow	182	291	3.5
Hull	96	154	3.0
Leeds	63	101	2.5
Liverpool	147	235	3.5
London	256	410	6.5
Manchester	121	194	3.0

Excellent facilities are available for the handling of containers by road, rail and sea, and loads can be despatched to virtually any destination in the world.

Many haulage companies operate cost saving "part load" systems.

A variety of container types are available, and payloads, as a general guide are in the order of 1 Tonne (1000 kgs) per 80 cu.ft. of space or 2/3 Tonne (700 kgs) per foot length of container.



RAIL TRANSPORT - PASSENGER AND FREIGHT

A fast passenger service is available with the Electra 225 Trains which link London (Kings Cross) and County Durham.

The fastest time from London to Durham City is only 2 hours 50 minutes, city centre to city centre. Darlington is only 2 hours 20 minutes and these times will be reduced with the increased implementation of the new electric trains.

More than twenty high speed trains cover the journey daily from and into County Durham with a high proportion continuing northwards to Edinburgh and some going on to Aberdeen.

The GNER services operating on the East Coast main line gives direct access to approximately 40 centres of industry countrywide and considerably more via the inter-connecting rail systems linking with it.

For urgent deliveries, British Rail operates a fast parcels transit service (2 hours 42 minutes) from Darlington to London and a wide range of specialist bulk and urgent transport services operate for the small consignment.



PORT FACILITIES

All industrial sites in County Durham are within close proximity of ports at Tees and Hartlepool (the third busiest in the UK), the Tyne, Sunderland and Blyth. The small port of Seaham in County Durham has recently been modernised and is well equipped for handling bulk, unitised and project cargoes.



The excellent road and rail communications with the ports allow a speedy delivery of finished products outwards, and raw materials inward.

Frequent container and conventional mixed cargo services including 'roll on - roll off' facilities are available to major ports in the EEC, Scandinavia and the rest of the world.

The Regions ports provide regular services for passengers and freight.

SHIPPING SERVICES

Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority

Freight Ferry Services

- Gavle (Sweden) – 1 sailing per fortnight
- Gothenburg – 4 sailings per week
- Helsingborg – 2 sailings per week
- Zeebrugge – 6 sailings per week
- Rotterdam – 6 sailings per week
- Pasajes – 2 sailings per week

Container Services

- Helsinki – 1 sailing per week
- St. Petersburg – 1 sailing every 10 days
- Cuxhaven – 1 sailing per week
- Wilhelmshaven – 1 sailing per week
- Ipswich – 2 sailings per week
- Rotterdam – 1 sailing per week

General Liner Services

- Richmond, New Orleans, Houston
- Aden, Assab, Djibouti, Massawa, Port Sudan
- Singapore, Hong Kong, Kaohsiung and others
- Hamburg, Antwerp, Le Havre
- West Africa (Conakry, Abidjan, Tema, Lome, Cotonou, Lagos)
- China (Dalian, Shanghai, Xingang)
- India (Ashdod, Mumbai (Bombay), Calcutta, Madras)

Port of Tyne

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Amsterdam (Ijmuiden) - 3/4 sailings per week
Gothenburg – 2 sailings per week
Kristiansan – 2 sailings per week
Bergen – 2 sailings per week
Haugesund – 2 sailings per week
Stavanger – 2 sailings per week
Grangemouth – 2 sailings per week
Felixstowe – 2 sailings per week
Rotterdam – 4 sailings per week
Helsinki – 1 sailing per week
Kotka – 1 sailing per week
Hamina – 1 sailing per week
Mantyluoto – 1 sailing per week
Bilboa – 1 sailing per week
Lisbon – 1 sailing per week
Leixoes – 1 sailing per week
Aarhus – 1 sailing per week
Bothenburg – 1 sailing per week
Bremahaven – 1 sailing per week

Container

Blyth Harbour

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Finland - 1 freight sailing per week

In addition to the Region's three main modern ports on the rivers Tyne, Wear and Tees, major ports outside the Region include Liverpool, London, Southampton and Hull.



AIR SERVICES

The excellence of the Region's ports is matched by the Regional Airports at Newcastle and Teesside which offer direct scheduled flights to many European destinations, and via Manchester, Birmingham, London and Schipol (Amsterdam) for further international connections.

Regular scheduled flights from Newcastle and Teesside airports form a network which connects most major British cities.

London is only a 50 minute flight from County Durham. Durham City is only half an hour away from both airports and Darlington is ten minutes from Teesside Airport.

Freight handling capacity and usage has risen rapidly at both airports in recent years, and numerous specialist freight forwarding companies offer a full range of freight services.

The following tables show regular services for passengers from both airports.

REGULAR FLIGHTS FROM NEWCASTLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

UK Destinations

Aberdeen	7 x daily Mon - Fri 2 x daily Sat 4 x daily Sun
Belfast International (BFS)	5 x daily Mon – Fri 2 x daily Sat 3 x daily Sun
Belfast Harbour (City)	3 x daily Mon - Fri 1 x daily Sat 3 x daily Sun
Birmingham	5 x daily Mon – Fri 1 x daily Sun

Bristol	3 x daily Mon - Fri 2 x daily Sat 2 x daily Sun
Isle of Man	1 x daily Sun (Summer Season)
Jersey	2 x daily Sat, Sun (Summer Season)
London Gatwick	6 x daily Mon - Fri 2 x daily Sat 6 x daily Sun
London Heathrow	6 x daily Mon - Fri 4 x daily Sat, Sun
London Stansted	2 x daily Mon - Fri 1 x daily Sun
Southampton	3 x daily Mon - Fri 1 x daily Sat 1 x daily Sun
Wick	1 x daily Mon – Fri (via Aberdeen)

European Destinations

Amsterdam	6 x daily Mon - Fri 5 x daily Sat 6 x daily Sun
Brussels	4 x daily Mon - Fri 2 x daily Sat 3 x daily Sun
Copenhagen	1 x daily Mon – Fri 1 x daily Sun
Dublin	2 x daily Mon - Sun
Dusseldorf	2 x daily Mon – Fri 1 x daily Sun
Hamburg	1 x daily Mon - Fri
Oslo	1 x daily Mon - Fri, Sun
Paris	3 x daily Mon - Fri 1 x daily Sat 2 x daily Sun
Stavanger	1 x daily Mon - Fri, Sun

REGULAR FLIGHTS FROM TEESSIDE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

UK Destinations

Aberdeen	4 x daily Mon, Tues 3 x daily Wed - Fri
Belfast BFS	2 x daily Mon – Fri 1 x daily Sat, Sun
London (Heathrow)	5 x daily Mon - Fri 3 x daily Sat 2 x daily Sun

European Desinations

Amsterdam	3 x daily Mon - Sun
Bergen	1 x daily Mon - Fri
Dublin	1 x daily Mon - Sun
Paris	4 x daily Mon - Fri