

TramForward

Campaigning for Light Rail

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TramForward welcomes Edinburgh Trams ridership figures

TramForward is pleased to note the encouraging passenger figures that have been released by Edinburgh Trams for the first one hundred days of the tramway's operation (31 May to 7 September). 1.5 million passengers have travelled on the new trams in that period, with 130,000 in the first week and an average weekly patronage since of over 90,000. This shows that, despite the troubles surrounding its construction, the tramway is providing a successful and welcome service.

The same period has also seen record patronage on Lothian Buses, so there has been an overall increase in public transport use. A successful integrated public transport system can only be good news for the citizens of Edinburgh.

As a fitting tribute to the success of the new tramway, the Light Rail Transit Association (LRTA), of which TramForward is the campaigning arm, will be holding its 77th Annual General Meeting in Edinburgh next Saturday (20 September).

NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. **TramForward** is the campaigning arm of the Light Rail Transit Association (LRTA).
2. The LRTA is the world's leading organisation campaigning for better public transport in urban areas through light rail, tramway and metro systems and has been in existence for more than 75 years. It also supports the revitalisation of suburban and rural transport through the application of light rail and TramTrain technology.
3. The LRTA acts through its network of local branches, which campaign for better transport in their areas.
4. Membership of the LRTA costs less than 14p a day. To join, visit www.lrta.org or write to the Membership Secretary, LRTA, 38 Wolseley Road, Sale, Greater Manchester, M33 7AU. Members receive the monthly magazine *Tramways & Urban Transit* - written and read by experts in the field - and gain other benefits including discounts on videos and books, tours of transport systems and cut-price admission to selected transport museums.
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