

More soaring success at Cornwall Airport Newquay



Cornwall Airport Newquay has ended 2017 on a high having experienced its busiest ever December. The Airport handled 23,937 passengers during the last month of the year, a whopping 18% increase on the previous December.

The year as a whole was very close to record breaking numbers, with both July and August figures coming in as the second busiest ever. Total numbers for the year have been recorded as 453,795, up 22% on 2016, a number which is likely to see the Airport named “Fastest Growing UK Airport” for the second year running.

Commenting on the year, **Al Titterington, Managing Director at Cornwall Airport Newquay said:**

“What’s really positive in the 2017 stats is the huge spike in the winter passenger numbers. Experiencing our busiest ever December shows that our hard work over recent years to break down the seasonality of the Airport is starting to pay off.”

With 2018 now underway, the Airport management are focussing on another busy year ahead which sees one new scheduled route added to the summer programme (Stuttgart with Eurowings) as well as a new charter operator (Super Break) offering services from Cornwall for the first time, with the first charter to Seville operating in March.

The Airport has also welcomed the recent announcement by London Heathrow that they will reduce airport charges for domestic travellers with effect from 1 January 2018. This further shows Heathrow’s commitment to regional connectivity and the support that they are going to give to routes that connect regional airports such as Newquay to the nations’ international hub airport.

Al Titterington added: “It is a long standing ambition of ours to get a connection between Cornwall Airport Newquay and London Heathrow. The support we get from Heathrow is key to us achieving this so we very much welcome this further positive move from them in this respect.”

Another interesting figure to be released by the Airport with regard to 2017 was the number of hire cars rented from the Airport over the year. Over 18,000 cars were hired which is a 16% increase on 2016. This statistic demonstrates how the whole of Cornwall is benefitting from the Airport’s growth, with passengers being more mobile and visiting more of the County, helping the economy as a whole to prosper.

The Airport site now employs over 600 people directly, making it one of the larger employee sites in Cornwall. Aircraft Engineers, Pilots, Air traffic Controllers, Flight Training Instructors, Security Personnel and fire fighters are just a few of the skills employed on this diverse aviation site.

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Cornwall Airport Newquay

Cornwall Airport Newquay (CAN) offers year-round flights to and from London Gatwick, Manchester and Leeds Bradford with Flybe; and Dublin with Aer Lingus. As well as offering direct connectivity to these key cities, the routes offer passengers the opportunity to make connections to and from

destinations across the UK, Europe and worldwide. Daily direct flights also operate between Newquay and the Isles of Scilly with Skybus throughout the year.

Additional regional and international routes operate in the summer season. For 2018 these include Belfast City, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Birmingham, London Stansted, Aberdeen, Doncaster, Glasgow and Liverpool (Flybe); Dusseldorf and Stuttgart (Eurowings); Alicante, Faro and Frankfurt-Hahn (Ryanair) and Cork (Aer Lingus).

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