

# The History of Durham Tees Valley Airport

<b>1964</b>	April 1964 first flight to Manchester with Mercury Airlines Pax movements May-Dec 1964 - 14,258
<b>1966</b>	Terminal opened by Queen Margaritha of Sweden
<b>Nov 1969</b>	First flight with British Midland to London
<b>1974</b>	The re-organisation of local government authorities ownership divided between Cleveland County Council and Durham County Council
<b>1985</b>	Airport celebrates it's 21st birthday
<b>1985</b>	Duty Free shop allowed to open in 1986
<b>1986</b>	1st extension for domestic baggage hall opened
<b>1986</b>	Concorde chartered by airport for Air Show Day
<b>April 1987</b>	Teesside Airport became privatised and took on the new style of Teesside International Airport
<b>1990</b>	1 millionth aircraft movement (British Midland to London Heathrow)
<b>1991</b>	ILG collapse, Gulf War, Civil unrest in Yugoslavia - affected aviation worldwide
<b>1994</b>	British Midland 25th anniversary
<b>1994</b>	Airtours launch substantial inclusive tour programme Teesside International Airport announce £6 million investment programme Teesside International Airport plans for "south side development" FR Aviation announce plans to base at Teesside International Airport
<b>1995</b>	Runway refurbishment completed at a cost of £2.25m: £7.5m investment agreed to extend and improve facilities record breaking results continue
<b>1996</b>	World's largest aircraft, an Antonov 124 Condor, arrives from Houston, Texas. New radar including secondary surveillance radar installed
<b>1996</b>	Cleveland County Council was disbanded by the Government and the ownership of Cleveland County Council shares were divided amongst the new unitary authorities, Middlesbrough, Hartlepool, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton Borough Council
<b>1996</b>	Mr Tony Blair, MP opens new International Arrivals Area
<b>1996</b>	European Union Commissioner Neil Kinnock opens with Sir Michael Bishop Domestic and British Midland dedicated lounges
<b>1997</b>	Half a million passenger movements.
<b>1997</b>	Further increase in inclusive tour programmes with Airtours and other leading UK operators announced
<b>Mar 1997</b>	M Mowlam MP opens extended International Departure Lounge
<b>4 July 1997</b>	Prime Minister Tony Blair opens final phase of £7m terminal extension programme
<b>Sept 1997</b>	Stockton Borough Council gave outline planning permission for the south side development
<b>Sept 1997</b>	Ryanair announce services to Dublin
<b>1999</b>	bmi 30 years of London Heathrow service Phase 1 of apron extension completed to enable more efficient aircraft handling

- 2003** Peel Airports Ltd becomes the airport's strategic partner and will invest £20m over the next five years bmi baby announce their 4th UK base will be at Teesside
- April 2004** 40th Anniversary
- Sept 2004** Teesside International Airport changes its name to Durham Tees Valley Airport. Over a hundred passengers departed on the last flight from Teesside International Airport in a specially chartered jet aircraft - returning to land at a VIP ceremony to mark the birth of the new Durham Tees Valley Airport.
- October 2004** bmi baby, the award winning airline celebrate its first birthday at Durham Tees Valley Airport. The airline's inaugural flight took off bound for Belfast (International) a year ago today (Tuesday 26 October 2004).
- November 2004** Eastern Airways celebrates its 4th anniversary of flying from Durham Tees Valley Airport to Aberdeen.
- January 2005** Airport announces a multi-million pound boost to the area's economy with major plans for the expansion of Durham Tees Valley Airport which have been submitted to Darlington and Stockton Councils.
- Airport Managing Director Hugh Lang describes the plans — which will enable Durham Tees Valley to handle up to three million passengers a year as well as creating a new cargo and maintenance 'village' together with a business park and hotel — as 'a huge opportunity not just for the airport but the entire area.'
- January 2005** Ryanair launches new Rome service.
- April 2005** Durham Tees Valley Airport launch of a new shuttle bus service from the airport direct to Darlington Train Station and the Town centre.
- June 2005** HRH Prince Andrew formally opens the new access road to Durham Tees Valley Airport's. The modern new access road into the airport and its adjoining sites, funded by One North East.
- August 2005** The airport recorded the busiest month in its history with figures showing passenger throughput of 105,000, a 16% increase compared to the same period last year.
- October 2005** Eastern Airways announces a brand new air service to Bristol.
- January 2006** Work begins on a £1.3million scheme to completely revamp the frontage of the airport terminal.