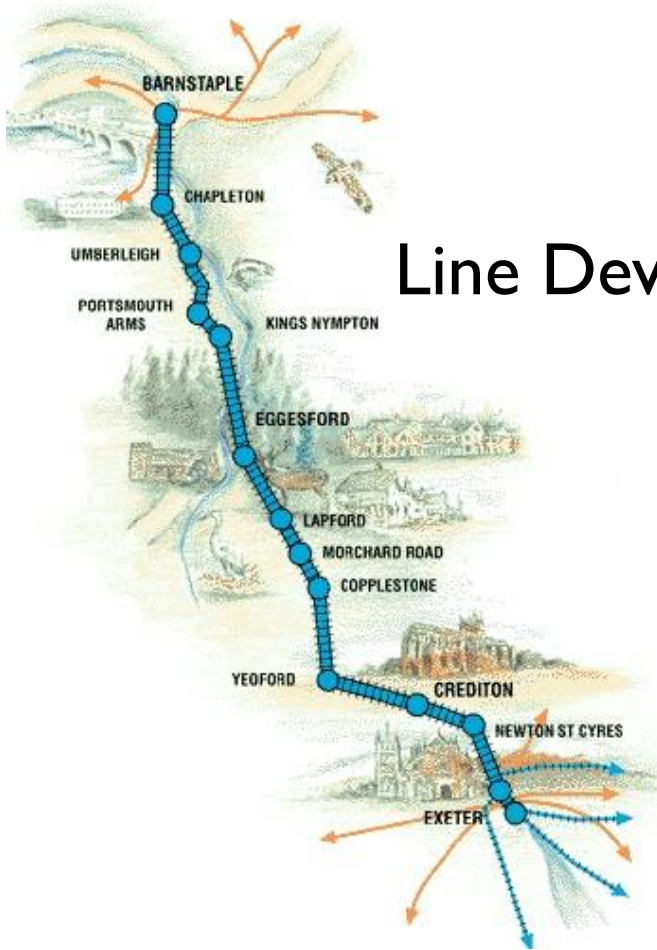




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## Line Development - The Tarka Experience

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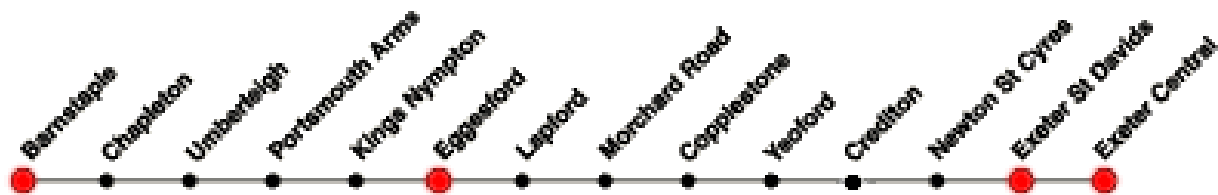
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## Background

- TRA founded (as North Devon Rail Users Group) in 1978
- Line was first called the Tarka Line 25 years ago
- One of the first designated Community Rail Lines

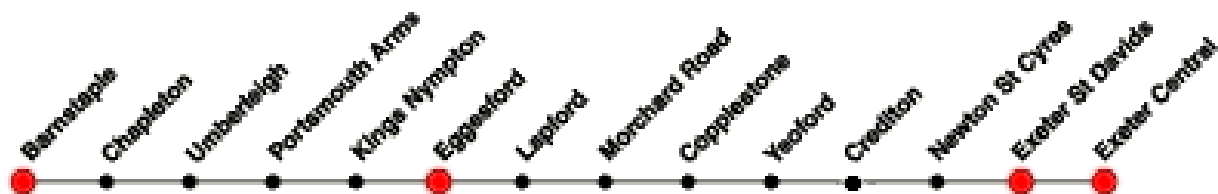
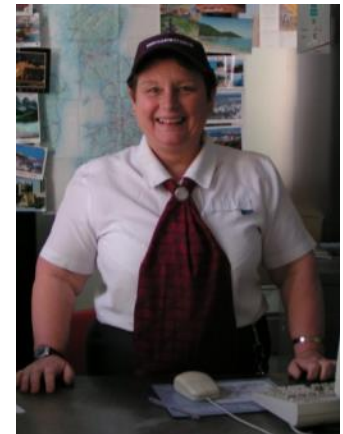




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## History

- The legacy of BR rationalisation
- Operational constraints
- Stations - unstaffed except Barnstaple
- Services pruned and threatened

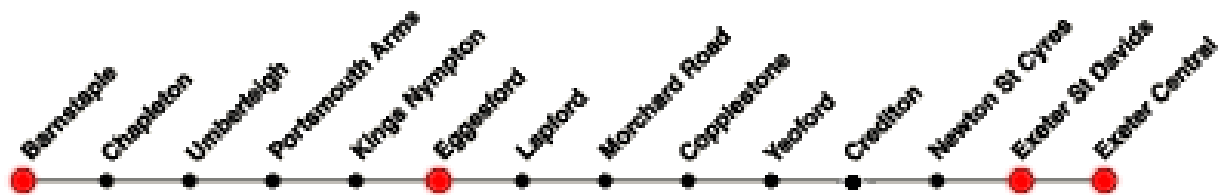




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## Timetable

- Railheads
- 2006 and all that – surveys, lobbying & negotiation
- Present hourly service with 90 minute gaps
- Friday late train
- First Sunday morning train
- Rail replacement

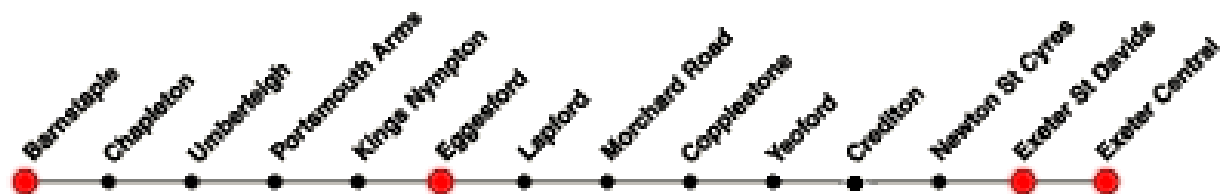




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## Capacity

- Peak and seasonal demand
- Extra carriage on 07.00 train
- Severe afternoon problems
- The rolling stock cascade

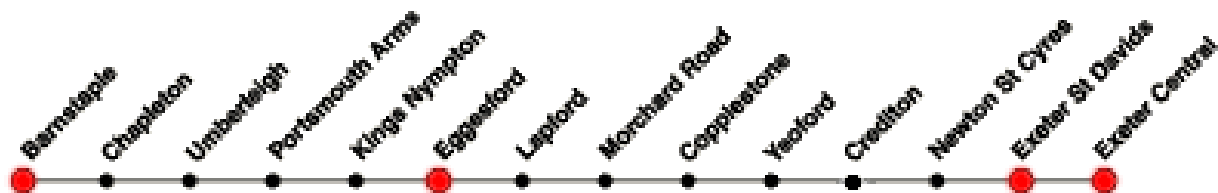




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## Stations

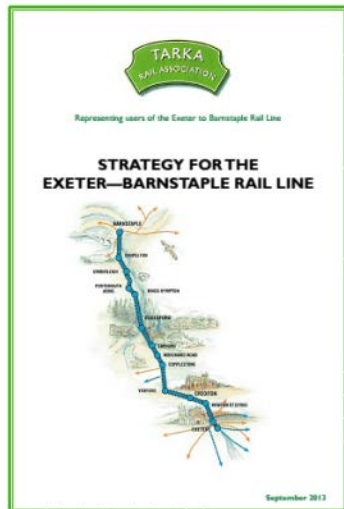
- Shelters
- Real Time information
- Floral competition







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Longer trains

- Community involvement at stations

