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Encouraging a return to public transport.

TravelWatch NorthWest (TWNW), the independent Community Interest Company representing users of all forms of public transport in NW England, welcomes the recent announcements which at last give some encouragement to people to return to public transport.

However the world has changed and much more needs to be done to assure potential passengers that it is safe to travel on trains and buses.

Home working has become an established feature but there are signs that visits to the office would be more acceptable on a less frequent basis. This strengthens the need for a more flexible approach to season tickets such as the carnet system, where selected days of the week can be chosen to travel with an overall discount available as with a more conventional season ticket. These are already offered by some rail operators but should be rolled out nationally.

Local events can do much to promote the cause of public transport and of course the need for more capacity to assure social distancing and safety is important.

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