

# Press Release

## Record Breaking Year at Leeds Bradford Airport

(Leeds, UK – [29th December 2014](#)) Leeds Bradford Airport (LBA) is pleased to announce that 2014 was a record breaking year, when passenger numbers exceeded 3.3 million for the first time in the airport's 83 year history.

Leeds Bradford has also played an important role in 2014, supporting growth and raising the profile of the Leeds City Region alongside improving worldwide connectivity for business and leisure passengers. Now flying to 70 destinations and with direct flights to 23 countries with 10 major airlines, LBA is increasingly being chosen as the airport gateway of Yorkshire.

The main highlights of 2014 at Leeds Bradford Airport have been:

### January

LBA celebrates becoming 'Best UK Airport' at the Globe Travel Awards in London.

### February

Eastern Airways introduces direct flights to Southampton from LBA.

### March

Seven new summer 2014 destinations for leisure travellers commence with Jet2 and Ryanair.

## **April**

**LBA announces that passenger numbers have exceeded 3.3 million for the first time as the airport becomes one of the fastest growing airports in the UK.**

## **May**

**Robert Goodwill, the new Transport Minister, visits LBA to discuss improving transport links to LBA.**

## **June**

**Flybe announces new 'Flybe Shuttle' flights linking Leeds Bradford with Jersey, Southampton and Aberdeen.**

## **July**

**The airport celebrates with the rest of Yorkshire as overseas tourist visitors fly into LBA to watch the 'Grand Départ' of the Tour De France.**

## **August**

**LBA confirms £1.2m investment in terminal improvements ready for the peak holiday season.**

## **September**

**Aer Lingus announces their return after 14 years, linking LBA with Dublin and offering excellent flight connections to the USA and Canada.**

## **October**

**Monarch Airlines, Thomson and Jet2 announce new destinations for Summer 2015, flying to Alicante, Antalya, Corfu, Kefalonia, Malta, Naples and Tunisia.**

## **November**

**LBA works with other UK airports and alongside the Airport Operators Association campaign to secure a reduction in the level of Air Passenger Duty (APD) for children under 12 years of age, providing cheaper holidays and flights for Summer 2015.**

## **December**

**British Airways celebrates the 250,000<sup>th</sup> passenger flying on the London Heathrow route, linked to the second anniversary of BA flights to Terminal 5.**

Tony Hallwood Leeds Bradford Airports' Aviation Development Director commented:

" 2014 has been a milestone year for Leeds Bradford and one which has seen a range of terminal developments alongside important new routes, airlines and services introduced. We would like to thank all our passengers for choosing to fly locally and conveniently from Yorkshire's gateway airport."

### **Photo Caption**

**Tony Hallwood, LBA aviation development director, celebrating the second anniversary of British Airways services at LBA.**

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