

PRESS RELEASE



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New All Time Record: almost 16,000 passenger vehicles carried on Eurotunnel Passenger Shuttles in one day

Eurotunnel's Le Shuttle saw record traffic last weekend. On Saturday 17 August, 15,982 vehiclesⁱ, including 168 coaches travelled in both directions between Folkestone, in Kent, and Coquelles, in the Nord Pas-de-Calais, breaking the existing record for the heaviest traffic ever seen in one day since Le Shuttle opened for commercial service in 1994.

To cope with this unprecedented volume of traffic, 151 Shuttle departures were organized, sometimes at a rate of up to one every 12 minutes. Meanwhile, thanks to the efficiency of the French and British border administration, passengers passed rapidly through the frontier controls, and were able to board their departure in plenty of time.

This is the third time this year that the 15,000 vehicle ceiling has been broken, a clear sign that customers value Le Shuttle's 35 minute journey across the Channel and that our British customers have an ever increasing desire for travel.

Jacques Gounon, Chairman and Chief Executive of Groupe Eurotunnel, stated: *"This considerable volume of cross-Channel traffic, a first in the history of our company, was achieved through the long term collaboration established with the staff at the border and frontier security control points"*

ⁱ Includes cars, motorcycles, vehicles with trailers, caravans and campervans.