

## The 'transport' Games in numbers



IT'S hard to believe that a year has passed since we were basking in the glory of Team GB's bulging medal haul at the 2012 Games.

MetroTravel takes a look back at the record-breaking Games facts and figures:

- Since the Games finished, the newly re-named Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park has been transformed into one of the largest urban parks created in Europe for more than **150** years
- **1** train arrived at the three Olympic Park 'gateway' stations every **15** seconds during the Games
- **9** venues were used inside the Olympic Park – Aquatics Centre, Basketball Arena, BMX Track, Eton Manor, Handball Arena, Hockey Centre, Olympic Stadium, Velodrome and Water Polo Arena
- **21** big screen and event spaces were set up in towns and cities around the UK
- **202** nations competed

### An Olympian transport boost

Thanks to investment into the capital's transport network for the Games, Londoners now benefit from:

- Fifty per cent more capacity on the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) plus an extension to Woolwich and Stratford International
- Extra capacity on the Central and Jubilee lines
- Refurbished and extended London Overground services now that the 'orbital' London rail network is complete
- New cycling and walking routes and the extension of the Barclays Cycle Hire scheme towards the Olympic Park
- Improvements to Stratford station. Nearby Stratford International is accessible by High Speed 1 and a newly opened branch of the DLR
- Upgrades to National Rail services on the Lea Valley and Great Eastern lines
- The renovation and expansion of King's Cross St. Pancras and Stratford Regional stations, with step-free access and extra capacity
- Southfields and Green Park becoming step-free stations
- Enhanced river services, with refurbished piers, simplified maps and timetables as well as Oyster pay as you go fares

- **26** sports took place in **31** venues
- **10,500** Olympic athletes and **4,000** Paralympic athletes competed
- More than **80** per cent of spectators for the Olympic Park travelled by rail
- An additional **3** million journeys were taken each day on public transport
- Around **2,000** trees have been planted in the Olympic Park and a further **2,000** at the Olympic Village site. They are mostly native British species

### Blooming marvellous Tube stations

GREEN fingered Tube station staff have been busy perfecting their gardening skills in preparation for the fiercely contested Underground in Bloom competition.

From fragrant honeysuckle at Leyton and lovely lilies at Rayners Lane to tasty spinach at Hampstead, platforms, entrances and ticket halls have been transformed.

Prize categories include hanging baskets, tubs, cultivated gardens and fruit and veg. Extra points will be given for 'greener' gardens and for those who take on the Tube's 150th birthday as a theme.

London Underground's chief operating officer Phil Hufton said: 'Real effort has gone into creating



these horticultural masterpieces by our workforce in their own time and we know it's much

appreciated by our customers.' The winners will be announced on September 11.

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