

# **SOUTH FYLDE LINE COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP ACTION PLAN 2021/22**



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**The award winning Scrubs project at Blackpool Victoria Hospital**

# 1. Introduction and background

## 1.1 The Route and User Group

- 1.1.1 The line is twenty miles long linking Lancashire's administrative centre, Preston with Blackpool on the Fylde Coast via Kirkham & Wesham, Lytham and St. Annes. The service forms part of the Lancashire local network that links Colne and Ormskirk as well as Blackpool South. The line starts out by passing through Preston's suburbs and then out into rolling countryside and then on skirting traditional links golf courses with distant views of the 158 metre (or 518 feet) high Blackpool Tower and finally to Blackpool South, adjacent to the Waterloo Road district centre and shopping on Lytham Road. An information brochure describing the line was produced in 2010 with support from the Community Rail Development Fund. This will be updated for a re-launch during 2021, subject to the easing of covid related travel restrictions..
- 1.1.2 The line has a support group originally known as the South Fylde Line Users Association. In 1993 SFLUA agreed to expand its scope and became the Blackpool & Fylde Rail Users Association or BAFRUA with two main objectives:
- *The retention and improvement of Preston to Blackpool rail lines; and*
  - *To encourage greater use and expansion of public transport.*

## 1.2 The South Fylde service

- 1.2.1 Due to the capacity constraints between Kirkham & Wesham and Blackpool South the service is hourly with trains passing at Kirkham & Wesham. Without a passing loop on the line, it is not possible to improve the frequency of the service. A successful bid to the Restoring Your Railway fund will once again examine the case for improving the service.
- 1.2.2 During 2020 and, at the time of writing this in March 2021, the service has been affected by Covid-19 which has resulted in a reduced frequency with some two gaps in the service.
- 1.2.3 Kirkham & Wesham: This station benefits from an additional hourly train service operating every day between Blackpool North and Manchester Airport via Manchester Piccadilly and an hourly service between Liverpool Lime Street and Blackpool North. In total the station has three trains per hour to Preston with two trains per hour to Blackpool North and one train per hour to Blackpool South. In addition, Avanti West Coast provide a limited service to/from London.

1.2.4 Salwick station is served by a very limited number of trains currently three each way Mondays to Saturdays. The population of the village is very small, but it is close to The Nuclear Decommissioning Authorities Springfield's plant which employs about 1,300 people

### 1.3 Line Profile and demographics

1.4 The Preston to Blackpool South line serves a population of about 350,000 people ranging from some of the most affluent communities in Lancashire to some of the most deprived areas in England, especially in Blackpool.

1.5 **Blackpool** is a unitary coastal community with a population of 142,000, with a housing stock of some 64,000 households. Car ownership is low in Blackpool with some 37.4% of households not owning a car compared to the national average in England and Wales of 26.8% (2011 census). The resort records significant social deprivation and according to the 2019 Index of Multiple Deprivation it is the most deprived town in England. Transport, including rail enhancements, are a vital component of the regeneration strategy.

1.6 Blackpool's economy is mixed but is dominated by tourism which employs approximately 32% of the workforce and attracts seventeen million plus visits per annum. A substantial number of visitors arrive by rail easing pressure on parking, congestion and the public realm. Promoting further travel by rail to the resort is in line with Blackpool Council's climate change emergency commitments. Blackpool South has good bus connectivity both immediately outside the station and on the adjacent Lytham Road.

1.7 The Blackpool Enterprise Zone on the airport site is part of Blackpool's economic diversification strategy but its peripheral location makes public transport provision difficult. However, a proposed new access road will make the site easier to serve by bus and Squires Gate station, which is adjacent to the site, would benefit from improved pedestrian access into it.

1.8 **Blackpool Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy (2012 – 2027):** Blackpool's economy is, therefore, underperforming relative to the national level. That said, Blackpool is not an economy in isolation and the wider Fylde Coast sub-region provides an important resource for Blackpool, especially for higher value economic activity with major employers in aerospace, chemical, nuclear processing and port industries.

1.9 Policy CS5 of the Plan comments on connectivity as follows: "The provision of a modern, frequent, convenient and well-integrated public transport network by: a – Working with Network Rail and operators to, inter alia, Upgrade the South Fylde Line, increasing capacity and frequency of services".

1.10 In recent years there have been positive signs that Blackpool is beginning to revitalise the visitor economy and attract a new generation of families and visitors. Significant new public sector investment has improved the resort's offer and the urban environment; and has stabilised the overall level of visitor numbers at around 17 million per annum. However, Blackpool still

has some way to go in providing a high-quality resort offer which appeals to a 21<sup>st</sup> century tourist market and supports a sustainable visitor economy. The Covid-19 pandemic has affected the tourist economy of Blackpool.

- 1.11 **Fylde Borough Council: Kirkham & Wesham, Lytham - St Annes:** The population of Fylde Borough is approximately 78,863 which is expected to increase to 83,906 by 2035. There is a noticeable population bias towards people in the older 65+ age group and in 2006 this comprised 23% of the total population. It is estimated that Fylde's population will grow by 20.3% between 2006 and 2031. The area has one major employer namely British Aerospace. However, there are also a wide variety of other significant private and public sector employers in various business sectors. The 2007 Index of Deprivation revealed that there were no areas in the authority with particularly high levels of deprivation. Of 354 local authorities in England, Fylde recorded an average index of deprivation score of 12.86, which gave a rank of average score of 251<sup>st</sup> position.
- 1.12 Fylde Borough Council is served by 7 stations namely Salwick, Kirkham & Wesham, Moss Side, Lytham, Ansdell & Fairhaven, St Anne's and Squires Gate.
- 1.13 **Preston:** The population of Preston Borough was about 142,000 in 2018 and is the administrative centre of Lancashire with County Hall based opposite the railway station. Employment in Preston has been growing at just below the national average. The city is well connected by rail services and also has lines from two other Community Rail Partnerships feeding into it namely the East Lancashire Community Rail Partnership (Preston to Colne), the West of Lancashire Community Rail Partnership (Preston to Ormskirk) and the newly formed South East Lancashire CRP (Manchester to Preston via Bolton and Wigan). The 2007 Index of Multiple Deprivation shows that of 354 local authorities in England Preston recorded an average index of deprivation of 29.78, which gave a rank average score of 48<sup>th</sup> position (the lower the ranking the worse the score).
- 1.14 Major employers in Preston include the local authorities (Lancashire County Council and Preston City Council), UCLAN (University of Central Lancashire) and Central Lancashire Primary Care Trust.
- 1.15 **Lancashire County Council's Highways and Transportation Master Plan for the Fylde Coast, 2015**, identifies the following in relation to the South Fylde Line: "The most immediate need for the South Fylde Line is to improve the frequency and reliability of the service on the line, which would make it much more attractive, particularly to commuters, although all users would benefit. The need to improve the service on the line is not only down to the likely demand, given the demographics of the current population, for rail based commuting, but also to the developments proposed in the Fylde, both for housing and employment (including the Enterprise Zones at Warton & Blackpool Airport). Commuter movements into and out of this area are likely to increase and a viable rail service could do much to reduce car traffic.

## 2. Context

2.1 The Community Rail Development Strategy (CRDS) was first launched in 2004 by the former Strategic Rail Authority and updated in 2007 by the DfT. Since then the strategy has remained unchanged and the DfT along with the National Community Rail Steering Group agreed in 2017 that the time had come to review and if necessary, update the CRDS.

2.2 After a consultation period it was concluded that the CRDS should be updated reflecting changing circumstances and to better embrace the diversity and inclusion agenda. However, it was recognised that much of the former strategy was still fit for purpose and consequently has been incorporated into the new CRDS. Launched by Andrew Jones, MP on Thursday 15th November 2018 the new CRDS called 'Connecting Communities with Railways: The Community Rail Development Strategy' contains four key themes, referred to as pillars, as follows:

- A. Providing a voice for the community;
- B. Promoting sustainable and healthy travel;
- C. Bringing communities together and supporting diversity & inclusion; and
- D. Supporting Social and Economic Development.

The full strategy and the CRL press release supporting it can be viewed by using the following link to the CRL website:

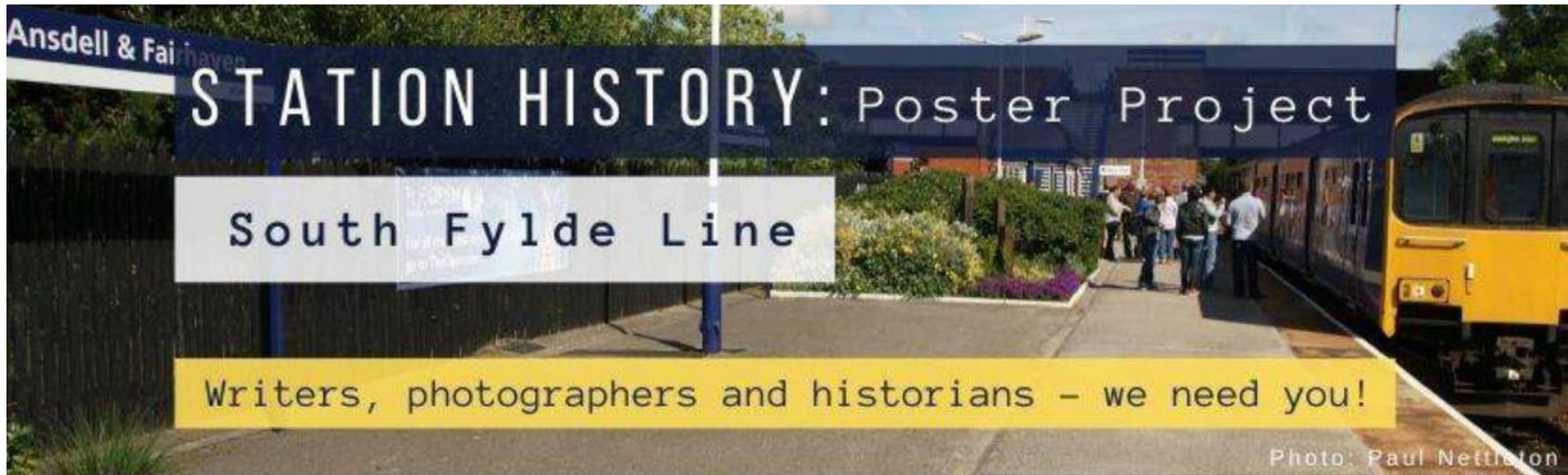
<https://www.communityraillancashire.co.uk/news/new-community-rail-strategy-launched/>

or to the DfT website using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-rail-development-strategy/connecting-communities-with-the-railways-the-community-rail-development-strategy>

2.3 What marks the biggest change is that the former strategy designated lines as either community rail services or community rail lines or a combination of both as is the case for the Preston to Blackpool South line. However, the new CRDS uses a process of accreditation rather than designation for CRPs.

2.4 CRL and the 4 Lancashire CRPs have been formally accredited under the new DfT scheme. Accreditation must be renewed annually and for the SFL CRP this will normally take place in October each year.



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**WFH!! - A lockdown project**

### **3. Action Plan 2021**

3.1 This Action Plan has been developed to take forward the Partnership's key priorities over the next five years and to identify the tasks to be carried out during 2021/22.

3.2 The Action Plan will be reviewed at each meeting of the Management Group and updated annually by the Partnership's AGM held between May and June.

#### **3.3 Key**

TF	Tony Ford (Chair)
DS	David Simper
VS	Vernon Smith
RW	Richard Watts (CRL)
SC	Simon Clarke (CRDO)
CH	Caroline Holden (CRDO)
SR	Shahiesta Raja (CREDO)

#### **Abbreviations used:**

BCC	Blackpool Borough Council
ComREG	Community Rail Executive Group
CRDF	Community Rail Development Fund
CRDS	Community Rail Development Strategy
CRL	Community Rail Lancashire
CRN	Community Rail Network (formerly ACoRP)
DfT	Department for Transport
EFL	English Football League
LCC	Lancashire County Council
NTL	Northern Trains Ltd (successor to Arriva Rail North Ltd)
NwkR	Network Rail
SOBC	Strategic Outline Business Case
SLC	Service Level Commitment
RBTL	Reading Between The Lines
RNP	Rail North Partnership
RYR	Restoring Your Railway
TfN	Transport for the North
TOR	Terms of Reference

The link to the new CRDS will be shown using the following letters throughout the table below:

- A. Providing a voice for the community;
- B. Promoting sustainable and healthy travel;
- C Bringing communities together and supporting diversity & inclusion; and
- D Supporting Social and Economic Development.

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Activity	Task	Link to Community Rail Dev Strategy (CRDS) and SFLCRP Terms of Reference (ToR)	Output/Measure	Update/outcomes
<b>AP1 Community Rail Development Champion: RW &amp; TF</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To work with CRL to implement its Business Plan and 4 Year Strategic education Plan 2019 to 2022.</li> <li>• To provide reports as required for to CRL for ComREG meetings.</li> <li>• To provide input into Northern's annual community rail report.</li> <li>• To attend the annual Northern Community Rail conference.</li> <li>• To be represented at the annual DfT Community Rail Conference.</li> <li>• To take part in the annual accreditation and line meeting with</li> </ul>	<b>CRDS</b> A & C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To arrange quarterly meetings of the management group of which one will also be the AGM. (RW &amp; SC)</li> <li>• Provide input into CRLs 2021 Business Plan. (TF)</li> <li>• Implement the parts of CRLs 4 Year Strategic Education Plan that relate to the line. (All)</li> <li>• Attend DfT's annual</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates set for meetings for 2021.</li> <li>• CRP is a member of the CRN.</li> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> February: CRL's Business Plan presented to CRL Board.</li> <li>• CRL representatives attended the DfT Community Rail Conference on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; 16<sup>th</sup> March.</li> <li>• The partnership is</li> </ul>

	<p>CRL, Northern, CRN and DfT.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To work with LCC and Blackpool Council on the on-going Local Transport Plan.</li> <li>• To be a member of the Community Rail Network.</li> <li>• To hold quarterly meetings of the management group and to continue to review and update the action plan, terms of reference and membership of the CRP.</li> <li>• To retain membership of the Community Rail Network (formerly ACoRP) and to maintain a close relationship with the CRN.</li> <li>• To reach stakeholders by contributing to CRL's 'Reading Between The Lines' newsletter, Annual Report, newsletter updates and websites, twitter feed, Facebook page and Instagram.</li> <li>• To continue to develop new ways to engage with stakeholders.</li> <li>• To contribute to the employment of the 2 Community Rail Development Officers (CRDOs).</li> </ul>		<p>community rail conference. (TF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend Northern's annual community rail conference. (TF)</li> <li>• Ensure that regular news items are provided through CRL's websites and social media links. (All)</li> </ul>	<p>represented on ComREG by Richard Watts. Updates are given at management meetings and email reports sent to the Chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April draft Action Plan circulated to members in advance of the AGM on the 6<sup>th</sup> May.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
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<p><b>AP2 Funding Champion RW &amp; TF</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To secure core funding for the partnership.</li> <li>• To develop funding bids to support line projects.</li> </ul>	<p><b>CRDS</b> The new CRDS requires an accredited CRP.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By April 2021 NTL and Avanti West Coast confirm core funding.</li> <li>• By March 2021 Blackpool BC confirm funding contribution. (DS)</li> <li>• CRP/CRL submit funding applications for specific projects as appropriate to CRDF, seed corn, station adoption fund, CRN small grants fund and Avanti West Coast funds. (SC, CH, RW, TF)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March: Blackpool Council confirmed contribution to core funding.</li> <li>• The Community Rail Network has confirmed that the small grants fund and CRDF will be available this financial year.</li> </ul>
<p><b>AP3 Improve integration Champions VS &amp; CH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with local bus and tram operators to improve connections at key interchanges and consider ways to promote them e.g. Lytham, St Annes, Squires Gate and Blackpool South</li> <li>• Investigate ways to improve cycling and walking routes to/from stations</li> <li>• To improve signage to/from stations.</li> <li>• Develop station travel plans in line with the Connected Stations report produced</li> </ul>	<p><b>CRDS</b> B &amp; C <b>ToR</b> To improve connections between bus &amp; rail services at key interchanges eg Lytham and St Annes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify routes to stations with Fylde BC and Blackpool BC that could be improved. (VS)</li> <li>• Identify cycling and walking routes to stations. (CH)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• .</li> </ul>

	by the Community Rail Network.			
<b>AP4 Station Developments Champion CH with assistance from TF &amp; SC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To support station partnerships and help them develop projects based on their community and station.</li> <li>To work with local communities and rail user groups to form new Station Partnerships.</li> <li>To help station partnerships prepare their annual plans and funding bids.</li> <li>To investigate the scope for community art projects with schools linked to the National Curriculum.</li> <li>To work with partners to provide level access at Squires Gate station.</li> <li>To assist the station partnership in its project on the disused platform at Squires Gate.</li> <li>To develop a project at St Annes to place a replica of the towns Foundation Stone at the front of the station.</li> <li>To develop a school-based art project based on Kirkham &amp; Wesham station, help initiate a station partnership, develop self-walking guides from the station and involve local businesses.</li> <li>To develop a project at Blackpool Pleasure Beach in association with UR Potential and Blackpool Pleasure Beach</li> </ul>	<p><b>CRDS</b> A, B, C &amp; D</p> <p><b>ToR</b> To provide improved station facilities; to encourage community participation at stations &amp; community art initiatives and to develop links with regeneration agencies to ensure railway is at the heart of sustainable development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the CRDO to attend, where practicable, at least one meeting per year of each station partnership. (CH)</li> <li>To assist station partnerships in bidding into the CRN 'Station Adoption Fund'. (SC &amp; CH)</li> <li>Look for opportunities to initiate new station partnerships eg at Kirkham &amp; Wesham. (TF &amp; CH)</li> <li>To develop projects based on K&amp;W. (CH to lead)</li> <li>To develop a project plan for Blackpool Pleasure Beach station including the rejuvenation of the station adoption group. (CH)</li> <li>To assist with projects at St Anne's</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March: meetings taking place with the NCS and EFL re potential project at BPS.</li> <li>How to videos created for making Christmas trees and planters.</li> <li>March: hanging basket project completed with Avanti at Preston station.</li> <li>March: meetings taking place with Avanti to develop a range of new projects at the station including artwork on the over bridges.</li> </ul>

	<p>Company.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To develop a project at Blackpool Sth with the NCS and EFL.</li> <li>• To work with the station groups to develop history posters for the line.</li> <li>• To develop a Hidden Gems project at stations along the line with a focus on St Annes and Blackpool South.</li> <li>• Improve communication and co-operation between station partnerships.</li> <li>• To work with CRL, the East Lancashire CRP and West of Lancashire CRP projects at Preston station in partnership with Avanti West Coast.</li> <li>• To share best practice.</li> </ul>		<p>station. (TF &amp; SC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To bid into the seed corn and CRDF to support station developments. (SC, CH, RW &amp; TF)</li> <li>• To provide regular updates to all station partnerships and to offer a 'helping hand' at stations where volunteer numbers are low. (TF)</li> <li>• Continue the development of history posters eg Salwick &amp; Moss Side. (CH &amp; SC)</li> <li>• To create a series of 'how to' videos to share with station partnerships and other groups. (CH, KM and SC)</li> </ul>	
<b>AP5 Timetable Developments Champion RW</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To work with Fylde BC on its Restoring Your Railway project to improve connectivity along the SFL.</li> </ul>	<p><b>CRDS</b> C &amp; D</p> <p><b>TOR</b> To improve rail services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be part of the project group for the RYR project. (RW)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful application made to 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Restoring Your Railway Ideas Fund</li> </ul>

				<p>by the 2 local MPs for passing loop &amp; service enhancement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March: RYR project group established which CRL is on.</li> <li>• March: Network Rail to be commissioned to undertake a Capacity Analysis.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>AP6</b> <b>School, College &amp; University engagement</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For details refer to CRLs 4 Year Education Strategic Plan 2019 to 2022 as agreed by the CRL Board and NTL</li> <li>• The plan can be viewed at <a href="https://www.communityraillancashire.co.uk/crl-accountability/">https://www.communityraillancashire.co.uk/crl-accountability/</a></li> <li>• Continue to develop links with Avanti to use their 'community room' at Preston station as a base for educational work.</li> </ul>	<p><b>CRDS</b> A, B, C &amp; D. <b>TOR</b> Develop links with schools and colleges.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To work with at least 2 primary schools who will take part in the Educating Passengers of the Future KS2 programme. (Education Team)</li> <li>• To work with 1 specialist school and 1 secondary school in connection with the K&amp;W project. (Education Team)</li> <li>• To work with UCLan and/or a local college to develop an artwork</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• .</li> </ul>

			project at Preston station. (Education Team & CH)	
<b>AP7 Marketing and promotion Champion: TF (SC for website developments)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop a marketing and media plan for the line in partnership with NTL.</li> <li>To work with Northern on a recovery plan following the severe impact of the Covid-19 pandemic</li> <li>To develop the use of websites and social media to promote the work of the partnership.</li> <li>Update and reprint the Discover the SFL booklet.</li> <li>Develop a video to show one of the self-guide walks.</li> <li>Produce mini timetables for local distribution.</li> </ul>	<b>CRDS</b> A, B & D  <b>ToR</b> Sustainable development and community involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual monitoring plan agreed. (All)</li> <li>Post Covid-19 Recovery Plan developed. (All)</li> <li>Continually review and update CRL/SFLCRP websites (RW)</li> <li>Promote the work of the station adopters. (TF &amp; CH)</li> <li>Issue reports after CRP meetings for use in local media and on CRL. (TF, SC &amp; RW)</li> <li>Research further walks for the programme of self-guided walks based on the line during 2021. (TF &amp; SC)</li> <li>To actively promote</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ..</li> </ul>

			<p>walks on the SFLCRP website and through St Annes Town Council. (SC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produce video of self-guide walk and placed on CRL website and YouTube. (SC)</li> </ul>	
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## **Appendix 1 - Terms of Reference**

### **SOUTH FYLDE LINE COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP TERMS OF REFERENCE AND CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### **1. Aims**

- 1.1 To develop the Blackpool South to Preston line as a showpiece regional railway with well used trains, a high level of community involvement, attractive station facilities, good co-ordination with other forms of transport and a service that meets the needs of local people and visitors and in so doing provides value for money for passengers and taxpayers.
- 1.2 To develop the line as a national demonstration project that focuses on the development of gateway stations to areas of tourism and natural beauty.
- 1.3 To develop links with adjacent Community Rail Partnerships especially the East Lancashire Community Rail Partnership & west of Lancashire Community Rail Partnership.
- 1.4 To improve the financial viability of the service to ensure a secure future for the line.

#### **2. Objectives**

##### **2.1 To attract more passengers to the service in order to:**

- 2.1.1 Improve access to work, education, shops, countryside and tourist attractions.
- 2.1.2 To enable the line to play a more effective part in contributing to the local transport network through relieving congestion especially into the urban centres of Preston and Blackpool and providing a more sustainable way to access the coast and countryside.
- 2.1.3 To improve the long-term viability of the service by reducing the support required per passenger.
- 2.1.4 To improve the service in order to justify enhancements to the type of trains used on the line and the frequency of the service.

#### **3. Implementation**

##### **3.1 To provide improved rail services and facilities through the following short, medium and long term aims:**

###### **Short term**

- 3.1.1 Improved station facilities.
- 3.1.2 Improved information for users and visitors.

3.1.3 Improved information about bus links to/from the key interchanges at Preston, Lytham, St. Annes, Squires Gate and Blackpool South.

3.1.4 Links with tourism initiatives.

### **Medium term**

3.1.5 Improved journey times

3.1.6 Improved park and ride facilities.

3.1.7 Develop stations as gateways to the local community.

3.1.8 Improve walking routes between stations and their hinterland.

3.1.9 Improved train connections at Preston.

3.1.10 Improved service frequencies.

### **Long term**

3.1.11 Improved access to Blackpool Enterprise Zone and improved integration with the Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramway.

3.1.12 Improved quality of rolling stock.

3.1.13 New station facilities where appropriate.

3.2 All projects will be assessed through the development of an appropriate Business Case or Market Assessment and where funds are likely to be available for implementation.

### **3.3 Sustainable Development**

3.3.1 To develop links with regeneration and tourism agencies in the corridor to ensure that the railway is at the heart of sustainable development strategies. This may include:

3.3.2 Links with the housing market renewal.

3.3.3 Links with environmental and regeneration projects especially the Blackpool Master Plan and Preston Vision.

3.3.4 Encouraging community enterprise along the line.

### **3.4 Community Involvement**

3.4.1 To encourage community participation, particularly at stations.

3.4.2 To support and encourage the work of rail user groups.

3.4.3 To establish and support 'station partnerships' wherever possible.

3.4.4 To encourage community art initiatives at stations and on the train.

3.4.5 To develop links with local schools and colleges.

3.4.6 To encourage local railway staff involvement in the CRP.

### 3.5 **Landscape**

3.5.1 To develop the railway as a means of accessing the natural landscape, country parks and other recreational facilities.

### 3.6 **Communication**

3.6.1 To maintain and develop [www.communityraillancashire.co.uk](http://www.communityraillancashire.co.uk) and the specific site relating to the South Fylde Line namely: [www.communityraillancashire.co.uk/lines/south-fylde/](http://www.communityraillancashire.co.uk/lines/south-fylde/)

## 4. **Partnership Area**

4.1 The partnership will cover the railway line between Blackpool South and Preston. The communities of Preston, Kirkham & Wesham, Lytham, St. Anne's and Blackpool will form the core area.

## 5 **Management of the Community Rail Partnership**

### 5.1 **Management Group**

5.1.1 This group will be composed of the following people to be nominated by the named body:

- 1 representative from Lancashire County Council
- 1 representative from Blackpool Council
- 1 representative from Community Rail Lancashire
- 1 from Fylde Borough Council
- 2 representatives from Northern – one being the Regional Communities and Sustainability Manager along with the Communities and Sustainability Director
- 1 representative from Network Rail
- 1 representative from St Annes Town Council
- 1 representative from Friends of Lytham Station
- 1 representative from Friends of St Anne's Station
- 1 representative from Friends of Ansdell & Fairhaven Station
- 1 representative Friends of Blackpool South Station
- 1 representative from Blackpool and Fylde Rail Users Association (BAFRUA)

- 1 representative from Blackpool Transport
- 1 representative from the Blackpool Borough Council Enterprise Zones Team
- Other representatives may be asked to join the group

**Ex Officio members of the management group will include:**

- Community Rail Development Officer
- Community Rail Education Development Officer
- British Transport Police
- Community Rail Network
- Northern station manager

5.1.2 All organisations represented on the Management Group are able to nominate an 'alternate' representative.

**5.2 Remit**

- In partnership with the wider railway industry, set and guide the strategic framework for the development of the Blackpool South to Preston railway line.
- To set the agenda for the line's development in terms of building business cases for rail service developments and enhancements; interchange developments; station developments and infrastructure improvements.
- To develop a 5 to 10 year strategy for the line and agree an annual Action Plan.
- To take on and manage appropriate staff to undertake the agreed Action Plan targets.
- To monitor and review the Action Plan during the year.
- Handle all media relations relevant to the line.
- To meet at least every 3 months or more frequently if the volume of business requires. A meeting of the Management Group will be quorate if there are 5 members of the Group present of which 1 must be the Community Rail Development Officer.
- The Management Group will appoint a Chairman and Secretary and other officers as required. All officers to be appointed on an annual basis with an AGM to be held between May and June each year.
- The Management Group may establish sub groups to bring forward projects for implementation. Any sub groups that are established will be issue focused and will use the specialist knowledge of the individuals within the particular sub group. Sub groups will work within the terms of reference of the Community Rail.

## **6. Funding**

6.1 Members of the South Fylde Line Community Rail Partnership will identify the funding required to deliver the Action Plan annually.

## **7. Code of Conduct**

Adopted at the meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2019

I/We will at all times:

- Promote positive relationships to deliver positive outcomes and discussions.
- Champion diversity and inclusion, aiming to ensure that community rail is welcoming, engaging and respectful of everyone.
- Value others by listening and not making assumptions.
- Challenge bullying, harassment, intimidation and report all negative behaviour.
- Never act in a manner that could bring community rail into disrepute.

## Appendix 2 Management Group

### The Management Group is made up of the following representatives:

Tony Ford	Friends of St Anne's Station (Chair)
Richard Watts	Community Rail Lancashire (Partnership Secretary)
Mike Cliffe	Lancashire County Council
David Simper	Blackpool Council
Andrew Loynd	Fylde Borough Council
Cllr. Vince Settle	St Anne's Town Council (Vice Chair)
Martin Keating	Northern Community & Sustainability Manager
Owain Roberts	Northern Regional Stakeholder Manager
Devon Wall	Network Rail (also Dan Coles)
Vernon Smith	BAFRUA
Wayne Smith	Blackpool Transport
Nicole Billington	Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone
Friends of Lytham	)
Friends of Ansdell	) No nominated representative as yet.
Friends of Bpool South )	
Friends of Squires Gate Gordon Head or Paul Nettleton	

### Ex Officio members of the management Group:

Simon Clarke	Community Rail Development Officer
Shahiesta Raja	Community Rail Education Development Officer
Caroline Holden	Community Rail Development Officer
Mick Elliott	Northern Station Manager
Neil Hubbs	British Transport Police
Ian Davis	Community Rail Network
Carolyn Watson	Director of Community & Stakeholder Engagement

### Note:

BAFRUA	Blackpool and Fylde Rail User Association
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### Appendix 3 Project update 2020/21

Projects	Funding source	Amount	Timescales	notes
<b>MARKETING</b>				
History posters for the SFL	SFLCRP/CRL	?		
<b>Mini timetables</b>				
May 2021	As above		N/A	
December 2021	As above			
<b>Updated 'Discover the South Fylde Line' guide</b>	BAFRUA/CRDF/seed corn			
<b>Posters for special events eg Kite Festival</b>				Update 30 03 2021 St Annes carnival- cancelled Lytham Festival – cancelled St Annes Music & Arts festival – unlikely 2021 and probable for 2022 St Annes Kite Festival 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> September – due to go ahead
<b>Hidden Gems at St Annes and Blackpool Pleasure Beach</b>	St Annes Town Council	£500		
<b>OTHER PROJECTS</b>				
<b>St Annes Foundation Stone</b>		Circa £10,000		
<b>Blackpool Back on Track</b>				

<b>Squires Gate – access improvement</b>				
<b>Capacity enhancement (passing loop and service doubling)</b>				
<b>Blackpool Sth: project with NCS &amp; EFL</b>				

## PROJECTS from 2020/21



**Ansdell & Fairhaven History Poster project – October 2020**

## Appendix 4: Financial Update

### Income

Grant income is actual and may not be the same as bid for.

This table will be updated as projects are completed and grants claimed.

Financial year	2020/21	2022/23 TBC
<b>Core funding</b>		
Northern core funding	(tbc) 28,000	28,000
Blackpool Borough Council	3,000	3,000
Avanti West Coast	tbc	tbc
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>31,000</b>	<b>31,000</b>
<b>Special projects</b>		
<b>Sub total</b>		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>31,000</b>	<b>31,000</b>

Notes:

## APPENDIX 5 FOOTFALL DATA

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 Covid - 19 year	2021/22	2022/23
Preston	4,858,536	4,646,028	4,936,870			
Salwick	1,518	1,404	1,670			
Moss Side	2,358	2,800	3,693			
Lytham	81,840	79,852	111,144			
Ansdell & Fairhaven	32,484	32,240	42,386			
St Annes	112,282	114,328	138,144			
Squires Gate	16,706	18,054	23,964			
Blackpool PB	106,844	115,456	126,928			
Blackpool Sth	117,240	104,480	100,488			

**Lockdown Photography Project**

**Deadline:** 13th December 2020

**HIDDEN GEMS**  
KIRKHAM AND WESHAM

What are the hidden gems of Kirkham and Wesham?  
We would like to display photographs of them at the train station.



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