



PRESS RELEASE

Community Rail Week 2024 Looking a picture - Blackpool Pleasure Beach station

On Wednesday 22nd May volunteers from the community and local councillor, Diane Mitchell, Network Rail and Community Rail Lancashire 'set to' with the station friend's group, UR Potential, to litter pick the harder-to-reach areas around the station and clear overgrown vegetation.

The station friend's group has been busy painting fencing recently and the planters are filled with colourful flowers to welcome visitors and locals alike.

Nina Beavers, Operations Manager, UR Potential said "UR Potential are proud to have worked with our dedicated volunteers and Northern Railway as Blackpool Pleasure Beach station adopters and look forward to improving the station even more throughout the summer.

A big 'Thank You' to all volunteers who give their time generously to paint, plant and litter pick the station now and over the past years."

Martin Keating, Community and Sustainability Manager at Northern, added: "Station adopters and volunteers are invaluable at enhancing our stations and we value their commitment. New station adoption volunteers along the South Fylde line and in particular at Blackpool Pleasure Beach would be very much welcome. If you are interested in getting involved, please email: adopters@northernrailway.co.uk."

At 12.30pm work stopped to celebrate the installation of new artwork featuring photographs by local young person, Imogen Murray. Station friend's groups from along the South Fylde Line joined in the celebrations and Melanie Taylor, Vice Chair of the South Fylde Line Community Rail Partnership and Senior Planner at Blackpool Council congratulated Imogen on featuring some of 'Blackpool's Gems' - the title of the artwork.

Tony Ford, Chair of the South Fylde Line Community Rail Partnership commented "I am very pleased to see the Pleasure Beach station being looked after by the volunteers and staff from UR Potential. This artwork enhances the look of the station and is a forerunner of yet more to come."

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See the photographs from the event on 22nd May attached with this Press Release.