

Community Rail Week Burial

Is this 'burial' a first for Community Rail Week?

Wednesday 22nd May saw an event that was part of the National Community Rail Week, that celebrates the fantastic contribution that Community Rail plays in supporting our local railway and communities.

The event saw the 'burying' of a time capsule that shows the role St Anne's-on-the-Sea station has played in the community since it opened just over 150 years ago. We are also completing a project during this year's Community Rail Week which we began in last year's one. Thanks to everyone for the different roles they have played in this project and to Tony Ford who has been the inspiration and driving force behind this project.

The newly elected Mayor of the Town Council Cllr. Gavin Harrison helped perform the 'burial' alongside CRP Chairman Tony Ford, watched by volunteers and staff from Northern Rail.

All credit to Liam Galvin the stone mason for his brilliant work in creating the chamber for the capsule, tying it in with stonework that matched the replica Foundation Stone.

St. Annes on the Sea Town Council contributed to the Time Capsule project through their Annual Grant. Other funding came from Northern Rail, Community Rail Lancashire, the Edith Mary Clark Foundation and private donations.

The capsule itself contained railway memorabilia, timetables, tickets, local newsletters, badges and lapel pins as well as a letter from the Mayor, snippets of information from the volunteers and lots of photographs and documents of the station and trains over time on a memory stick.