



Community Rail Network Upcoming Events, Webinars and Training October + Onwards 2024

Safeguarding on Transport Course (pre-recorded by The Railway Children Charity)

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Online

The Railway Children Charity has produced a 'safeguarding on transport' course to give those working within rail an understanding of the issues affecting our transport network, as well as the tools and confidence to identify vulnerability and take appropriate action. Our members can access the short course, which takes approx. 45 minutes to complete, for free. To request access, [submit your details](#).

Community Rail Conference

7th & 8th October 2024

Nottingham

Hosted in partnership with the Department for Transport, our Community Rail Conference is specifically for community rail partnerships and their rail industry partners.

Days Out by Rail Campaign

14th October 9:00 hrs - 3rd November 17:00 hrs

Online

Our tourism and leisure campaign, Days Out by Rail, returns this autumn from Monday 14 October to Sunday 3 November, and we're inviting everyone in community rail to get involved.

Now in its fourth year, the campaign aims to encourage more people to take the train for greener, healthier leisure journeys. Themed content throughout the three-week campaign will be delivered through our [Scenic Rail Britain website](#) and social media channels.

[Find out how you can get involved here](#)

Working With Your local Bus Company to Develop Links Between Rail and Bus

24th October 12:00 – 13:00 hrs

Online

Members are invited to attend this online session to hear expert input on working with the bus industry. Guest speakers include [Roger French OBE DL MA](#), TOC representatives and Community Rail Network members.

[Book your place.](#)

If you have any questions, please email g.shipp@communityrail.org.uk.

Integrated Sustainable Travel Discussion Group

21st November 10:30 hrs - 12:00 hrs

Online

Members are invited to join the next integrated sustainable travel discussion group.

Agenda:

- Welcome
- Guest speaker (TBC)
- An opportunity to help shape our new resources
- Updates from 'live' projects
- Forthcoming events

If you'd like to attend, please email g.shipp@communityrail.org.uk.

Railway 200

01 January 2025 - 31 December 2025

Online

In 2025 the nation will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the modern railway, and there is plenty of opportunity for community rail to get involved.

Next year is **Railway 200**, the 200th anniversary of the first passenger carrying railway and there are many events planned. The team behind Railway 200 have been very keen to stress that this will be a year which marks not just the developments in trains and infrastructure, but also the role of railways in social and community development over the last 200 years... and looking to innovation and the future too. The celebration is not just for the North East as there is a desire to showcase and open-up collections of railway history in local libraries, museums, and railway stations. If you would like to know more about the plans for Railway 200, see <https://railway200.co.uk/> or join one of our regular

on-line Q&A sessions for members - the latest (with a recording) was on 16th May - <https://communityrail.org.uk/training/railway-200-information-session-2/>

[Visit the official Railway 200 website.](#)

[Revisit our online information sessions with project manager Emma Robertson.](#)

Community Rail Network AGM

28th January 2025 14:00 -15:30 hrs

Online

Community Rail Network will be holding its next Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday 28 January 2025 (14:00-15:30) on Zoom.

Please “save the date” and further information will follow, including details of the agenda and registration process (via Eventbrite).

[Click here for full details and accompanying documents.](#)

Community Rail Awards 2025

Thursday 13th March 2025 at 17:00 hrs

Newcastle Civic Centre

Our 20th anniversary Community Rail Awards will take place on Thursday 13 March 2025, at Newcastle Civic Centre.

These milestone Awards are closely supported by our headline partners Lumo & Hull Trains and will link in with Railway 200.

Please save-the-date, visit our main Awards page here and keep an eye on CR News and social media for more details in the coming months.

Other News

- We are pleased to announce that our **Community Rail Development Fund & Small Grants Fund for 2024-2025** are now open! The CRDF fund is for DfT accredited CRPs and can support projects up to £25,000 (subject to match funding). The SGF can support projects up to £1000 from Station Adoption Groups and up to £2500 from CRPs. The fund is open until 31st March 2025, although projects do not need to be completed until 30th June 2025. Detail and application forms are here - <https://communityrail.org.uk/member-services/grants-funding-and-bursaries/funding-available-through-crn/>

- Our partnership with Scouts on the Platforms for Change scheme continues to grow with 270 Scout groups registered and matched with 130 station adoption groups – a reach to over 4,500 young people! The scheme includes railway safety, station-based activities, rail confidence and a rail experience. Please continue to spread the word about the project to local Scouts organisations and to your station adoption groups and encourage them to visit our page to register their interest. Full details of the project are also on the page - <https://communityrail.org.uk/member-services/community-rail-education-network/platforms-for-change/>
- **The new Value & impact of Community Rail report** is currently being compiled (thank you to the members who contributed towards this). This important report about the local difference your CRP makes, its reach and outcomes, will provide incredibly useful information when talking to partners and completing funding bids. We expect this report to be published in July.
- We continue to develop our work with our Corporate Partners, the latest being with **Team BA** who provide media and comms services to the rail industry. Their offer to community rail is 50 hours of free mentoring and support for Community Rail Network members and discounts (or free) hire of comms equipment for events. See the details of their offer here - <https://communityrail.org.uk/community-rail-network-and-teamba-announce-corporate-partnership/> and our other partners who offer free volunteering of their staff for your work here - <https://communityrail.org.uk/partners-and-supporters/our-partners-supporters/>
- We have recently produced a Policy Position Paper on **Sustainable Transport and Travel** and have another paper in development on Accessibility for the Railway. We also produced a viewpoint paper on the Shadow Rail Policy which came out in April. These are available to download here - <https://communityrail.org.uk/resources/policy-papers-and-consultation-responses/>