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**West of Lancashire CRP
Management Group Meeting
Monday 20th January 2025**



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General updates

- Accreditation renewed for a further year.
- Updated Terms of Reference circulated
- Draft 2025 Activity Plan circulated, and comments welcomed.
- ORR data for Preston - Ormskirk & Wigan – Southport in the Activity Plan
- Community Rail Awards – 4 projects shortlisted:
 - Community Creative Projects and Station Arts – Steeton & Silsden artwork (Aire Valley)
 - Best Community Engagement Project – Soulful Days Out joint with Community Rail Cumbria
 - Tourism and Leisure Award - YDE
 - Influencing Positive Change & Sustainability – Supporting students on NVQ Railway Maintenance Course (based in Accrington)
- Community Rail Network AGM 28th January – looking at changing to becoming a Charitable Company (limited by guarantee)

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West of Lancashire CRP Updates



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West Lancashire CRP plans for 2025:

- Southport – working with schools and community groups with Sefton CVS
- YDE (<https://communityraillancashire.co.uk/lines/yorkshire-dales-explorer/>)
- Guided walk programme (<https://communityraillancashire.co.uk/walks/>)
- Railway 200 - covered by next slide
- Community Rail Week 19th to 25th May
 - Accrington Station Open Day
 - Ideas for West Lancashire?
- Continue to support station partnerships
- Continue to develop the disused platform at Burscough Jct.
- Martin Mere continue to work with the W&WT
- Mere Sands Wood continue to work with LWT
- Preston station – project ideas
- Continue to produce the mini timetables
- Try The Train WL project – this will be covered in the Education Update
- LancsCAN (<https://sites.edgehill.ac.uk/lancscan/>)



Planning for Railway 200

- Themes railways past present and FUTURE
- Whistle Off January 1st to mark start of Railway 200
- Touring Train – launching June 2025 visiting NW in January 2026
- 27th May station adopters' session at County Hall
- Clitheroe Casrle – railway exhibition early 2026



BURSCOUGH BRIDGE TO MARTIN MERE:

- Developing links with Martin Mere
- Promoting the Explore Lancashire by Rail film - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jM4rGZHZ-LU>
- Arrange school trip for Burscough Bridge Methodist Primary School to Preston for station tour and visit to Lancashire Archives.

