



West of Lancashire Line CRP Activity Plan Update Thursday 10th July 2025





A busy time:

- **Lancashire Science Fair at the University of Lancashire, Preston** over 3 days 15th to 17th May
- **Community Rail Week** – events staged everyday 19th to 24th May.
- <https://communityraillancashire.co.uk/cr-week-2025/>
- We shared a stand at Manchester Piccadilly with Martin Mere to promote the West Lancashire Line and the link from Burscough Bridge
- **Station adopters meeting** at County Hall Preston on 27th May
- **Wrong Tracks** event at Rufford CE Primary School on 5th June and trip to Lancashire Archives in Preston on 1st July
- Supported Friends of Croston Station



WHAT WE PLAN TO DO

- **Continue to work with Sefton CVS on engaging with the schools and groups affected by last July's murders and riots.**
- **Continue to develop the mini timetable for the December timetable change.**
- **Support station partnerships across West Lancashire**
- **Continue to roll out the Try The Train initiative across more of West Lancashire – see also the Education Team Report.**
- **Continue to work with Community Payback at Burscough Junction & Rufford**
- **Promote the Lancashire CRPs guided walks programme see <https://communityraillancashire.co.uk/walks/>**
- **Continue to promote Explore Lancashire by Rail - <https://communityraillancashire.co.uk/lancashire-by-rail/>**
- **Continue to promote the Yorkshire Dales Explorer**
- **<https://communityraillancashire.co.uk/lines/yorkshire-dales-explorer/>**



Coming up:

- 13th & 14th September - **Heritage Days in Croston at the Old School**
- **(Re)accreditation** meeting likely to take place on 23rd October
- **The Railway 200 Inspiration train** is visiting
 - Blackpool North from the 4th to 7th November 2025
 - Across the NW from the 4 to 26th January 2026. Locations include Manchester Piccadilly, Liverpool Lime Street, Preston – Ribble Steam Railway and the East Lancashire Railway. For full details visit the Railway 200 website
- <https://railway200.co.uk/> and
- <https://railway200.co.uk/search-for-activities-and-events/>
- **All Aboard Rocket** to succeed Railway 200 in build up to opening of the Liverpool – Manchester Railway in 1830 and Rainhill Trials in 1829.

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Try The Train Facilitator: Beth Nolan

April 2024 - March 2025

Total participants: 52

1. Disability Equality (Preston)
2. Deafway (Preston)
3. Kind Communities ESOL Class (Preston)
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5. Teenspired (Preston)
6. Lancashire Refugee ESOL Class (Leyland)
7. Runshaw College EHCP students (Leyland)

August 2025 onwards

1. Runshaw College EHCP (Leyland)
2. Sanctuary Cook Along (Preston)

April 2025 - July 2025

Total participants: 19

1. LCC ESOL Group (Lancaster)
2. Disability Equality (Preston)
3. LCC ESOL Group (Weeton) - *this project was cancelled due to sign ups not turning up to first workshop*

- Attend Freshers Fair at Edge Hill University to recruit and run a one-off Try The Train event
- Create recruitment flyers for Southport, Ormskirk & Wigan to promote in specific locations