

# East Lancashire & Clitheroe Line CRPs

## Activity Plan Update

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025



## A snapshot of the last 3 months:

- **26<sup>th</sup> April** – unveiling of the bench dedicated to the memory of **Derek Jennings**
- **Lancashire Science Fair at the University of Lancashire,**  
Preston over 3 days 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May
- **Community Rail Week** – events staged everyday 19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May.
- <https://communityraillancashire.co.uk/cr-week-2025/>
- **Station adopters meeting** at County Hall Preston on 27<sup>th</sup> May
- **12<sup>th</sup> June Hyndburn Business Awards** – first place in not for profit company category
- **13<sup>th</sup> June Paul Harris Fellowship** awarded to Richard Watts
- **Accrington Eco Fest** 14<sup>th</sup> June
- 20<sup>th</sup> June launched '**Through The Seasons**' at White Ash SEND school in Church & Oswaldtwistle
- EcoEscapes Best Practice paper















## WHAT WE PLAN TO DO

- **Rethink the mini timetable for the Clitheroe Line for the December 2025 timetable change.**
- **Support station partnerships across both routes**
- **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-dailes-explorer/>**



## Coming up (I):

- **(Re)accreditation** meeting likely to take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> October
- **The Railway 200 Inspiration train** is visiting
  - Blackpool North from the 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025
  - Across the NW from the 4 to 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Locations include Manchester Piccadilly, Liverpool Lime Street, Crewe, 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.

## Coming up (2)

- 14<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July: **Blaze – In Focus Youth Arts Festival, Burnley**
- **August: the Picturesque Line** goes to Bolton Station Platform 5 Gallery then to Blackburn Library and possibly Clitheroe Castle
- **Clitheroe Castle – Ken Roberts exhibition** along with artist Diane Muldowney & Author Susan Brownrigg of ‘Wrong Tracks’ fame.
- Walk leaflet from **Church & Oswaldtwistle to Haworth Art Gallery** exploring railway history linked to Railway 200
- Station projects being developed at Accrington, Burnley Central and Nelson
- Launch new style timetable for the Clitheroe Line – December 2025
- Continue to develop links with the Forest of Bowland National Landscape & EcoEscapes
- Continue to promote the YDE