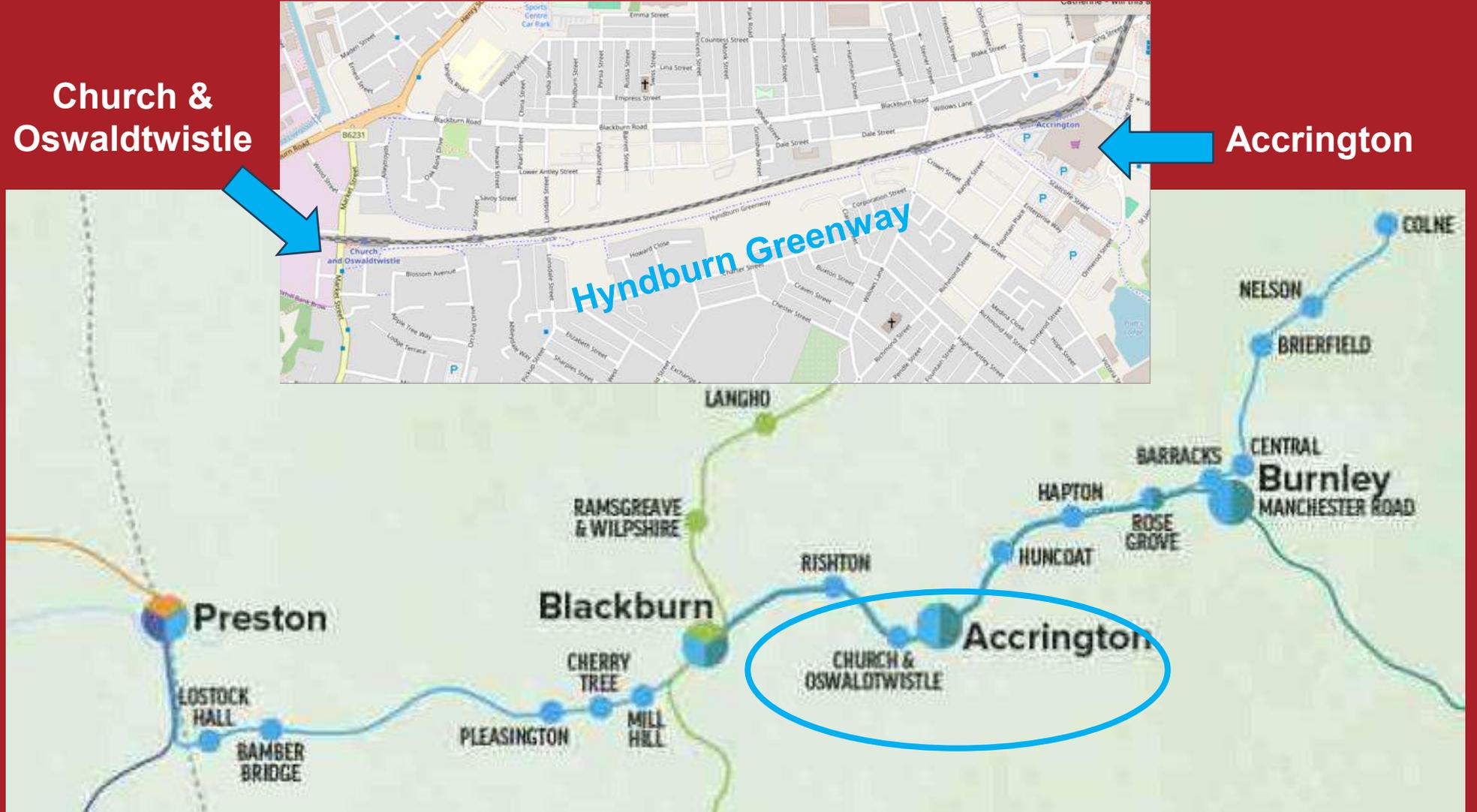


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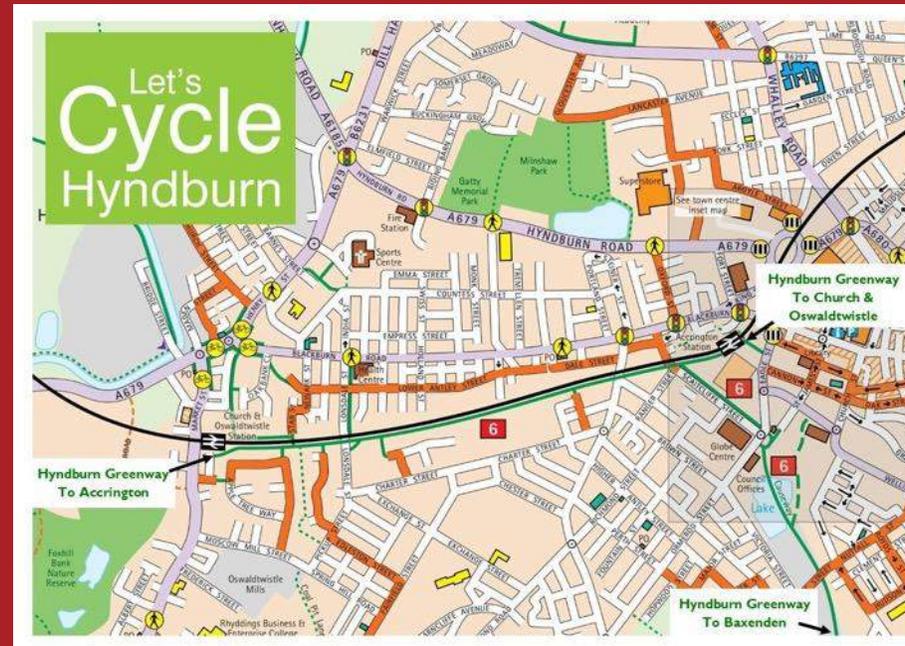
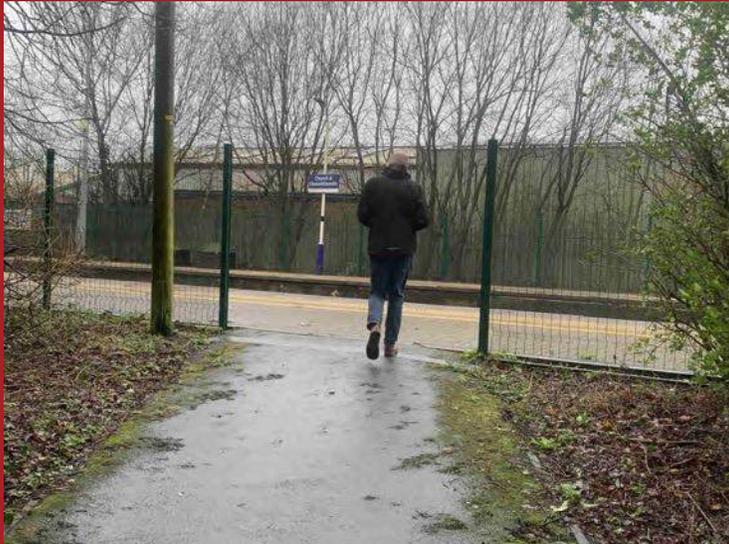


Why this project?

A walking & cycling pathway accessible directly from Platform 1 at Church & Oswaldtwistle and Platform 2 at Accrington stations

- Raise the profile of the access to the greenway from the two stations in a creative way
- Promote greater use of active travel

Church & Oswaldtwistle



Accrington



In addition, we aimed to...



Connect with a local Rotary Club RotaKids Year 5 school group to...

- Make a positive difference to their local station & learn more about their natural environment with art skills
- Connect with their local railway, learn about railway safety and enjoy going on the train
- Instil pride in their achievements



How did we do it?

- Walked the greenway led by local environmental charity (Prospects Foundation)
- Each class had 3 art classes with local artist, Gosha Gibek
- Visited the Eco Hub at Accrington Station – The Bunker!
- Had rail safety training from CRL and Avanti West Coast at Preston
- Rail trip to Lancashire County Hall, Preston to visit the Council Chamber to learn more about local democracy



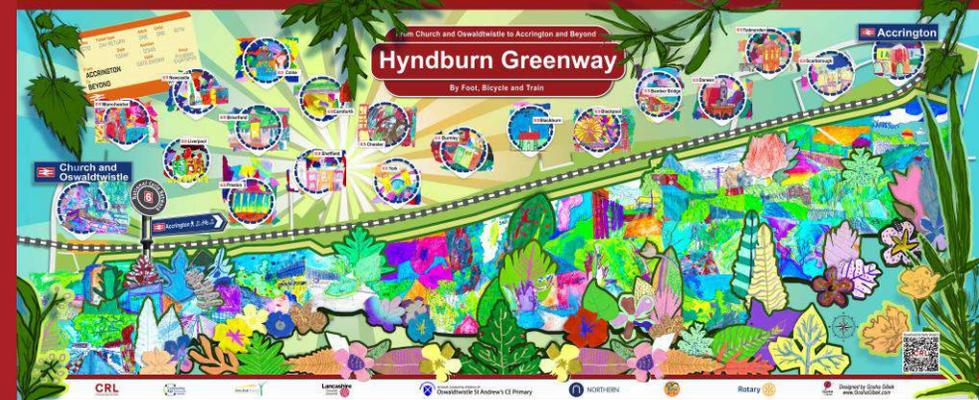
What was achieved?

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Badges made using the pupils' artwork

Accrington



Children's activity sheet

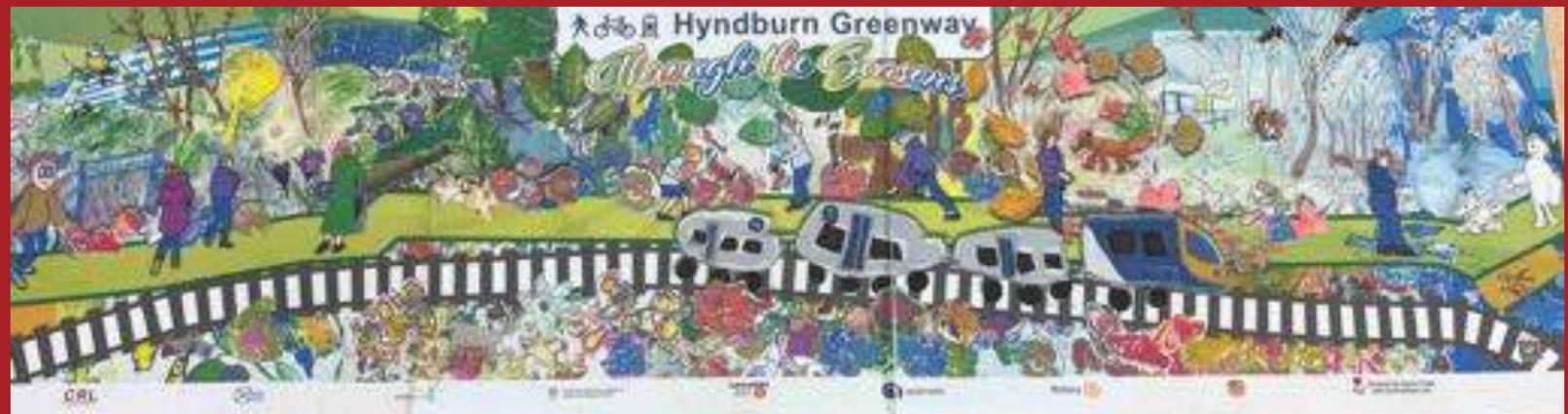
What was a success?

- Developing relationships
- Raise the profile of the Greenway and growing value - litter picking
- Families using the Greenway
- The artist's creativity
- Sonja from Prospects for free!
- Resources – Badge maker
- Using QR codes
- A visit to the Council Chamber!
- More funding – Another project!



Trickier bits

- Celebration later – to suit the school
- More funding – Protocols
- No cycle ride as yet!



Advice to others

- Anticipate as much as possible in your project before you start
- Make a plan with your partners about keeping in touch at the beginning
- Give time to hear from schools - they are very busy!
- Use local artists
- Have an artwork proposal from your artist
- Allow 'wiggle room' in your schedule within the funding deadlines
- Work in collaboration and keep an eye for others to get involved
- Take advantage of:
 - Local organisations that can offer support free of charge
 - Funding opportunities that come your way



Finally, Celebrate Success!

...in the right way for the school & partners



The logo for Community Rail Lancashire, featuring the letters 'CRL' in a large, bold, red font.

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More Info?

Project webpage

<https://communityraillancashire.co.uk/church-oswaldtwistle-to-accrington-beyond/>

What's RotaKids

<https://www.rotarygbi.org/projects/young-people/rotakids/>

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<https://www.parliament.uk/business/commons/the-speaker/speakers-art-fund/>

Sally Hope, Rotakids Co-Ordinator for Church and Oswaldtwistle Rotary Club

“It’s been a pleasure for myself and the Church and Oswaldtwistle Rotary team, to work on the Hyndburn Greenway Project with Caroline, Dave and the Community Rail Lancashire team. The more promotion and attention we can give to the Hyndburn Greenway, the more it will be used and become an integral part of the area for walking, and cycling.”

“The children at our local RotaKids schools have enjoyed being a part of it, and enjoyed taking pride in their station and surrounding area.”

“We look forward to continuing our work with the team at Community Rail on other projects in the future.”

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Funding

By Train, Foot and Bicycle, with Oswaldtwistle St Andrew's CE Primary (2 Year5 groups)

- Windfall Fund £3,000
- CRDF £3,000
- Rotary Club funded the banners £100
- Prospects Outdoor Learning Officer. Services for free

Included the walking the greenway, 3 art sessions, train trips, tour the Eco Hub, artwork on dibond

Pre-Project – This is around us! with St Andrew's Year 5

- Speakers Arts Fund £500
- Community Rail Lancashire £500

Included walking the greenway, 1day workshop per class, artwork on dibond



Extra Project 'Hyndburn Greenway - Through the Seasons' with White Ash Special School, Oswaldtwistle

- Lancashire County Council's Active Travel Fund £3,000
- Rotary Club funded the banner £25
- Prospects Outdoor Learning Officer Services for free

Included walking the greenway and 3 art sessions in school



Hyndburn Greenway

Through the Seasons