



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





Introducing Beth Nolan



- Joined CRL on 5th November
- 2-year contract and 3 days a week
- Focus on WL area including Merseyrail to Liverpool
- Induction programme planned including handover from Caroline
- A brief potted history about Beth can be foind here: <https://communityraillancashire.co.uk/about-us/the-team/>

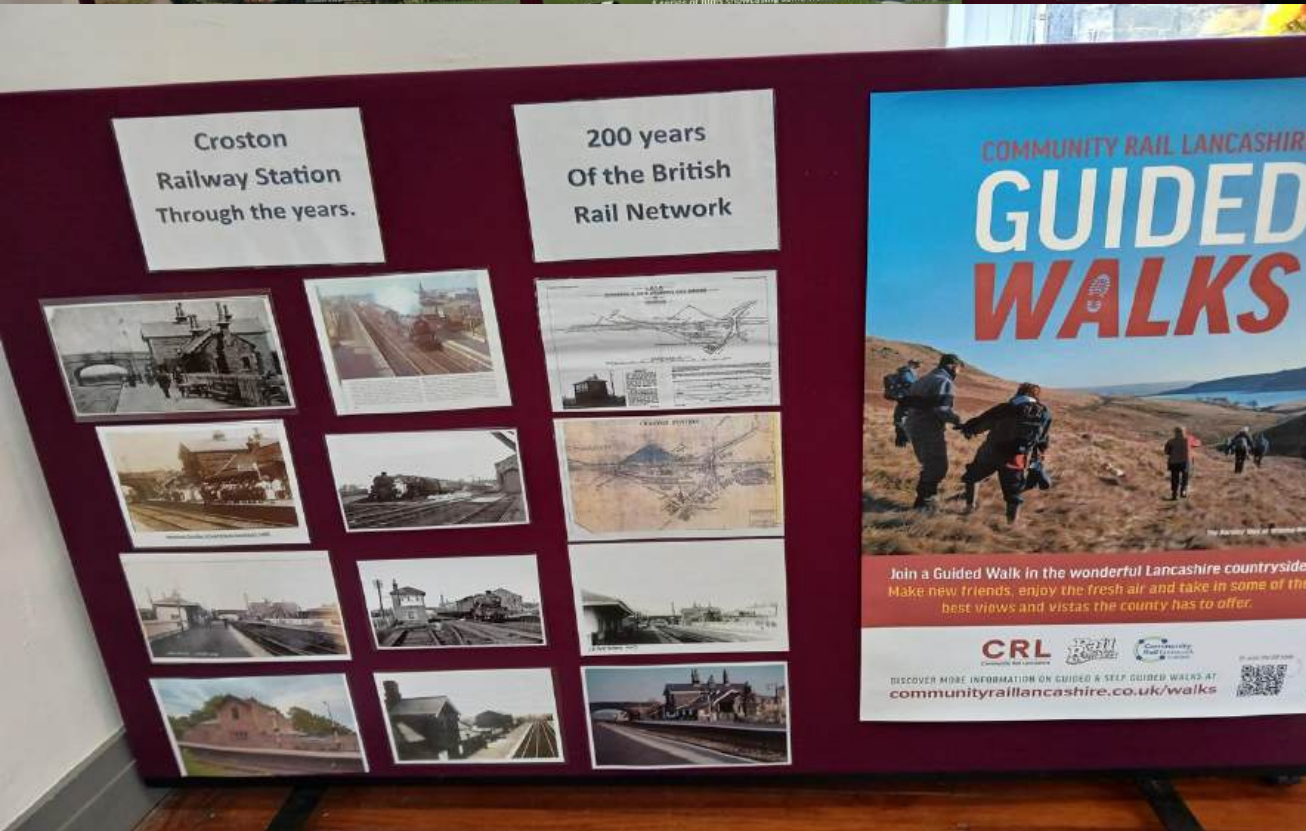
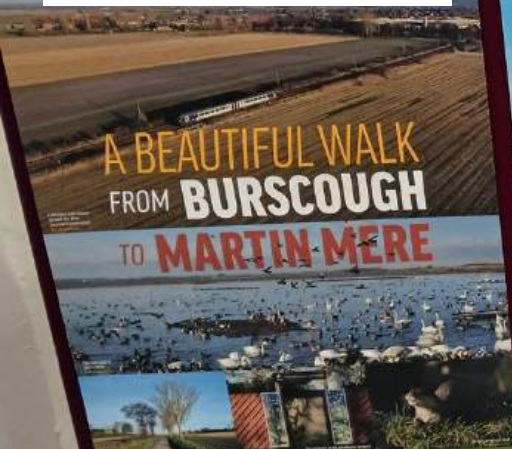


CRL UPDATE:

- Beth Nolan is joined the CRL team on the 1st November to help develop projects in West Lancashire
- The (re) accreditation for CRL and the 4 Lancashire CRPs took place on the 23rd October. Thanks to Stephen Benge for attending and we await the formal confirmation of our (re)accreditation.
- BBC Making a Difference 13th September: Stations of Welcome winner in the Community Group category
- National Rail Awards 17th September – both Try The Train and St Anne's Station were highly commended
- Members of the CRL team attended the DfT/CRN Community Rail Conference on 6th & 7th October



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**Promoting the line:
Croston Heritage Open Days
13th & 14th September**



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RAILWAY 200 – INSPIRATION TRAIN

<https://railway200.co.uk/>



Inspiration Train:

North West 5th to 25th January

Locations – so far:

- ✓ Preston: Ribble Stream Railway 5th to 8th January 2026
- ✓ Southport 10th to 13th January 2026
- ✓ Crewe
- ✓ East Lancashire Railway (Bury)
- To arrange and book school groups contact
- Dave Savage:
dave.savage@communityraillancashire.co.uk or
- Beth Nolan:
beth.nolan@communityraillancashire.co.uk

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Gare Du Nord Theatre productions Celebrating Railway 200

Special performances at:
Lancashire Archives (Bow Street, Preston)
Friday 21st November at 1900

Accrington Eco Station (CRLs Office)
Saturday 22nd November at 1500 & 1900

For more information and to arrange tickets go to:
<https://garetheatre.com/current-productions-2/>



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The Picturesque Clitheroe Line



The Clitheroe Line – A Picturesque Journey



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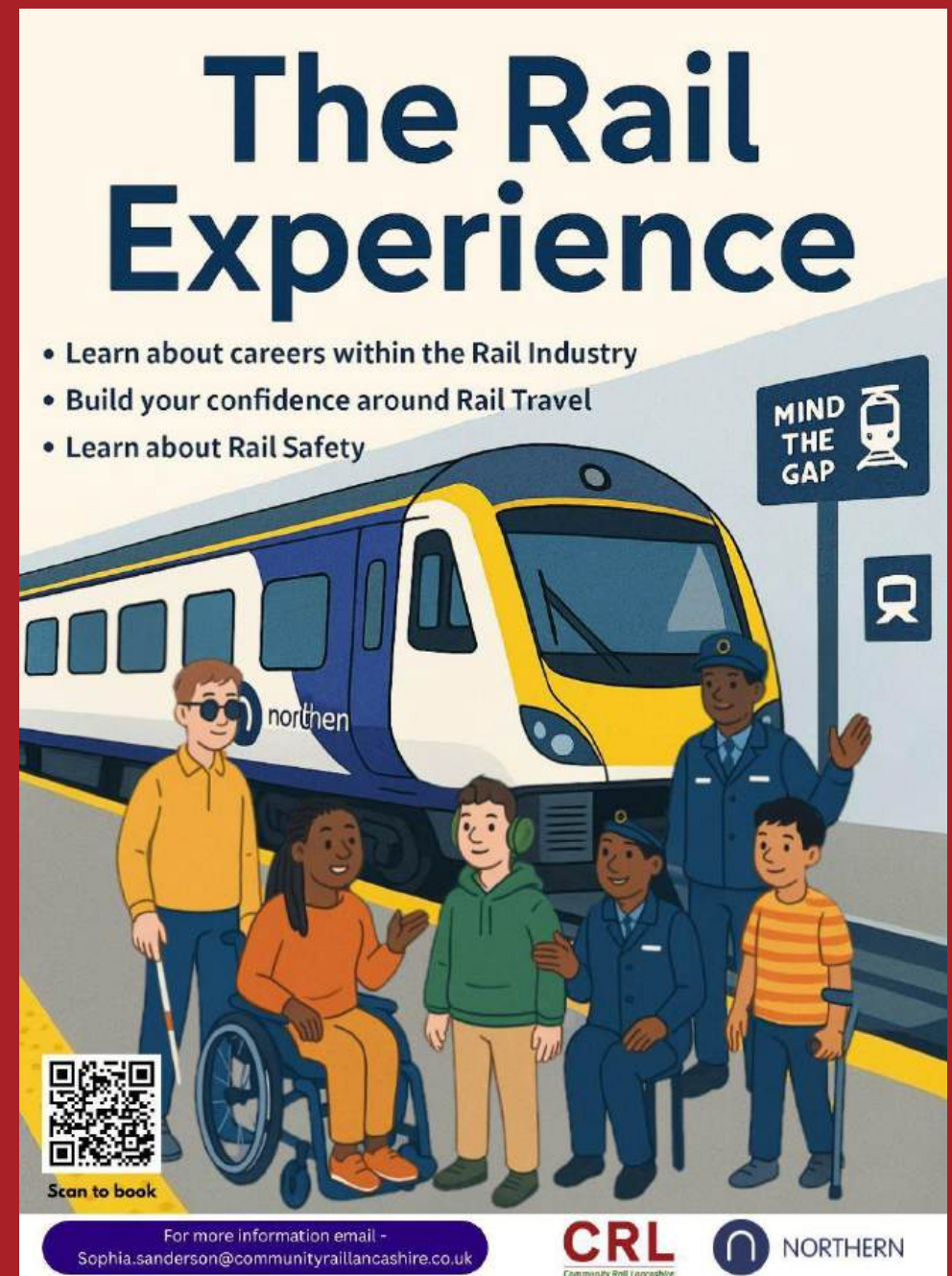
www.arts2heal.org

KEY POINTS

- **Northern Education Network:**
 - To find out more contact Catherine Kingdom on catherine.kingdom@communityraillancashire.co.uk
 - Next meeting 4th February 2026 venue County Hall, Preston
- **Try The Train - <https://trythetrain.org.uk/>**
 - To find out more and to make a booking contact Catherine Kingdom email address above.
- **Rail Experience – developed for SEND groups**
 - To find out more see slide below or contact Sophia Sanderson at sophia.sanderson@communityraillancashire.co.uk OR
 - Book your group via this form: <https://forms.gle/dGwL3uZ39tUuNXZf8>
- **All Aboard – Activity Booklet**
 - This is being developed with KS2 pupils in mind when they are out and about on rail trips.
- **Inspiration Train - part of Railway 200**
- **Feel Good Futures – Linked to Railway 200**
 - Aimed at students aged 14 to 18 – see slide below. Contact: Dave Savage at dave.savage@communityraillancashire.co.uk

SEND Education

- Delivered the Rail Experience project with 7 SEND/community groups
- Secured 12 schools both primary and secondary with the Witherslack group.
- Tried new resources including flashcards and rail uniforms, to strengthen the sensory and experiential element of the project.
- Developed a list of potential participants for the upcoming SEND focus groups
- Distributed Rail Experience flyers at local community centres, services, and during Arts Community Club engagement.
- Produced one blog post for the TrainEd website to share impact and promote the SEND offer.
- Continued to build relationships with community and SEND organisations, supporting the expansion of delivery opportunities.
- Develop rail experience Arlo story approach with sounds, textures, and visuals to introduce rail to SEND groups in an experiential way.
- Share the Rail Experience objectives and offer with the wider CRL team.
- Get the Rail Experience flyer printed and distributed to the wider CRL to share.
- Find out more about how to be a part of Neurodiversity shows in the future as a contributor



Feel Good Futures

Feel Good Field Futures builds on the success of the Feel Good Field Trip initiative.

This next phase Feel Good Futures is aimed at students aged 14 to 18, providing access to unique learning experiences at venues along the WCML. Each trip shines a spotlight on the vital role of STEM in the rail industry, while also showcasing the diverse and exciting career opportunities available across the sector.

On 24th June, 14 Year 10 students from Runcorn took part in the first Feel Good Futures careers trip to Edge Hill Depot in Liverpool. Students visited Alstom's Edge Hill Train Care Centre for a behind-the-scenes tour, where they explored engineering workshops, learned about depot operations, and even had the unforgettable opportunity to sit in the driver's cab of a Pendolino.

In July, 5 schools travelled down to London Euston for a careers talk and to visit the Rail 200 Inspiration train.



Work with Ethnic Minority Community Groups

CRL has continued its valuable work with a variety of community groups from ethnic minorities around Lancashire. From working with people who are new to the country to working with people who may have been in the UK for a number of years but have never travelled by train.

The confidence building sessions at the Bunker and on the train have helped people to access green spaces across Lancashire for leisure as well as places for work like Manchester and Preston.

The work with asylum seekers and refugees continues as does the work with domestic violence organisations and ESOL classes, bringing opportunities to isolated parts of the community to improve their physical and mental health.



Stations of Welcome Make a Difference!!

Stations of Welcome, the only station adoption group in the country made up of Muslim women, were awarded the BBC's Make a Difference Award for their work in making a difference to their community.

Over the years the group has been involved in creating awareness of Autism, the Menopause, World Hijab Day and Ramadan on the railway amongst other things. The group looks after the planters on the platform and tends to the community garden. In the run up to the awards, Shahiesta was invited onto BBC Breakfast to talk about the work of Community rail.

