



# South Fylde Line CRP Activity Plan Update Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025





# Introducing Beth Nolan



- Joined CRL on 5<sup>th</sup> 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 found here: <https://communityraillancashire.co.uk/about-us/the-team/>





## CRL UPDATE:

- **2026 marks 25 years of Community Rail in Lancashire.**
- The (re)accreditation meeting for CRL and the 4 Lancashire CRPs took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Thanks to Tony Ford for attending and now have formal confirmation of our (re)accreditation.
- BBC Making a Difference 13<sup>th</sup> September: Stations of Welcome winner in the Community Group category
- National Rail Awards 17<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> October and the Northern Community Rail Conference on the 14<sup>th</sup> November.

# RAILWAY 200 – INSPIRATION TRAIN

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



## Inspiration Train:

At Blackpool North from 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November  
Big thank you to Tony and the SFL volunteers

North West 5<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January

Locations – so far:

- ✓ Preston: Ribble Steam Railway 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- ✓ Southport 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 TBC
- ✓ Crewe 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> January
- ✓ East Lancashire Railway (Bury) 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January
- To arrange and book school groups for Preston and Southport contact
- Dave Savage:  
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- Beth Nolan:  
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# SFL Station Projects

## Welcome to Blackpool Pleasure Beach Station



## Kirkham Heritage Walking Trail



## Potential 2026 Projects

**Blackpool Heritage Rail Trail**  
From/to Blackpool Pleasure Beach and Blackpool South stations... with University of Lancashire year2 History students.





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## Gare Du Nord Theatre productions Celebrating Railway 200

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

Accrington Eco Station (CRLs Office)  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 1500 & 1900

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



GARE DU NORD  
THEATRE



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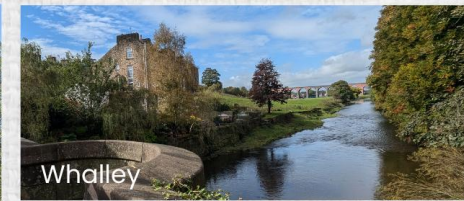
## The Picturesque Clitheroe Line



## The Clitheroe Line – A Picturesque Journey



Clitheroe



Whalley



## ART EXHIBITION

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CLITHEROE LINE

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## What to look forward to in 2026?

- Celebrating 25 years of community rail in Lancashire
- Inspiration Train – across the NW January 2026
- Station adopters meeting – Spring 2026
- Community Rail Week – May 2026
- Great British Railways



## KEY POINTS

- **Northern Education Network:**
  - To find out more contact Catherine Kingdom on [catherine.kingdom@communityraillancashire.co.uk](mailto:catherine.kingdom@communityraillancashire.co.uk)
  - Next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

