



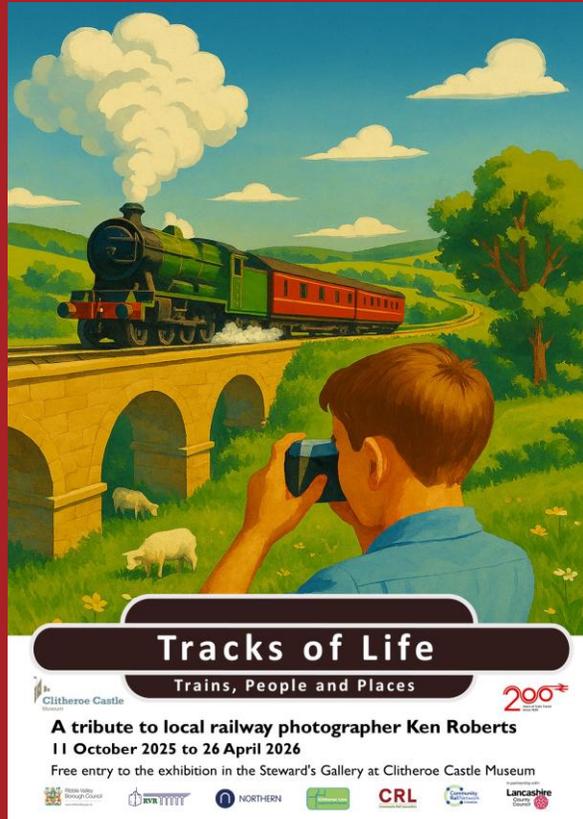
West of Lancashire CRP Activity Plan Update Thursday 26th February 2026



What's on - Exhibitions

**Tracks of Life: Trains places People
At Clitheroe Castle Museum**

Exhibition now on until end of June



Tracks of Life
Trains, People and Places

A tribute to local railway photographer Ken Roberts
11 October 2025 to 26 April 2026
Free entry to the exhibition in the Steward's Gallery at Clitheroe Castle Museum

Clitheroe Castle



**Forged in Steam at
Haworth Art Gallery
Accrington
All welcome**



FORGED IN STEAM
A Railway 200 Celebration
At the Haworth Art Gallery, Accrington
By Diane Muldowney

200
Years of Train Travel
Since 1825

Supporting Artists
Ajaz Qureshi
Andrew Nicholas
Bess Holt

This exhibition has been funded by the Community Rail Network through the DfT's Community Rail Development Fund; Community Rail Lancashire; Lancashire County Council and Northern.

17th January to 5th April 2026





OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Ongoing Community Rail guided walk programme across our CRPs
- Tuesday 12th May – 1035 Special 25th Anniversary Community Rail in Lancashire walk from Burscough Jct to Rufford
- Thursday 14th May – 1030 Special Lancashire Station Adopters meeting at County Hall, Preston.
- Monday 18th May – World Museum Day
- Tuesday 19th May – World Bee Day to be marked at Accrington
- **Look out for:**
- Guided walk programme for the YDE
- 4th April – start of the service 80 from Ribbleshead Station to Hawes connecting with the YDE.

COMMUNITY RAIL WEEK 1st to 6th JUNE 2026

Theme ‘ Journeys for All’

What’s planned so far:

- ✓ Monday 1st June: special event at Accrington to mark 25 years of Community Rail in Lancashire
- ✓ Tuesday 2nd June: ‘Wrong Tracks’ talks by Susan Brownrigg for schools at Accrington
- ✓ Wednesday 3rd June: SFL CRP launch Kirkham Heritage Trail self guide walk leaflet
- ✓ Thursday 4th June: Manchester Piccadilly with SEL CRP focus on the Clitheroe Line
- ✓ Friday 5th June: ???
- ✓ Saturday 6th June: Yorkshire Dales Explorer

- ✓ Tuesday 9th June: Community Rail Week+ special Clitheroe Circular guided walk starting at 1100

Ideas wanted:

- ✓ Could we do anything special at any of the stations across West Lancashire?
- ✓ Any special events that could be linked to Community Rail Week?
- ✓ Others?



CRL UPDATE:

- **Special year as we mark 25 years of Community Rail in Lancashire**
- We have responded to:
 - ✓ The LCCA consultation on the Local Transport Plan (LTP)
 - ✓ The Bus Service Improvement Plan Initial (BSIP) Consultation
- Coming up:
 - ✓ Consultation on the LTP Implementation Plan
 - ✓ BSIP formal consultation
 - ✓ Consultation on the Forest of Bowland Management Plan 2026 to 2031
 - ✓ Community Rail Week 1st to 6th June
- Continuing: highlights
 - ✓ Tracks for Life at Clitheroe Castle
 - ✓ Forged in Steam at Haworth Art Gallery, Accrington
 - ✓ Community Rail Awards – Thursday March 19th
- Other points
 - ✓ ORR passenger footfall data for 2024/25

A poster for the exhibition 'Forged in Steam' displayed in a red frame. The poster features a black and white photograph of a steam locomotive. The text on the poster includes the title 'Forged in Steam', the subtitle 'A Railway 200 Celebration By Diane Muldowney', the location 'At the Haworth Art Gallery, Hollins lane, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 2JS', the dates '17th of January to the 5th of April 2026', the opening hours 'Open Wednesday to Sunday 12 pm to 4:30 pm', the exhibition launch '24th January 12.30 pm to 4 pm', the formal opening '1pm', and the supporting artists 'Bess Holt, Ajaz Qureshi, Andrew Nicholas'. There is a QR code in the bottom left corner and a '200 Years of Train Travel Since 1825' logo in the bottom right. At the bottom of the poster, it states 'This Exhibition has been part funded by Community Rail Network through the DFT Community Rail Development Fund, Lancashire County Council, Northern and Community Rail Lancashire.' and includes logos for CRL 25, Community Rail Network, Lancashire County Council, East Lancashire, Northern, and Lancashire County Council.

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RAILWAY 200 – INSPIRATION TRAIN

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

Inspiration Train:

North West 6th to 24th January

- ✓ Preston: Ribble Stream Railway 6th to 9th January
6 schools & 125 students
- ✓ Southport 10th to 13th January
8 schools & 220 students
- ✓ Crewe 15th to 19th January
- ✓ East Lancashire Railway (Bury) 21st to 24th January



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KEY POINTS

- **Northern Education Network:**
 - To find out more contact Catherine Kingdom on catherine.kingdom@communityraillancashire.co.uk
 - Next meetings 16th April Sheffield; 7th July Newcastle & 14th October Liverpool
- **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 – new dates expected for the north**
- **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