



West of Lancashire Community Rail Partnership meeting Thursday 26th February 2026

- National Access for All programme announcement in January 2026: 19 of 50 station schemes announced in May 2024 will now not proceed. Lancashire had one station (Church and Oswaldtwistle) which will not be progressing to delivery.
 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/improving-accessibility-at-railway-stations-across-britain>
- The Lancashire Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) strategy consultation closed at the end of November 2025: over 1400 responses were received. The LTP4 Implementation Plan covering the period to 2029/30 is in development which will open to consultation in Spring / Summer 2026.
 - <https://lancashire-cca.gov.uk/have-your-say/lancashire-local-transport-plan-2025-2045>
- Small scale works at Rufford station car park completed.
- Further West Coast Main Line closures are planned at Easter 2026 which will affect rail services north of Preston.
 - Saturday 4th – Sunday 5th April: No trains between Preston and Oxenholme
 - Saturday 11th – Sunday 19th April: Trains disrupted north of Preston
 - Trains will divert onto the Settle – Carlisle line between Carlisle and Preston and various rail replacement buses will run
 - <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/our-work/our-regions/north-west-and-central/west-coast-main-line-upgrades/>
- Transport for the North: Rail North Committee met on 17th February 2026:
 - Northern Trains Performance Improvement Programme, Sunday services, accessibility at railway stations, infrastructure planning, rail freight, Great British Railways and rail reform
- Merseyrail extensions Strategic Advice: led by Network Rail
 - Potential future service options looked at for Ormskirk – Preston and Burscough south curve