



East Lancashire & Clitheroe Line CRPs

Activity Plan Update

Thursday 23rd July 2026



Station Adopters Meeting 12th May 2026

Speakers included:

Bernard Pendleton about
Britain in Bloom (NW) &
It's our neighbourhood

Simon Hummer about
Community Payback

Presentations available



COMMUNITY RAIL WEEK 1st to 6th JUNE 2026 + 9th JUNE

Theme ‘ Journeys for All’

What happened this year:

- ✓ Monday 1st June: special event at Accrington to mark 25 years of Community Rail in Lancashire
 - ✓ <https://communityraillancashire.co.uk/news/community-rail-celebrates-25-years/>
 - ✓ 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
 - ✓ Unveiling of the Ansdell & Fairhaven Heritage Trail panel
 - ✓ Thursday 4th June: Manchester Piccadilly with SEL CRP focus on the Clitheroe Line
 - ✓ Friday 5th June: Special careers event at Manchester Piccadilly
 - ✓ Saturday 6th June: Yorkshire Dales Explorer
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- ✓ Tuesday 9th June: Community Rail Week+ special Clitheroe Circular guided walk starting at 1100

Ideas wanted for 2027

- ✓ For 2027 we would like to develop a range of station-based events.

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YORKSHIRE DALES EXPLORER Every Saturday

Full details can be found here:

[https://communityraillancashire.co.uk/lines/yorkshire-
dales-explorer/](https://communityraillancashire.co.uk/lines/yorkshire-
dales-explorer/)

- ✓ 10,000th passenger celebrated
- ✓ DalesBus 80 provides the link to Hawes every Saturday until the 17th October
- ✓ Saturday May 2nd Ride2Stride Festival – check out the walks that link to the YDE
- ✓ 23rd May sees the start of the Lancashire Rail Ramblers guided walk programme – leaflet on the way
- ✓ 25th July – FoSCL walk in the Ribble Valley
- ✓ Explore the Ribble Valley Line line guide and timetable with full YDE timetable included



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Promotion of The Clitheroe Line – A picturesque Railway Journey with Arts 2 Heal

- During CR Week at Man Picc: Promotion of the Clitheroe Line
- Tracks of Connections moving towards fruition.

Tracks of Life: Trains Places People at Clitheroe Castle Museum – extended to 30 Sept

- Colouring competition judging by Arthur & presentation to winners on Sat 15th August
- Wrong Tracks book signing by Susan the author & Jenny the illustrator

Forged in Steam

- Successful exhibition ended March – next stop for Diane's exhibition Hope Town
- Promoting the Wood Nook leaflet - Prospects Foundation walk on Sun 23rd August Craft event & refreshments at the Haworth Art Gallery & possible cycle ride after junction improvements

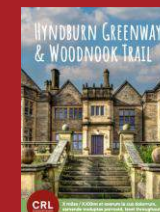
25 years of CR in Lancashire – Clitheroe Walk – June 9th

Bees in the Bunker with East Lancashire Bee Keepers Association

- May, June & July school sessions combining bees & rail sessions
- All new schools to CRL – 2 from Burnley, 1 from Baxenden
- Winter bee sessions in discussion

Nelson Station

- Working with BtP, Northern, the Friends group and Bus Station Manager to deal with anti-social behaviour
- Looking at improving the ambiance of the station
- Shahiesta has local schools interested in helping with planters at the station & an artwork project emerging



LOOKING AHEAD

- **New projects at Nelson, Burnley Central and Cherry Tree**
- **YDE Guided walks every Saturday until 26th September**
- **Hyndburn Greenway Walk 23rd August 2026 from Church & Oswaldtwistle station starting at 1000 organised by Prospects Foundation.**
- **1st September Community Rail Awards – entries open. Award ceremony 0n 4th March 2027**
- **Tracks of Life Exhibition continues until 30th September 2026 at Clitheroe Castle Museum**
- **Finale of 25 years of Community Rail in Lancashire 2026 with the launch of the ‘Voices of Lancashire’ on Lancashire Day 27th November 2026**
- **Rocket - All Aboard: plan ahead: <https://rocketallaboard.co.uk/>**
- **Tuesday 11th May 2027 - third Station Adopters Meeting – venue County Hall, Preston topics to be confirmed**
- **Tour de France (Grande Bretagne) – stage 2 3rd July 2027 passing through the Forest of Bowland, Clitheroe, Ribble Valley & Blackburn (Keswick to Liverpool)**
- **Community Rail Week 2027 (May or June 2027) – what can you contribute to this national event?**



Education Update

Focus on Sustainability

- All school groups visiting the Bunker take part in a sustainability session, "What Makes Accrington an Eco Station?"
- CRL hosted a stand at the North West Schools Sustainability Conference at Blackburn Rovers, engaging with around 500 students.
- Three bee workshops were delivered with the East Lancashire Beekeepers Association for schools from Burnley and Accrington.
- Richard and Dave attended the LancsCAN management meeting in Preston.
- Dave delivered a sustainability presentation at the Northern Education Network meeting in Sheffield.
- Steve Gilder, Environmental Lead at TransPennine Express, visited the Bunker with his team to tour the Eco Station and share sustainability best practice.



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- Three schools from Darwen and Langho visited Clitheroe Castle by train during World Book Week.
- A train trip was organised for Year 1 pupils from Woodnook Primary School, Accrington, during Rail Safety Week, with around one-third of the group travelling by train for the first time.
- The latest Level 2 Railway Maintenance learners from Accrington & Rossendale College visited Accrington Eco Station to learn about the work of Community Rail Lancashire, hear from Network Rail, and help tidy the Eco Garden.
- A train trip was organised for Rawdha Primary School, Burnley, to Bradford Museum to celebrate World Museum Day.
- School visits, educational train trips and careers events continued with schools across the East Lancashire and Clitheroe lines.
- Hundreds of pupils in this area have visited the Inspiration Train while it was at Blackpool North and Ribble Steam Railway.

