East Lancashire & Clitheroe Line CRPs
Activity Plan Update
Thursday 22nd October 2026







YORKSHIRE DALES EXPLORER 2026 – SO FAR

✓ Partnership approach: LCCA, YNYCA, YDNP, CRL, CLCRP, RVR, LRR, DalesBus and Northern with support from FoSCL and the SCCRP

✓ Weekly passenger counts undertaken by Ribble Valley Rail big thanks to Bill Briggs, Peter Eastham and the RVR team

✓ Guided walk programme delivered between 23rd May and 26th September by the Lancashire Rail Ramblers offering at least 2 guided walks a week and dedicated coach links on selected Saturdays

✓ **The stats:**

✓ **So far in 2026 – 2,051 people have travelled beyond Clitheroe on the YDE**

✓ **The guided walk programme led by the Lancashire Rail Ramblers attracted 379 walkers**

✓ DalesBus 80 offered a guaranteed connection to Hawes (and Wensleydale) – through rail + bus fares available

✓ Dedicated **websites https://communityraillancashire.co.uk/lines/yorkshire-dales-explorer/ & https://www.northernrailway.co.uk/tickets/yorkshire-dales-explorer**

✓ Bespoke publicity

East Lancashire Community Rail Partnership

Community Rail Accredited Partnership 2024-25

Clitheroe Line Community Rail Partnership

NEW PROJECTS



Clitheroe shelter art project

Two schools:

- St Michael and St Johns Primary Sch
- Ribblesdale High School

One artist: Gosha Gibek

To be completed and unveiled by March 2027

Funded by Northerns Project Fund

Cherry Tree artwork refresh

The picture shows Cherry Tree in 2014 at the launch Of the All Change at Cherry Tree project NOW fast forward and a refresh of this will be underway in 2027 with the Sir Francis Scouts.



NEW PROJECTS



Clitheroe Gateway
To create a wow factor when people arrive at Clitheroe
This is just an artist's idea of what it might look like no plans have been drawn up.
Likely to start in 2027/28

Nelson and Burnley Central
Nelson will be a school based project & Burnley Central will be working with Burnley College.



COMING UP

- Tracks of Life Exhibition continues at the Clitheroe Castle Museum
- (Re) Accreditation 29th October 2026; 2027 Activity Plan – suggestions?
- New Clitheroe Line Guide and Timetable for December 2026
- Finale of 25 years of Community Rail in Lancashire 2026 with the launch of the 'Voices of Lancashire' on Lancashire Day 27th November 2026 at Accrington Station
- Network Rail Community Days: at Square One Manchester & 29th January venue TBC (likely to be Preston)
- Rocket - All Aboard: plan ahead: https://rocketallaboard.co.uk/
- INTO 2027
- Tuesday 11th May 2027 - third Station Adopters Meeting – venue County Hall, Preston topics to be confirmed
- Community Rail Week 17th to 23rd May – Theme: 'Beyond Every Journey – People, Place & Partnership'
- Tour de France (Grande Bretagne) – stage 2 - 3rd July 2027 passing through the Ribble Valley, Chorley & the Côte de Pa (Keswick to Liverpool)

Education Update

Bunker closure

The start of the new term has been slightly disrupted due to the bunker being closed to school groups from the end of September until November. This is while we wait for part of the flooring to be replaced following issues with damp.

Careers

Dave and Shahiesta attended two large careers events during September:

- Blackburn Inspiring at Blackburn College – attended by over 1,500 students from seven local high schools.
- Futures Event at Accrington Stanley – attended by around 1000 students from six local high schools.

Shahiesta also attended a careers fair at Blackburn Central High School, while Dave delivered a World of Work day at St Mary's Primary School in Clayton-le-Moors.

Dave and Shahiesta also attended a job fair to for around 500 workers from BT who are being made redundant.





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Accrington College – Railway Maintenance

Railway Maintenance students visited the Eco Station to learn about community rail and practise safety critical calls. They also spent time helping in the Eco Garden.

SEND Groups

Shahiesta has been working with Birds of Paradise SEND group on Saturday mornings, helping members build their travel confidence, independence and safety awareness.

New TrainED Booking Form

A new TrainED booking form was launched in September for trips, school workshops and careers events. This will help us manage bookings and improve how we record and monitor our engagement.



