



Yorkshire Coast Community Rail Partnership

2024 Summer Newsletter

Accreditation achieved for 2024

We are pleased to announce that we have been successful in securing accreditation from the Department for Transport (DfT) and Community Rail Network (CRN) for another year. Accreditation is formal recognition by the DfT that the Community Rail Partnership operates to a high standard, is a good representative of the local communities and that its objectives and activities are supported by the Government.

We are proud to be recognised by the DfT in this way and want to say a big thank you to all those who continue to support the work that we do.

Barrow Boy Statue Unveiling

Our Barrow Boy statue was unveiled at Bridlington station on Thursday 25th July. This was a great cause for celebration for ourselves and the town of Bridlington and comes after two years of work on this project.

The station buzzed with crowds of people who came to see the unveiling, including around 30 former barrow boys and girls.

The statue has been designed and created by talented local Sculptor Stephen Carvill, already famous in Bridlington for his Gansey girl statue on the harbour. It was cast in bronze at Powderhall Bronze Foundry in Edinburgh and installed by teams from the Foundry, MCN Brown and Northern.

It commemorates the history of the barrow boys and girls who earned money transporting passengers' luggage in their homemade barrows at seaside towns all over the UK.

The project has been funded by Yorkshire Coast BID, Community Rail Network, Bridlington Town Council and ourselves, with support from Northern and Network Rail.

For the next part of this project we have commissioned author Faith Young to collect memories and photographs from former barrow boys for a book to celebrate their history.



New Artwork for Filey Station

We are working with Northern to help make Filey station look and feel more loved. As part of this project students from Calderdale college have produced some outstanding artwork to cover some of the out of use doors and windows on the station.

The artwork was installed in February and has made a massive difference to the overall appearance of the station.

We have also been working with students from Hymers college in Hull who have produced some paintings of the battle of Flamborough Head. These have been installed in the station waiting room along with an information poster kindly made and framed by the FileyBay 1779 group. We have also linked up with Filey School and Scarborough Sixth Form college who will both be working with us and Filey in Bloom on some more artwork projects for Filey station.



AGM and 25th Anniversary

This year at our AGM in June we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the YCCRP.

We have come a long way since 1999 when we started, thanks to the many volunteers who have worked hard to raise the profile of the local railway, promote rail travel in general and get more people involved.

It is thanks to our volunteers that we exist and can do all that we do, so we invited members past and present to join us at our celebrations which included a buffet and cake.

As we look to the future we are rebranding so the next newsletter will have a whole new look and logo to represent our new image and outlook.



Beavers and Cubs Rail safety trips

So far this year we have done two rail safety train trips with Beavers and Cubs groups from Driffield.

The children and helpers were taken on the train to Bridlington station and given a talk on rail safety and safe station usage by YCCRP volunteer and TPE driver Ben. These were enjoyable and educational experiences for all involved and helped the Cubs earn their Platforms for change badge.



Easter Special

The Easter bunny joined us on our Easter Special train on Saturday 30th March. As we set off from Hull, the train was packed with families travelling to the Seaside. Our volunteers gave out creme eggs to all the children on board while the Easter bunny entertained them. These sort of events are great for encouraging people onto the trains and engaging with the passengers.



Launch of our mobile app - Traxplorer

Traxplorer is a new mobile app which has been designed to engage passengers and enhance their journeys on the Hull to Scarborough line.

It features a live journey tracker showing points of interest and things to spot from the carriage window. A line guide shows all the attractions and places to visit from each station as well as station information and bus links. Train times and journey information as well as lots of customizable features make the app appealing to all age groups.

There is a league table which shows how many miles you have travelled compared to other passengers, and weekly challenges are set so that you can earn extra awards and features.

The app is available to download for free from the Google play store and will be available for Apple soon.

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