

Works of art at railway stations are win-win projects for all involved. Colourful murals and paintings can brighten up stations, provide waiting passengers with inspiration and information and provide young, local artists with a gallery to exhibit their work. Businesses can have the opportunity to sponsor artists and, at the same time, incorporate their website address into the art panel without venturing into direct advertising.



In Cumbria, over 110 works of art are now displayed at stations managed by Northern Rail, TransPennine Express and Virgin Trains. Some of the

art has been produced by school pupils but most has been produced by college students. All of the art has been sponsored by local businesses plus train operating companies and local groups including the CRPs.



The art has been produced using a variety of mediums, including Cumbrian wool, and all the finished art has been photo-laminated onto sheets of aluminium. This does not rot or rust

and panels can be re-covered or removed when necessary.

Annual station art projects lead to publicity events that benefit all involved. Art appreciation is subjective but all of the art at the stations has attracted positive comments from passengers including residents and visitors.

