

# AC:RP

## Community Rail

### Awards

# 2017

## Entry Booklet



**Closing date for entries: 19 June 2017**

**Closing date for dinner bookings: 8 September 2017**

**Gala dinner & awards evening | 5 October 2017 | The Roundhouse, Derby**

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# Community Rail Awards 2017

Thank you for your interest in the Association of Community Rail Partnerships' 13th annual Community Rail Awards. We very much look forward to hearing about your work in community rail and welcoming you on the night. This year's awards will be presented at a gala dinner at the stunning Roundhouse in the historic railway city of Derby on Thursday 5 October.

This booklet, alongside [acorp.uk.com/eventsawards/cra17](http://acorp.uk.com/eventsawards/cra17) provides all the information you need to enter and attend this year's prestigious awards.

These awards are all about rewarding excellence and promoting best practice in community rail; recognising the people doing wonderful work on behalf of the community and railway. [Click here](#) to see our *Winners Booklet 2016 for inspiration from those recognised last year.*

Please read the category criteria and rules before entering as there are some changes from last year – and make sure your entry is in before the 19 June entry deadline. Last year's event was a sell-out, so do also make sure you book your places and secure your accommodation early.

We are especially excited about the 2017 awards. Having undergone significant expansion, our extended ACoRP team is working hard to ensure this year's awards are even more rewarding and enjoyable. Our experienced events manager Hazel continues to oversee this important event, which has become a vital fixture in the community rail calendar.

Our thanks in advance to Jake Kelly, managing director of East Midlands Trains, who will be our guest presenter, and Richard Salkeld, Virgin Trains East Coast, who will put the 'fun' into fundraising on the night.

Finally, we remain immensely grateful for the support the Community Rail Awards receive through sponsorship and in-kind support. This booklet includes information on our expert judges, who give their time, and our sponsors – the Awards would not be possible without them.

Good luck with your entry, and we look forward to seeing you in Derby!



**Jools Townsend**  
*Chief executive, ACoRP*

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# Rules of Entry

Entry is FREE and is now an online process – to upload your nomination go to [acorp.uk.com/eventsawards/cra17](http://acorp.uk.com/eventsawards/cra17) and follow the instructions. In certain circumstances, we will accept hard copy entries but this will only be by prior agreement with Hazel Bonner, Events & Fundraising Manager ([hazel@acorp.uk.com](mailto:hazel@acorp.uk.com)).

You may submit as many entries for different projects as you wish, but please complete a separate nomination form and provide separate supporting evidence for each entry. You must choose one category **only** in which to submit each project. Multiple entries across categories for the same project are not permitted. Please ensure that those nominated are aware.

1. A form must be completed online for every entry.
2. Entries must be received no later than 09:00 hours, **Monday 19 June 2017**. We encourage early submission.
3. All submissions must be for projects that reached completion between **20 June 2016** and **19 June 2017**, except for **11. It's Your Station** (see category details).
4. Previous first-place winning projects from 2016 will not be considered in the 2017 awards at all, except for **11. It's Your Station**.
5. You must submit a written summary of the entry in no more than 100 words, on the online nomination form. This is the first thing the judges read so please ensure this gives a clear but concise description. This is also the wording that will be used in a dedicated Train On Line edition for shortlisted entries.
6. Please upload the following documents in support of every entry, including a comprehensive written description of the entry (text only), either in Word format or PDF – NO MORE than 800 words. This is important as this information will be used in the winners' booklet should you win an award. **NB: 10. The Photo Competition is exempt from this rule.**

**Current images:** These will be used in the awards presentation and winners' booklet if placed. Action shots are preferred if possible and remember to include before and after views where required for the category. A minimum of one and a maximum of six photos with titles / captions please. Please submit images in JPEG format only and of high resolution (minimum 300dpi). Please do not submit images as montages.

**Other relevant supporting material:** Limited to a maximum of four items, such as testimonials. These are to be in PDF or JPEG format, unless this is a video / audio file, in which case we ask that a link is supplied to access this on another platform. Any problems, please contact the Events & Fundraising Manager.

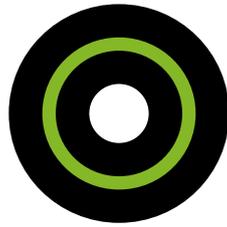
## Prizes

Category winners will be awarded a trophy and a certificate. Not for profit organisations and groups will also receive a cash prize. All runners-up receive a certificate. **Every shortlisted entry will receive an electronic shortlisting certificate.**

## Gala Dinner booking form

Please complete the online form at [acorp.uk.com/eventsawards/cra17](http://acorp.uk.com/eventsawards/cra17)

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# Judges' Profiles



**Paul Abell**

*Former Editor of Today's Railways UK*

Paul is a lifelong railway enthusiast, especially after a round trip on the Liverpool Overhead Railway. After a career as an engineering and maths teacher, he became editor of Today's Railway UK.



**Chris Austin**

*Former Community Team Leader  
Department for Transport*

Chris is secretary to the All Party Parliamentary Group on Heritage Railways and Chairman of the Avocet Line Community Rail Forum in Devon. He currently chairs the Infrastructure and Networks Group for Railfuture and serves as Secretary to the Heritage Railway Association's Legal & Parliamentary Affairs Committee.



**Kulvinder Bassi MBE**

*Community Rail Team Leader  
Department for Transport*

Kul has responsibility for the delivery of the Department for Transport's Community Rail Strategy and is their stakeholder manager for community rail partnerships and station adoption groups.



**Mike Bishop**

*Chairman  
Friends of Handforth Station*

Founder and Chair of the award-winning Friends of Handforth Station, Mike was formerly Environmental Works Manager for British Rail. He was the Chair of the Anglo-Irish Best Station Competition, sat on the judging panel for British Rail Best Station Competition and has been a board member of ACoRP.



**Paul Bigland**

*Photographer & Writer*

Paul is a well known photographer and writer whose career spans 17 years. He works for both the national & international media and companies within the rail industry.



**Stuart Burgess**

*Former Board Member  
Transport Focus*

A former board member for Transport Focus having previously chaired the Commission for Rural Communities, Stuart has also served as the Rural Advocate to the Prime Minister for a number of years.

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**Paul Cook**

*Curator  
Royal Horticultural Society*

Paul is curator of the RHS Garden at Harlow Carr in Harrogate. He joined the gardens in 2013 and oversees a team of horticulturists, students, apprentices and volunteers working to maintain and develop the 60-acre garden.



**Nicky Forsdike**

*Railway Consultant  
Forsdike Associates*

Nicky currently works in consultancy, developing business and marketing plans for the railways and undertaking strategic assignments on various infrastructure markets. Previously she worked for British Rail, during the beginning of community rail partnerships.



**Mike Franklin**

*Environment Specialist  
Network Rail*

Mike has worked with the railways for nearly 20 years, joining the Network Rail Community Rail team in 2006. During eight years in the role he developed the Network Rail Community Scheme to total 100 schemes across the network. Mike now works for the Environment team on the Great Western Route Modernisation project



**Jan Garrill**

*Chief Executive  
Two Ridings Community  
Foundation*

Jan has been Chief Executive of Two Ridings Community Foundation since September 2014. She started her working life in transport with British Rail, Tyne & Wear Passenger Transport Authority, Stagecoach and held the position of Head of Communities at Newcastle City Council.



**John Kitchen**

*Photographer & Writer*

Sometime professional librarian and lifetime rail enthusiast, John has been a Community Rail Officer for the Mid Cheshire Line 2003-2007, Rail Officer for Cumbria 2007-2013 and ACoRP Board Member 2005 - 2012.



**Mark Rose**

*Stations Lead  
HS2*

Mark has recently joined HS2 as Interim Station Lead. Prior to this he led on the development of the Stations Policy for Transport for Greater Manchester. A former Head of Stations Policy for the Department for Transport, he was architect of the new franchising vision for stations.



**Barbara Saunders**

*Consumer Consultant*

Barbara is an independent consumer consultant and former board member of Passenger Focus.

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# Categories & Criteria

## 1. Involving Children and Young People *sponsored by*

Community Rail has a long history of working with young people on projects including station environmental schemes, safety and educational projects. We want to see the best of these.

**Method of entry:** Nominations may be made by a train operator, community rail partnership, school or group that has taken part in or organised the project.

**Judging criteria:** Successful entries will have demonstrated engagement with children or young people (under 26) to deliver a project that benefits: the community, the children or young people taking part, and the railway.



*2016 Involving Young People winner, Brian Haworth of Community Rail Lancashire with the pupils of Padiham Green School*

## 2. Involving Diverse Groups *sponsored by*

In this category, we want to see the best examples of projects that work with and / or involve diverse groups for instance those encompassing ethnicity, age, disability, gender, sexual orientation, religion or belief.

**Method of entry:** Nominations may be made by a train operator, community rail partnership, or group that has taken part in or organised the project.

**Judging criteria:** Successful entries will have demonstrated engagement with a diverse group or groups to deliver a project that benefits the community, the individuals taking part and the railway.

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### 3. Community Art Schemes

#### **a) Permanent Projects sponsored by (awaiting confirmation)**

Public art can enhance the station environment, provide a link between communities and the railway, and above all be good fun. This category is for permanent art projects.

**Method of entry:** Entries in this category can be from the artists, project organisers or companies sponsoring the project.

**Judging criteria:** This award will be judged equally on the extent of the community involvement in the project as much as the artwork itself. ***You must include photographs with your entry that clearly show the artwork installed in the railway / station context.***

#### **b) Renewable and smaller projects sponsored by (awaiting confirmation)**

This category is for renewable and smaller art projects such as replaceable artwork in poster cases, small one off pieces of other types of artwork etc.

**Method of entry:** Entries in this category can be from the artists, project organisers or companies sponsoring the project.

**Judging criteria:** This award will be judged equally on artistic content and the extent of community involvement element of the project. ***You must include photographs with your entry that clearly show the artwork installed in the railway / station context.***

### 4. Most Enhanced Station Buildings and Surroundings *sponsored by* Great Western Railway

Stations are the shop window of the railway and many on community rail lines have been improved or restored. In this category, we are looking for buildings and station surroundings that have been significantly enhanced in a way that has a positive impact upon the passengers and / or the local community.

**Method of entry:** Entries may be submitted by individuals, teams, groups or companies.

**Judging criteria:** The judges will be looking for projects that have improved the station building (including shelters), surroundings and facilities either as a whole or in part.

***Before and after images must be submitted as part of your supporting images along with any other evidence of how the project was developed and delivered.***

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## 5. Small Projects Award (£500 or less) sponsored by **CRL** Community Rail Lancashire

This category can only be entered by station adoption / friends or local community groups without paid staff and allows smaller, low cost projects to be judged against each other rather than competing against larger funded projects. Any project that cost £500 or less (excluding volunteer hours), can be submitted, whether it is new garden planters, artwork, a tidy up project or an event. We will be looking for projects that made the best use of resources or delivered great value for money, whilst enhancing the station environment or passenger experience or benefiting the community in another way.

**Method of entry:** Entries for this award can only be submitted directly by the group involved with the project.

**Judging criteria:** A budget **must** be submitted as the judging panel will require clear evidence that the project has only cost **£500 in total** to deliver. The entry must also demonstrate project sustainability and community benefits.

## 6. Best Community Engagement Event *sponsored by Arriva UK Trains and CrossCountry*



Community rail is all about engaging with local communities. This category aims to highlight the initiative, enthusiasm and work that goes into developing, organising and promoting community events on the railway. We are looking for nominations of community engagement events undertaken on community rail lines by community rail partnerships and station adoption / friends groups. We want to see inclusive and engaging events, that are accessible to all. Extra credit will be given for evidence of the impact of the event.

**Method of entry:** We invite entries from community rail partnerships, station adoption / friends' groups or individuals. Train operators can submit nominations where a project was undertaken in partnership with a CRP or voluntary group.

**Judging criteria:** The judges will be looking for events that were engaging, fun and informative. Extra credit will be given where a measure of the effectiveness is included and efforts were made to engage diverse groups.



*2016 Best Community Engagement Event winners, Friends of Bentham Station capture the flavour of Bentham life.*

## 7. Best Marketing or Communications Campaign *sponsored by*

This category rewards the best marketing or communications campaign aimed at promoting community rail activities and local rail travel. This could be a traditional campaign or a digital one. Those that embrace both traditional and digital methods will be given extra credit by the judges.

**Method of entry:** We invite entries from community rail partnerships, groups or individuals. Train operators can enter where they have worked alongside a community rail partnership or station adoption group.

**Judging criteria:** The judges will be looking for methods that are accessible, engaging, informative and reach a wide audience with key messages. In your entry, you should tell us the rationale behind the choice of media and extra credit will be given where a measure of the effectiveness is included.

## 8. Outstanding Volunteer Contribution *sponsored by* **ARRIVA** Trains Wales Trenau Arriva Cymru a DB company | un o gwmnïau DB

In community rail development, it is people who count most. We want to hear about individuals who have made a long term (minimum 12 months), outstanding contribution to community rail as a volunteer, whether they are a member of the local community, community rail partnership, station adoption group or rail user group.

**Method of entry:** Entries for this award can be nominated by train operating companies, community rail partnerships, station adoption groups, or individuals. ***Self-nominations will not be accepted.***

**Judging criteria:** Judges are looking for nominations that clearly show that the individual has made an exceptional contribution to their line, station, partnership or group – and particularly their community – as a volunteer in community rail. Extra credit will be given where independent testimonials are available (a maximum of four can be submitted but must be contained within your supporting material).



*Mike Bishop (right), founder of Friends of Handforth Station demonstrates his Outstanding Volunteer Contribution*

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## 9. Innovation in Community Rail | NEW CATEGORY *sponsored by*



This category is for imaginative new developments that have been used to enhance the benefits community rail delivers to local communities, passengers and railways. Projects can have been developed by individuals, community rail partnerships, voluntary or community groups or not-for-profit organisations. This is only for projects that cannot be entered in any of the other categories.

**Method of entry:** Nominations may be submitted by individuals, community rail partnerships, voluntary or community groups or not-for-profit organisations. Train operators can submit nominations where a project was undertaken in partnership with a community rail partnership or voluntary group.

**Judging criteria:** The judges will be looking for inspirational projects that have significantly enhanced the benefits community rail delivers to local communities, passengers and railways.

## 10. Photo Competition | "The Essence of Community Rail" *sponsored by*



We want to see your best photos, that really capture the essence of community rail and are clearly within a community rail setting. Only photos taken since June 2016 may be entered.

**Method of entry:** These must be uploaded with a completed nomination form, see below for specific requirements. This category is open to nominations from any source but the following requirements must be adhered to:

- A maximum of six images per entry
- Digital images must be in JPEG format ONLY, 300 dpi (high res)
- Please supply a title or caption for each image

**NB:** *Photos may be used in publicity (with appropriate credit given to the photographer, where known).*

**Judging criteria:** Images will be shortlisted according to the category title and those that are captured creatively, humorously and pertinently will be favoured by the judges.

The shortlist for this category will be available on Survey Monkey for one month from the 3rd July, for the public to vote on and this will provide the final placings.

**NB:** *Any images that show Health & Safety contraventions on the railway or station will be disqualified.*



*Wherry Dawn near Acle by Steve Arthur,  
winner of the 2016 Photo Competition*

## 11. It's Your Station *sponsored by*



Revised in 2016, this category is now much broader than station gardens alone. Points will be awarded over three sections: community participation, environmental responsibility and gardening achievement. The total points achieved will equate to bands: bronze, silver and gold and every entry will receive one of these awards in certificate form. *"It's Your Station"* is aimed at rewarding the hard-working people who maintain station gardens / floral displays and the station environment on a voluntary basis across the network.

**Method of entry:** Entries may be submitted by individuals, teams or groups.

**Judging Criteria:** We are looking for station gardens and environments that enhance the passenger experience and involve the local community. Entries must describe the work you have done or are doing to improve your station garden and environment. The *Judging Assessment Template* can be downloaded from the ACoRP website.

You must include before and after images with your entry that clearly show the railway station environment context. Judges will particularly be looking for projects that also demonstrate environmental benefits.

***NB: Shortlisted entries in this category will be visited by prior arrangement and entrants will be informed of the level awarded in advance of the presentation evening (where certificates will be available for collection).***

The most improved in each band will receive a cash prize. The most improved in the Gold Band will also receive a trophy and be announced as the category winner.

## 12. The ACoRP Award for Outstanding Contribution to Community Rail | NEW CATEGORY *sponsored by*



ACoRP will present a special award to the organisation or group that, in their view, has demonstrated outstanding contribution to Community Rail over the past 12 months. Nominations are invited for this award but they must be for a third party as self-nominations will not be accepted. The winners will receive a trophy, cash prize and a certificate.





# How to Submit a Good Entry

Primarily, you need to ensure that you are entering an appropriate category and read the *Rules of Entry* and the *Categories & Criteria* pages carefully before you start writing your entry.

Concentrate your efforts on explaining the reason you are nominating this project or person and why it / they should be a winner. Take care to demonstrate how you meet the criteria of the category you are entering. To help structure your entry, you may wish to pay attention to the following points:

## **Overview - This should form the basis of your 100-word summary**

- What is the name of the project / person / group you are nominating?
- Where did the project take place, person work / volunteer?
- Who was involved? Train operator, Network Rail, community rail partnership, community groups, funders etc?
- Why did you start this project / why are you nominating the person / group etc?

## **The following points should form your fuller description of the project**

### **For projects - What the project entailed**

- What was your plan of action?
- What resources did you draw upon?
- What steps were taken to achieve your goal?
- What difficulties were involved and overcome?

### **For people and groups**

- Who are you nominating?
- What effect have they had on your project(s) community rail partnership, etc?
- Include a photo of the group / person - action shots are preferable.

### **Objectives - for projects**

- What exactly did you want to achieve?
- How did you plan to measure your success?
- What would constitute real success?

### **End results**

- Did the project fulfil its objectives?
- What evidence do you have to support the success of the project?
- What has been the response of the community / rail passengers / partners / media?
- Did the project deliver any knock-on / unexpected results?

**Enter at: [acorp.uk.com/eventsawards/cra17](http://acorp.uk.com/eventsawards/cra17)**

**Closing date for entries: Monday 19 June 2017 (09:00)**

**Closing date for dinner bookings: Friday 8 September 2017**



## Our Sponsors



Department  
for Transport

**Department for Transport:** As the core funder of local and rural services in England, the Department for Transport is a keen supporter of community rail. We recognise that one of the most positive ways of sharing best practice and celebrating success is through the annual ACoRP Community Rail Awards. We are therefore delighted to be associated with these awards.

STAGECOACH GROUP  
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**Stagecoach Group:** We are extremely proud to be supporting this year's Community Rail Awards and we're particularly pleased to be welcoming the awards to Derby, the home of East Midlands Trains. Derby has a proud history of rail heritage and coupled with two of the fantastic community rail partnerships we work with at East Midlands Trains - the 'Derwent Valley Line', which provides a scenic route into a host of tourist attractions, and the 'North Staffordshire Line', which acts as a key link between the North-West and the East Midlands, there's a lot that we can be proud of in the city. Stagecoach, through its rail businesses, has long been a firm supporter of community rail and the improvements that it delivers to customers and communities. These awards are a well-deserved endorsement of all the fantastic work that goes on across our community rail lines to help us improve our railway and to attract more people onto our train services. We wish the very best of luck to all the nominees this year.

angel<sup>Trains</sup>  
investing in trains

**Angel Trains:** We are pleased to support the 2017 ACoRP Awards. Angel Trains has a strong commitment to building the future of rail and recognises the importance of local people and communities in doing this. Community rail partnerships are a vital element of the success of the overall rail industry in Britain and Angel Trains is proud to support them.

GWR | Great Western Railway

**Great Western Railway:** GWR has always been a huge supporter of community rail, it connects us closely to what our customers and supporters really want from their local railway and the resultant record breaking growth in passenger numbers underlines all the hard work that goes on. We are delighted to sponsor the Community Rail Awards again this year and we wish everyone the best of luck.

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**Bombardier Transportation:** Bombardier Transportation is a complete provider of railway solutions, designing, building, testing and commissioning new rolling stock and signalling solutions, as well as providing a comprehensive maintenance and diagnostic service for rolling stock and railway infrastructure.

ACoRP is all about positive, pragmatic action to deliver benefits to the rail industry and the community it serves and Bombardier is therefore delighted to support this year's ACoRP Community Rail Awards. These awards recognise and reward the hard work and dedication of the community rail family and we are pleased to be able to demonstrate our support and appreciation for the hard work and dedication shown by all of this year's award nominees. Good luck to all entrants!



**Porterbrook Leasing:** We are pleased to be supporting the Community Rail Awards and realise the importance of community partnerships in shaping the future of the UK rail industry. Offering innovative rolling stock solutions with technological enhancements suited to the needs of the local travelling public, Porterbrook can enable community rail projects to thrive within value for money constraints.



**Greater Anglia:** Proud to be a sponsor of the Community Rail Awards. We're passionate about the benefits community rail and station adoption can bring for the railway and the communities it serves, so we are increasing the investment and resources we put into community rail as part of our new franchise. We are also committed to working locally and nationally to help maintain and build on the success of the community rail approach more widely.



**Arriva Trains Wales:** We are delighted to sponsor an event which recognises the excellent work of all the community rail partnerships, station adopters and volunteers from across the United Kingdom. We are committed to the communities we serve and highly value the positive partnership working and enthusiasm which has resulted in many achievements and successes for the rail industry local communities and tourism.



**Arriva UK Trains and Cross Country:** We are proud to jointly sponsor the ACoRP Community Rail Awards. Our rail businesses work closely and positively with their community rail partnerships, collaborating on creative and innovative programmes which demonstrate the value community rail partnerships bring to UK Rail. We are therefore delighted to sponsor "Best Community Engagement Event", recognising community rail's contribution to growing Britain's railways and the communities they serve.

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**Community Rail Lancashire:** We are once again delighted to sponsor the Small Projects Award. It is true to say that a lot can often be done with a little and community rail partnerships are generally very good at coming up with low value high impact schemes often with some help from the small grants fund looked after by ACoRP. This award has attracted some very exciting projects in the past and with an ever tightening financial position facing many partnerships doing a lot with a little will become ever more important.



**Govia:** As the UK's busiest rail operator, we are delighted to once again be supporting the Community Rail Awards. We believe it is important to work collaboratively and to recognise and reward success, whilst seeking to improve these crucial community services for future generations.



**Grand Central:** We are pleased to continue our support of the 2017 Community Rail Awards. We congratulate all nominees for the tremendous work they do bringing transformational change to their community.



**Rail Media:** We are backing this dynamic category with the aim to encourage more young people to get involved with railways. At this year's Community Rail Awards 'Involving Children and Young People' shines a light on the hard work being done by so many in the community rail movement to bring youth to rail. The need for young people to take up a career on the railway has never been greater. Community rail partnerships see children, students and young adults getting out there and experiencing life on the railway at first hand. It's of incomparable value and Rail Media is right behind the burgeoning community rail movement.



**Abellio - ScotRail:** "We are delighted to support this year's annual Community Rail Awards and the "It's Your Station" award. Our stations are at the heart of many communities, and only through working with local people can we ensure the benefits they bring are there for everyone to enjoy - connecting people with jobs, business with customers, tourists with destinations and communities with opportunities for growth and prosperity"



**TransPennine Express:** We are delighted to support the Innovation in Community Rail category of the ACoRP annual awards. TransPennine Express are focussed on "Taking the North Further", with a fleet of new trains, additional services and an enhanced customer experience. Innovations delivered on Community Rail routes, and the interchanges they have with mainline routes, will support continued growth in passenger numbers and support the delivery of ever improving local railways. Good luck to all the finalists!

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**Virgin Trains:** Proud to be sponsoring the 2017 Community Rail Awards. Our high-speed trains along the East and West coast, serve several mainline stations that act as gateways to community railways. We look forward to working with supporters of these vital economic lifelines; to grow inbound traffic and enhance the range of journey opportunities available to the people of the communities they serve.



**Merseyrail:** We are among the highest performing rail operators in the UK and committed to serving the communities in which we operate. We are delighted to be associated with these awards that celebrate the value of individuals in society who otherwise may not be recognised.



**Eversholt Rail Group:** Eversholt Rail Group is delighted once again to be a sponsor of the ACoRP Community Rail Awards. We recognise and applaud both the phenomenal growth in passenger demand and the wider-ranging benefits to local economies and quality of life that Community Rail schemes and initiatives continue to deliver. Eversholt Rail Group greatly values its excellent working relationship with the ACoRP team, which is fundamental to ensuring that we understand stakeholders' needs and provide cost-effective rolling stock solutions optimised to meet them.



**Rail Safety Week:** We are extremely proud to be sponsoring, and working with ACoRP and all their members. The endless hours and dedication from so many volunteers across the country has changed a vast amount of stations, along with changing the way the public see and treat their local stations. Unsung heroes in our opinion. Good luck to all the nominees



**Northern:** Through our ambitious modernisation plan we are committed to making the North a better place to live and work for everyone. Our work with community rail partnerships, station adoption groups and other community partners is vital to making this happen, and that is why we're proud to sponsor the Involving Diverse Groups category at this year's awards. The awards provide a great opportunity to celebrate and showcase the best of community rail and to recognise the hard work and dedication of all involved. To everyone taking part this year we wish you all the very best of luck.



**The Railway Magazine:** Proud to support the 2017 Community Rail Awards. This year The Railway Magazine is celebrating 120 years of supporting and reporting Britain's railways.... and is looking forward to many more decades of being at the heart of our thriving industry.

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# East Midlands Trains Events

*in support of the Community Rail Awards 2017*

East Midlands Trains is delighted to welcome people to Derby, one of UK's greatest railway cities and the home of two community rail partnerships.

## **Thursday 5th October**

East Midlands Trains will be hosting a seminar to discuss community involvement and the positive impact that community rail can bring. There will also be an opportunity for guests to do a tour of Derby's famous train depot, Etches Park.

Lunch will be included.

*By complimentary invitation*

## **Friday 6th October**

East Midlands Trains will be showcasing one of its community rail lines with a special trip on the Derwent Valley Line to Matlock and an opportunity to travel on the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway, a heritage railway operating between Duffield and Wirksworth.

Lunch will be provided

*Complimentary to all awards guests. Full booking details and agenda to follow nearer the event.*

**East Midlands Trains will be providing free travel along their local community rail lines over the weekend for our Community Rail Awards guests.**

### ***East Midlands Trains community rail lines are:***

*Derwent Valley Line – Matlock to Derby*

*North Staffordshire Line – Crewe to Derby*

*Poacher Line – Nottingham to Skegness*

*Robin Hood Line - Worksop to Nottingham*





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