



# ANNUAL REPORT 2025



**Working with the community to look after our local railways and encourage rail travel.**



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# Who we are and our aims

We are an accredited Community Rail Partnership, awarded by Community Rail Network (CRN) and the Department for Transport.

Our membership is made up of individuals, community groups and representatives from the train operating companies, local authorities and town and parish councils.

The business activity plan is delivered by all members, led by our Community Rail Officer Rachel Osborne.

Our plan aims to:

1. Provide a voice for the community
2. Promote sustainable, healthy, and accessible travel
3. Bring communities together and support diversity and inclusion
4. Support social and economic development

The Yorkshire Coast Community Rail Partnership covers the line from Hull to Scarborough plus Hessle, Ferriby and Brough stations.

This report highlights the work we do in connecting communities to their railways.

## Management Committee members



**Pete Myers**  
Chair



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Rail Officer



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# Introduction by our Chair - Pete Myers

2025 was a great year for the Yorkshire Coast Community Rail Partnership (YCCRP), and for those that we serve.

At this time last year, I was concerned that 2024, with the Barrow Boy sculpture, was going to be a hard act to follow. Not true however and while the artwork in Bridlington station remains one of our crowning glories, what we achieved last year eclipsed even that, although to a certain extent enhanced it.

We've done a great deal this year far too much to mention here, but I would like to highlight a few events that really made a difference in 2025.

It was in September that we held our two keynote events. Working with the Old Parcels Office (OPO) in Scarborough, we organised a railway heritage exhibition which ran for three weeks, and which saw record numbers attending.

The second event saw us fit 239 people (young people, some in costume, from Scarborough 6th Form College) on the world's longest bench at Scarborough Station. It was terrific fun and working with both the OPO and TransPennine Trains (TPT), we saw tons of public and media interest. Both these events were part of the Nation's Railway 200 celebrations and have been nominated for an award in 2026.

At the end of the month, we published our book "Carry Your Case Sir", designed to celebrate the Barrow Boys which used to frequent the coastal stations, and which our sculpture was dedicated to last year. Written by our own Denise after some terrific research by Faith Young, it is a really good read and has even started to turn a profit for the Partnership.

This just scratches the surface of what we did in 2025, and please read on in this report to see just some of them.

We are a small team, and here I must thank them all, because without our volunteers and committee we would be nothing. Thanks also go to Humber and Wolds Rural Action (HWRA), because they employ our officer and look after our accounts; so important, and it enables us to focus on the community and the line, which is why we are here after all.

Rachel our Rail Officer, is outstanding and I thank her for all her efforts this year and look forward to working with her in 2026.

Community Rail Network (CRN) is our governing body, we were accredited again in 2025; and I must thank them for their help and guidance this year.

I would be negligent if I didn't thank our rail industry partners; Northern, TransPennine Trains, LNER, Hull Trains and Network Rail. Not simply for funding, although that is clearly vital, but for their interest in us and our Line. The Local Authorities played such an important part too, with York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority, North Yorkshire Council, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, and Hull City Council, all attending our meetings and getting involved in what we do.

Things change and 2026 is likely to see huge changes in the rail industry as Great British Railways (GBR) comes to fruition, and we see the Combined Authority form here in East Yorkshire and Hull. Throughout we'll be here though, and pushing for, and celebrating, a better, greener more customer focused railway on the Yorkshire Coast.

Pete Myers

# Railway 200 Celebrations



In 2025 we enjoyed joining in with the national celebrations marking 200 years of the modern railway and held two big Railway 200 events in September.

The first was our Railway Heritage exhibition, for which we partnered with the Old Parcels Offices on Scarborough station.

Their studios in one of the historic station buildings made the perfect venue for the exhibition which told the story of rail travel along the Yorkshire coast.

Visitor numbers exceeded 1200 over the 11 days that the exhibition was open, which is a record for the venue. The first day alone attracted 166 which is another record.

**Over 1200 visitors to our exhibition !**

52 of these attended the opening talk by our Chair Pete Myers.

Following on from the exhibition we held an event to celebrate the longest station seat in the world, which can be found on platform 1 of Scarborough station.

Scarborough 6th Form College staff and students joined us and provided enough people to fill the seat in order for us to be able to find out exactly how many people it held : 239!

**239 people sat on seat !**

Both these events brought people together and attracted much positive media attention. Both have been shortlisted for the Railway 200 legacy Community Rail award.

A smaller project earlier in the year saw us commission a Railway 200 planter for Bridlington station. The planter was upcycled from an old chest and painted for Railway 200 by the volunteers at Community Furniture Stores in Scarborough.



# Community Rail Week 2025



Community Rail Week is an annual campaign organized by Community Rail Network and sponsored by Rail Delivery Group which aims to raise the profile of Community Rail and showcase innovative projects and inspiring initiatives from across the community rail movement .

## 140 community led projects and activities took place during Community Rail Week 2025

We joined in with our own activities during the week. Our first event of the week was on Sheffield station where we joined several other Community Rail Partnerships for a day where we all showcased our lines and encouraged people to visit them. We took our marketing stand and produced leaflets promoting the excellent hourly through train service from Sheffield to the coast.

Our second event of the week was a community walk from Ferriby station, along the banks of the Humber to Hessle station. Members of Hessle town council and Ferriby parish council joined us, and the walk achieved two main purposes - to get to know each other better so that we can work together to improve these two stations; and to promote this walk as a day out by train, encouraging people to walk one way and take the train back.

**89 CRPs and station groups participated in Community Rail Week 2025**

# Inspiring and involving young people



Working with young people is important to us and we have continued to build on our good working relationships with Hymers college and Scarborough 6th Form College in 2025. Hymers students worked with some of our station adoption groups to help get their station gardens ready for the Yorkshire in Bloom judging.

Scarborough 6th Form College students made some fantastic welcome banners for Filey and Bridlington stations and provided 'bums on seat' for our longest station seat event which we really couldn't have done without them.

**Over 70 Beavers and cubs benefitted from our rail safety projects**

Driffield school, Rotherham college and East Riding College have all worked with us on artwork projects, providing some outstanding pieces of art that have made a real difference to the stations.

We have continued to work with the 2nd Driffield Scout group on rail safety trips led by one of their leaders who is also a driver for TPE.

**We worked with 6 schools and colleges in 2025**

Pearson Primary School in Hull enjoyed a train trip to the seaside arranged by Northern and supported by us.

We also gave a rail confidence talk at East Riding College as some of their students were nervous about a planned rail trip.

We designed our own activity sheets based on the Yorkshire Coast line, to help keep children entertained on their train journeys. These are very popular, especially on the Beavers trips and our Easter and Santa special trains.



# Creating happy memories with our train and station events



Our themed special trains such as our Easter and Santa Specials are a great way of encouraging people onto the trains who wouldn't normally travel. This year we extended our Santa Special train to take in Brough, Ferriby and Hessle stations. This leg of the journey was an enormous success thanks to the town and parish councils getting involved and promoting the train. We filled to capacity what is normally a little used service and it was a pleasure to be able to bring joy and cheer to so many children and families.

**Over 200 tubes of sweets handed out on our Santa Special trains.**

Our Easter Special train was very well supported too and as such we will be extending that to Brough, Ferriby and Hessle in 2026.

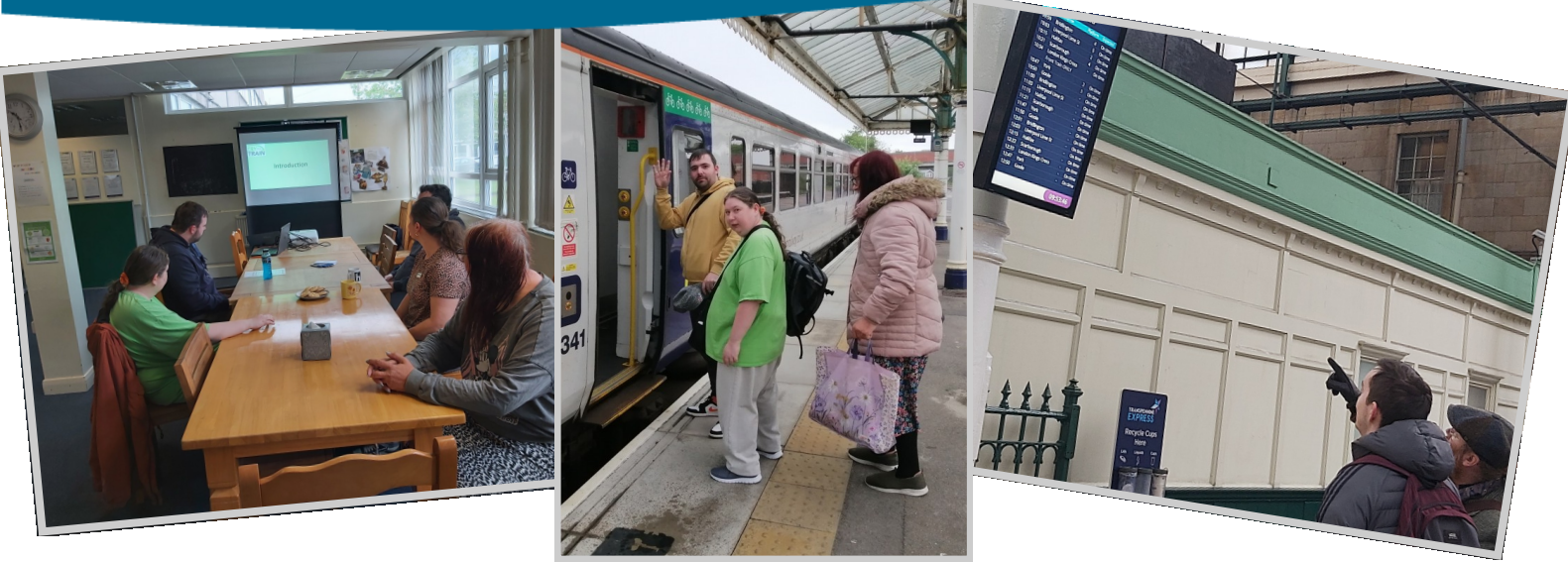
Other station events this year have included our Brew Monday coffee morning in January with the Samaritans and Mind, and an ice cream giveaway at Bridlington station with Northern in August.

**“I didn't know this was the Easter special train but it's made my day, thank you !”**

**Passenger**



# Teaching rail confidence skills with Try the Train



We delivered two more Try the Train programmes in 2025, working with groups from Working for health CIC in Cottingham and the Hinge Centre in Bridlington.

Try the Train was developed by Community Rail Lancashire and consists of a series of workshops and trips with the aim of equipping the participants with the skills and confidence to be able to use the railway safely and independently.

All participants faced various barriers to travelling on the trains independently due to mental health, learning disabilities, other health issues or social anxieties. Fears discussed in the first workshop included such things as 'worried about getting on the wrong train', 'being attacked or bullied' and 'being ill on the train'. Some of the participants had never used the train before or had been put off through a bad experience. One person had never been further than 10 miles from her home town so it was a big achievement for her when she managed a trip to Meadowhall. She is now a confident rail traveler and is helping her family members to use the train.

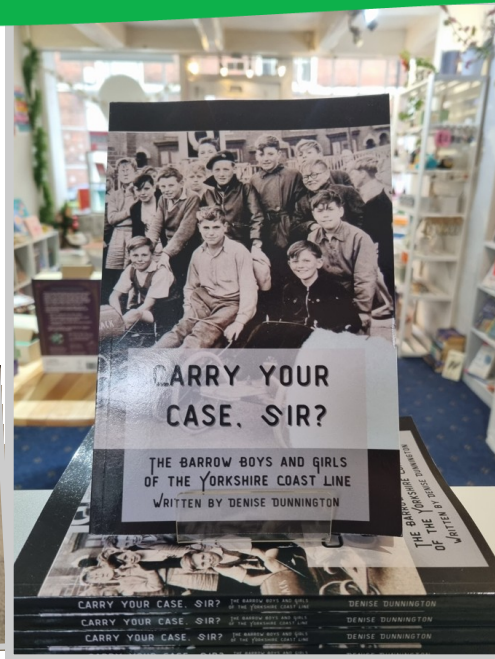
**“Try the train has helped me get my confidence back”**

**Try the train participant**

Everyone got a lot out of the experience and it was rewarding to see their confidence grow week by week. As well as being educational, the trips were also enjoyable social occasions which helped people make new friends and discover new places to go.

We are always looking for suitable groups to work with on future Try the Trains.

# Celebrating our history and heritage



The Yorkshire Coast line dates back to 1845 and has a fascinating history that we love to talk about and celebrate.

One of our first projects of 2025 was to refresh our Heritage information boards that are displayed at all our stations. They were given a fresh new look in line with our brand and installed in prominent places so that passengers can learn about the history of the line.

2025 was also the year that we published our first book ! Following on from the success of our Barrow Boy statue, 'Carry Your Case, Sir?' was written by Denise Dunnington with research by Faith Young. It tells the stories of the barrow boys and girls who used to work at seaside stations on the Yorkshire Coast, transporting holiday makers luggage from trains to their holiday accommodation in their home made barrows.

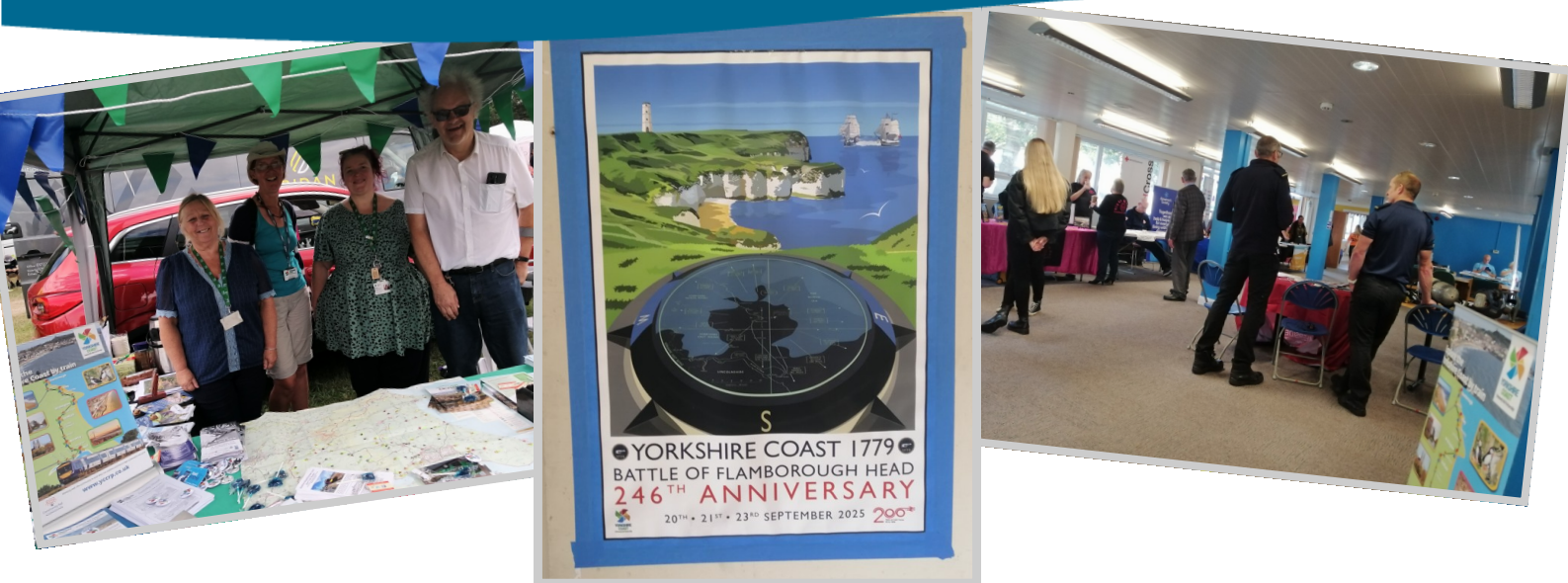
We held a book launch event in October where we met many former barrow boys and girls. The book is available to purchase from Amazon and from the Old Town Bookshop in Bridlington.

In September we held our Heritage Railway Exhibition at Scarborough and also took part in the national Heritage Open Days with a stand at Bridlington Station, for which we had designed our own leaflet about the history of Bridlington Station.

We are pleased with Network Rail's £3.6m investment project at Filey Station which saw its historic roof being restored. Colt Construction Ltd won a highly commended certificate at the National Railway Heritage Awards for their work which was funded with help from the Railway Heritage Trust.



# Working with other community groups and partners



A big part of what we do is connecting and working with other community groups so we are always looking for new groups to partner with that share our values and aims.

We were pleased to work with Yorkshire Coast 1779 again this year as they build up to their celebrations of the 250th anniversary of the battle of Flamborough Head in 2029. We sponsored their poster and it looked amazing displayed at our stations during the Summer.

Driffield Show is always one of our busiest working together events of the year as we support EYMS's shuttle bus service by providing stewards at the station and showground whilst also supporting our partners' stands at the show.

Network Rail, BTP and Humber and Wolds Rural Action, all had stands at the event this year. Network Rail and BTP engaged with 956 people with their 'Be safe on the railway message'.

It has been good to get to know better other community organizations such as the HEY Smile foundation, the Hinge Centre and CaVCA, all of whom hold regular networking events and meetings which we try to attend as much as possible.

**We worked with 15 community groups and charities in 2025.**

We continue to build on our good working relationship with Travel Hull in working with them to promote sustainable travel.

# Encouraging tourism and leisure travel



Tourism accounts for a large proportion of journeys on the Yorkshire Coast Line so we work with the tourism sector to try to deliver what they want and to encourage people to travel by train to the resorts and attractions on the line.

We had a marketing stand at the Scarborough Expo again this year. This is always a very popular and busy event and one that is useful for us to talk to people in the tourism industry. It was from conversations at this event that our hotels brochure came about as hotels and guest house owners expressed a desire for a leaflet that contained timetable, line guide and rail information.

We designed and printed the brochure and distributed it to hotels, libraries and holiday accommodation providers along the coast during the Summer.

The leaflet is regularly updated and is now available for free download from our website.

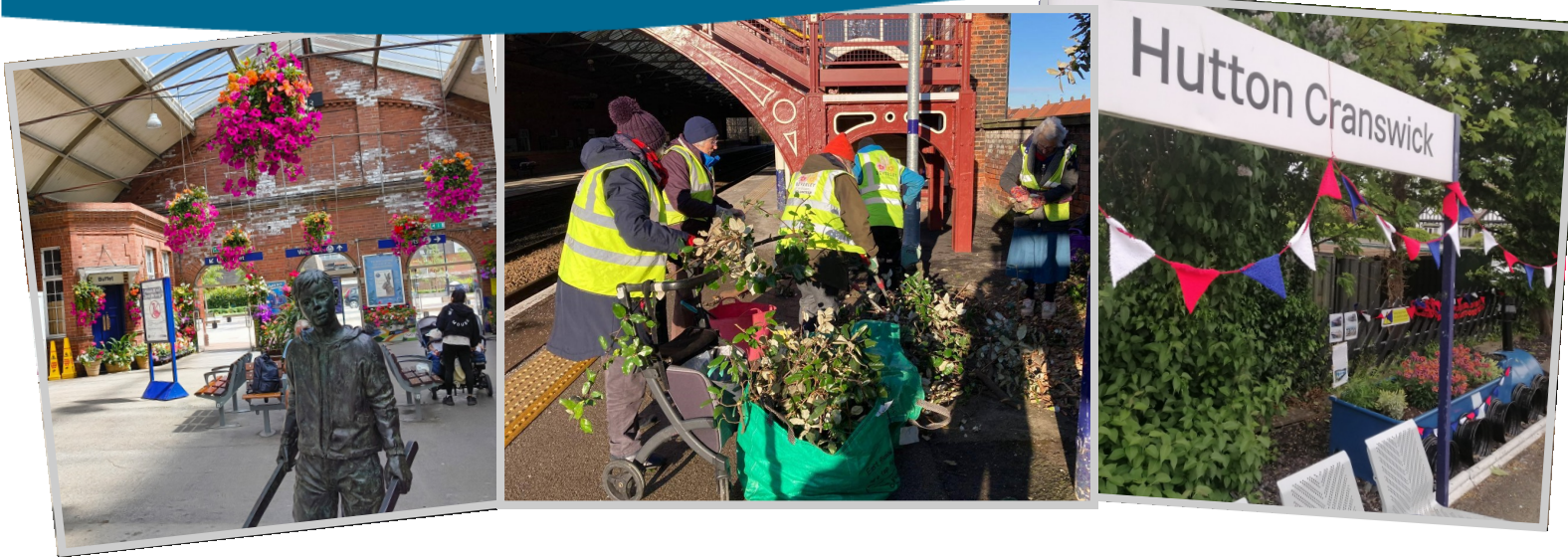
Our mobile app Traxplorer continues to grow and is very popular, with many active users taking part in the weekly challenges. The app acts as a line guide and travel companion and includes all the local attractions for each station.

Our rail officer is an active member of Community Rail's Tourism Network and attends their regular meetings where CRPs share ideas and inspiration.

We joined in all of the tourism network's online social media campaigns during the year with our own linked posts, and also participated in all the big national campaigns such as English Tourism Week and National Heritage Days.



# Supporting and celebrating our station adopters



Most of the stations that we cover are adopted by local community groups and we are extremely proud of the work that they do to look after their stations.

We support these groups of volunteers as they work all year round to plant flowers, tidy up, report faults and work with local schools on artwork project, making their stations vibrant community hubs.

## 5 stations won Yorkshire in Bloom awards !

Our stations attract lots of positive comments from passengers and rail staff and we are very pleased that this year they have been recognized by winning and being shortlisted for many awards.

We scooped five awards in the Yorkshire in Bloom competition this year. Bridlington, Beverley, Hunmanby and Hutton Cranswick stations all won gold awards and Cottingham station won silver gilt. Cottingham station has only recently been adopted by Working for Health CIC and their volunteers and staff, supported by the parish council, have done an amazing job this year of totally transforming the station.

## 4 stations shortlisted for Community Rail awards !

Four of our stations entered the Community Rail awards and all four have been shortlisted in the 'Its your station' category which recognizes stations that have great planting schemes, work sustainably, celebrate their heritage and involve the community. We look forward to finding out if Bridlington, Cottingham, Beverley and Hutton Cranswick stations win at the awards ceremony in March 2026.

# Social Media and Marketing






We continue to shout about the great work that we do via our website and social media channels as well as regular press releases and newsletters.

In June a four page feature about the Yorkshire Coast line and the work of the YCCRP appeared in Rail magazine.

Northern kindly let us have notice boards on all of their stations that we cover and Alan keeps these updates with all our latest news and events.



Rachel and Alan look after our social media channels which are all very active and see significant yearly growth in followers and reach. Our Website had a refresh this year and receives an average of 93 unique visitors per month.

	Followers	Increase in followers since Dec 2024	Average post views
	2655	201	2158
	598	57	225
	54	31	35
	16	14	22
	68	68	732



# Passenger numbers are increasing

The latest figures from the Office of Rail and Road (ORR) show the estimates of station usage from April 2024 to March 2025.

The tables below shows the data for our stations compared with the previous year and it is good to see that all except Arram have increased significantly.

We continue to work with the train operating companies to encourage train travel and passenger confidence.

Station Name	Entries and exits Apr 24 - Mar25	Rank 24/25	Entries and exits Apr 23 - Mar24	Rank 23/24
Hull	2908428	187	2639696	196
Scarborough	1001114	537	896794	549
Beverley	754186	677	642776	711
Bridlington	546078	830	491854	832
Cottingham	318072	1129	258492	1185
Driffield	275396	1205	244472	1221
Filey	172798	1476	152458	1485
Seamer	164494	1506	132030	1560
Hutton Cranswick	44492	2088	35988	2096
Nafferton	40808	2116	33490	2123
Hunmanby	40664	2120	37196	2089
Bempton	23682	2241	20752	2233
Arram	1030	2540	1790	2491

Station Name	Entries and exits Apr 24 - Mar25	Rank 24/25	Entries and exits Apr 23 - Mar24	Rank 23/24
Brough	551506	826	473044	848
Hessle	82812	1840	61774	1920
Ferriby	55512	2007	47348	2012

# Plans for 2026

**2026 is the second year of the national Railway 200 celebrations and we will continue to celebrate it in our projects and activities.**

**Here are some of the things we are planning for 2026 :**

- Working with Scarborough 6th Form College to produce a Railway 200 timeline artwork to go along the wall above the longest station seat at Scarborough and to be reproduced in some form at all stations on the line.
- A pack of station to station walk leaflets which will encourage people to use the train in combination with walking for days out.
- More Try the Train programmes, working with different groups of people to promote rail confidence through a series of workshops and train trips.
- A Forget-me-not train trip with the Bridlington Right Minds group for people living with dementia.
- Celebrate Yorkshire Day on 1st August with a grand station gala at Bridlington Station.
- Railway 200 mural on the approach to Scarborough station.
- A photo competition entitled 'The spirit of the Yorkshire Coast Line' that will lead to a calendar using some of the photos.
- A possible follow on event to the longest station seat event.
- Pushing to get Hessle station adopted and working with the new adopters and Hymers college to transform the station with new artwork and planting and to link it better with the town.
- Continue to build on the work done at Filey station with a community event to celebrate.
- Continue to support events along the line such as Armed forces day, Heritage Open Days, Scarborough Expo and Beverley Christmas festival.



# Finance and Governance

We use the services of Humber and Wolds Rural Action to facilitate the employment of our rail officer, look after our finances and provide administrative support for the YCCRP.

The simplified tables below show the period from 1st April 2025 to 31st January 2026

<b>TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	<b>£ 109,337.64</b>
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## Income

Northern community funding	£ 3,770.25
TransPennine Trains - Exhibition	£ 2,000.00
Community Rail Network - Exhibition	£ 2,000.00
TransPennine Trains - Bench Event	£ 500.00
North Yorkshire Council	£ 3,500.00
Community Rail Lancashire (Try the Train)	£ 300.00
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	£ 2,750.00
Barrow Boy Book income	£ 287.29
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£ 15,107.54</b>

## Expenditure

Wages/NI/pension	£ 20,908.71
HWRA management fee	£ 5,000.00
Cost of activities	£ 2,933.13
Cost of marketing materials, stationary, printing	£ 1,697.40
volunteer expenses (travel etc)	£ 356.01
Station flowers and decorations	£ 1,503.28
memberships/subscriptions	£ 428.00
insurance	£ 654.02
Room hire	£ 355.44
Railway 200 events	£ 5,265.00
Barrow boy book costs	£ 1,711.37
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£ 40,812.36</b>

Balance at 31 January 2026

£

83,632.82



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