



**Community Rail Conference**  
*Connecting Communities with the Railways*  
**8 & 9 / 15 & 16 March 2021**  
**DRAFT Programme**

**Part 1**

**Monday 8 March: 10:00 – 13:30**

*(optional networking session over lunch)*

**10:00 – 10:15**      **Host for session 1 – Opening the conference, welcome and introduction, setting the scene**  
*Jools Townsend, Chief Executive, Community Rail Network*

**THEME 1**

**Engaging and galvanising relationships with local communities, including volunteers and local partners**

**External case study**

**10:15 – 10:30**      **'Stronger Healthier, More Active Communities'**  
*Matt Conway, The English Football League Trust (tbc)*

**10:30 – 10:40**      **Q&A with Matt**

**11:10 – 11:20**      **Discussion**

**Community rail case studies session**

**10:40 – 10:55**      **Backtrack / Community Rail Education Network**

**10:55 – 11:10**      **Setting up a CRP and engaging with the community during challenging times,**  
*Dawn Lyle, South West Wales Connected*

**11:10 – 11:20**      **Discussion**

**11:20 – 11:30**      **Break**

**11:30 – 12:00**      **Breakout groups** - *Please check the delegate list to see if you have been allocated a number for the breakout session and join the appropriate room. If you do not have a number allocated, please feel free to join the general networking room to catch up with other community rail and industry colleagues.*

**12:00 – 12:05**      **Summary and closing remarks**  
*Jools Townsend, Community Rail Network*

**12:05 - 12:30**

**Lunch break** - *The conference Zoom meeting will stay open for informal networking in breakout rooms so if you wish to network with colleagues over lunch, please feel free to do so.*

**13:30 – 14:30**

**Celebrating 'Women in Community Rail' for International Women's Day**  
Join this diversity focused group to celebrate International Women's Day

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### Part 2

**Tuesday 9 March: 10:00 – 13:30**

*(optional networking session over lunch)*

**10:00 - 10:15**      **Welcome and introduction, setting the scene**  
**Shawney Murphy**, Stations & Community Rail Policy Manager, Department for Transport

### THEME 2

## Restarting/prioritising projects and activities to support social and economic recovery

### External case study

**10:15 – 10:30**      **Prince's Trust – 'Kickstart - Supporting Young People into Employment'** *(tbc)*

**10:30 – 10:40**      **Q&A**

### Community Rail Case Studies session

**10:40 – 10:55**      **'Better Side of the Tracks' - social regeneration project**  
**Warren Birch**, Community Rail Cumbria

**10:55 – 11:10**      **'Suit Yourself' - economic regeneration project**  
**Bobby Lock**, Isle of Wight CRP

**11:10 - 11:20**      **Discussion**

**11:20 – 11:30**      **Break**

**11:30 – 12:00**      **Breakout groups** - *Please check the delegate list to see if you have been allocated a number for the breakout session and join the appropriate room. If you do not have a number allocated, please feel free to join the general networking room to catch up with other community rail and industry colleagues*

**12:00 - 12:30**      **Lunch break** - *The conference Zoom meeting will stay open for informal networking in breakout rooms so if you wish to network with colleagues over lunch, please feel free to do so.*

**12:30 - 13:30**      **Network Rail's Social Performance Strategy linking to Community Rail**, with Liz Holford, Sustainability Strategy Manager, Network Rail

**13:00 – 13:05**      **Summary and closing remarks**  
**Shawney Murphy**, Stations & Community Rail Policy Manager, Department for Transport

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**Part 3**

**Monday 15 March: 10:00 – 12:05**

*(optional networking session over lunch)*

**10:00 - 10:15**      **Welcome and introduction, setting the scene**  
**Richard Burningham**, *Chair, Community Rail Network*

**THEME 3**

**Bringing communities together, working with vulnerable/marginalised groups and promoting social inclusion**

**External case study**

**10:15 – 10:30**      **Good Things Foundation** *(tbc)*

**10:30 – 10:40**      **Q&A**

**Community rail case studies session**

**10:40 – 10:55**      **'Lyric & Line' project**  
**Malcolm Chainey**, *Tyne Valley CRP*

**10:55 – 11:10**      **'From Seats to Sacks' project**  
**Karen Bennett**, *Community Rail Lancashire*

**11:10 - 11:20**      **Discussion**

**11:20 – 11:30**      **Break**

**11:30 – 12:00**      **Breakout groups** - *Please check the delegate list to see if you have been allocated a number for the breakout session and join the appropriate room. If you do not have a number allocated, please feel free to join the general networking room to catch up with other community rail and industry colleagues.*

**12:00 – 12:05**      **Summary/closing remarks**  
**Richard Burningham**, *Chair, Community Rail Network*

**12:05 – 12:35**      **Informal Networking** - *The conference Zoom meeting will stay open for 30 minutes of informal networking in the 'General networking' breakout rooms.*

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### Part 4

**Tuesday 16 March: 10:00 – 14:05**

*(optional networking session over lunch)*

**10:00 - 10:15**      **Host for session 4 – welcome and introduction, setting the scene**  
*Simon Huish, Head of Stations & Community Rail, Department for Transport*

### THEME 4

## Promoting rail as safe, accessible and sustainable travel

### External case study

**10:15 - 10:30**      **Keith Richards, Chair of the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee** *(tbc)*

**10:30 – 10:40**      **Q&A with Keith**

### Community rail case studies session

**10:40 – 10:55**      **'Round robin' multi-modal travel ticket**  
*Nick Farthing, Three Rivers CRP*

**10:55 – 11:10**      **'Baby, I want you Back!' - winning passengers back as part of longer-term recovery**  
*Mike Parker-Bray, Devon & Cornwall Rail Partnership*

**11:10 - 11:20**      **Discussion**

**11:20 – 11:30**      **Break**

**11:30 – 12:00 -**      **Breakout groups** - *Please check the delegate list to see if you have been allocated a number for the breakout session and join the appropriate room. If you do not have a number allocated, please feel free to join the general networking room to catch up with other community rail and industry colleagues.*

**12:00 - 12:15**      **Helping community rail to flourish - looking to the future**  
*Jools Townsend, Chief Executive, Community Rail Network*

**12:15 – 12:20**      **Q&A with Jools**

**12:20 – 13:10**      **Lunch break** - *The conference Zoom meeting will stay open for informal networking over lunch in the 'General networking' breakout rooms.*

**13:10 – 14:00**      **Department for Transport, update on the Rail Reform**  
*Joshua Monahan, Devolutions and Regions Lead, Department for Transport*

**14:00 – 14:05**      **Closing the conference - Summary/closing remarks**  
*Simon Huish, Head of Stations & Community Rail, Department for Transport*