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Please find enclosed our latest Community Rail Report.

2024 has been a transformative year, defined by significant political change and notable progress for East Midlands Railway and the communities we serve. Our railways are an essential part of transporting people and goods around the country and play a vital role in connecting up our economy. I am proud of all the activities and achievements within Community Rail and the projects they have supported. As we prepare to celebrate the 200th-anniversary of the railways in 2025, it's a fitting moment to reflect on how far we've come and the vital role the railway continues to play in shaping our collective future.

This report showcases some of the incredible achievements we've accomplished together. Our Station Adoption Scheme has grown to 770 volunteers across 101 stations, a testament to the dedication of our community ambassadors and adopters. This year, we've focused on enhancing the experience for these volunteers, from developing a more efficient database to beginning the process of achieving the Investing in Volunteers standard. These steps ensure that our adopters feel valued and supported in their vital work.

Collaboration remains at the heart of our success. Indeed several of our projects were made possible by securing match funding helping to make the railway more financially sustainable. In Beeston, we worked with station adopters, Network Rail, and even local Beaver groups to address safety concerns. By combining creative artwork with rail safety education, we significantly reduced trespassing incidents while strengthening the community's connection to the station. Similarly, transformative projects like the Whitwell Community Garden and Market Rasen's Community Café highlight the powerful impact of working together to address local needs.

Our annual Community Rail and Station Adopters Conference in Nottingham exemplified the value of these partnerships. With over 170 attendees, the event offered a platform to celebrate achievements, share knowledge, and plan for the future. The workshops on biodiversity, funding, and education showcased the innovative ways our volunteers and partners contribute to the railway's success. Feedback from the conference confirmed its importance in recognising and empowering those who give so much to their communities.

As we look ahead, the upcoming 200th-anniversary of the railway offers a moment to honour the rich legacy of our industry while setting our sights firmly on the future. By embracing sustainability, innovation, and community, we can continue to make the railways a force for good, bringing people together and creating opportunities for communities.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to another successful year.

Will Rogers, Managing Director

# **Summary of Report**

Over the past 12 months, we have continuously supported our Community Rail Partnerships, Station Adopters and the communities we serve.

The 2024 report is structured as below and shows how this has been achieved and how we can continue to support, learn and strive to improve our community engagement activity, in line with the DfT's Community Rail Strategy.

- Community Rail Partnerships
- Allocating core CRP funding
- Feedback from our CRPs
- Community Development Fund & non-financial support
- Stations Community Development Fund
- Station Adoption
- EMR Community Rail case studies



## **Community Rail Partnerships**

## **Allocating The Community Rail Partnership Fund**

We are committed to provide core funding for the eleven current CRPs listed below that are either wholly or partly served by EMR. This is to support the delivery of the Secretary of State's Community Rail Development Strategy.

We have a close relationship with Community Rail Network, working with the area representative regularly. We meet on a quarterly basis, to discuss CRPs and station adoption within the EMR region.

"Community Rail Network are once again happy to support the proposed allocations of core funding as listed in the table to the CRPs across the EMR network. We welcome the commitment from EMR to protect these levels of minimum core funding for CRPs on their network but note that this is at the current levels whilst real-terms costs incurred by CRPs are constantly increasing. The goal to see these amounts index linked for future settlements was discussed, and sufficient account has been taken of our views.

The positive commitment towards community rail activities by EMR staff at all levels of the business is particularly pleasing to note as is the provision of a community rail project fund. Community Rail Network have an excellent relationship with the well-resourced EMR community engagement team, often collaborating on events and activities and joining in with their regular CRP catch-up meetings, workshops at presenting at the annual EMR Community Rail Conference.

Station adoption groups are well looked after too by the community engagement team, through funding, encouragement to register with Community Rail Network and the regular informative e-bulletin updates from the EMR community engagement team.".

## Paul Webster - Community Rail Network - Region Support Manager (05/11/2024)

As per the Annual Business Plan submission, the table below sets out our funding plans for core contributions to Community Rail Partnerships:

COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP	2024-25	2025-26*	2026-27*
Derwent Valley Line (Derby – Matlock	£27,290	£27,290	£27,290
Poacher Line (Nottingham – Skegness)	£27,290	£27,290	£27,290
North Nottinghamshire & Lincolnshire (Lincoln, Saxilby, Gainsborough Lea Rd and Market Rasen stations)	£27,290	£27,290	£27,290
North Staffordshire (Derby – Crewe)	£27,290	£27,290	£27,290
Barton Cleethorpes (Barton - Cleethorpes)	£27,290	£27,290	£27,290
Robin Hood Line (Nottingham – Worksop)	£27,290	£27,290	£27,290
Derbyshire (currently managed by Derwent Valley Line CRP)	£14,287	£14,287	£14,287
Penistone Line (Sheffield – Huddersfield)	£7,337	£7,337	£7,337
Marston Vale (Bedford - Bletchley)	£7,337	£7,337	£7,337
High Peak & Hope Valley (Buxton, Hope Valley and Glossop lines)	£7,337	£7,337	£7,337
Hereward (Peterborough – Ely)	£7,337	£7,337	£7,337
Beds & Herts (Bedford – St Albans)	£7,337	£7,337	£7,337
TOTAL	£214,712	£214,712	£214,712

<sup>\*2024-25</sup> prices

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## Feedback from our CRPs

EMR and the Community Engagement Team work in close partnership with our CRPs to maximise potential and impact. The below testaments from our CRPs are a credit to the team and the CRPs and demonstrate collaborative working relationships.

## NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE CRP – SAM SMITH, NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE CRP OFFICER

EMR is a core funder of the North Staffordshire Community Rail Partnership, but more importantly, is in all senses our core partner. In the last 12 months it has directly fiscally supported:

- the creation of a Bee Friendly Garden at Tutbury and Hatton Station
- a volunteer action day to clear fly tipping at Longport

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- new planters at several stations including at Alsager, Kidsgrove, Peartree, and Derby
- new waiting shelters at Alsager and Peartree which feature a built in waterbutt

As well as indirectly supporting through making staff available for community projects, such as:

- St Martins Schools bi-weekly visits to Peartree Station, which would not have been as productive without the assistance of Station Service Technicians Neil and Kev
- ensuring EMR were represented at the Kidsgrove Station Meet the Manager day

EMRs funding support is not restricted to station improvements, with it keen to fund outreach activities also, e.g. EMR is funding almost 500 children to take part in 'Skills Builder' training and rail safety sessions over the next few months.

However, the support offered by EMR is far deeper than just funding. In the last 12 months there have been extensive changes in personnel at the North Staffordshire Community Rail Partnership, with a change in both officer and chair. In both cases EMR, and particularly Community Ambassador Alexa Stott, have supported with recruitment and induction, which has ensured a smooth transition, and service continuity.

EMR is also an ambitious partner to work with, they strive to create the best possible stations. For instance, following jointly installing new planters at Derby station it has encouraged us to further improve the welcome passengers feel as they arrive at the station and involve all parts of the community. At Derby station this is manifesting as working with a local alternative education provider to commission young people from deprived backgrounds to create cladding for the existing planters.

We are also pleased to have a collaborative relationship with EMR, when we propose station enhancements, EMR provide detailed constrictive criticism as required, helping us to develop our proposals into viable projects. These proposals ensure our station adopters, all 80 of them, feel appreciated and empowered them to improve their stations.

## HEREWARD LINE CRP – WENDY OTTER, TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, FENLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Over the last 12 months the Hereward CRP has moved into a new phase of work though our Try a Train Programme, station visits work and Meet the Manager Events. We are focusing more on assisting different sections of our community, providing opportunity where it didn't exist prior to our programme and working to help address the deprivation and regeneration work that is desperately needed in North Cambridgeshire. EMR have provided valuable assistance and technical expertise to enable these projects to be successfully delivered.

EMR has attended our events to assist on the day, provided promotional items and railway safety merchandise. Staff from EMR came to speak about careers in the railway for a local Girl Guide group and met members of the public at a range of events. We also held our first Community Rail Day outside of our line at Stamford Station that EMR facilitated and helped to organise. This provided us with new opportunities to develop our Meet the Manager concept and to make more people aware of our line and places you can visit by train.

EMR also assisted with a Health and Safety review of our Risk Assessments for these events, helping to ensure that we are addressing the right issues and supporting people to attend. These two programmes have provided life changing experiences for our local residents, many of whom have not been on a train before. Social experience and new opportunities for people to meet with friends and make new friends have also been significant. Children have learnt new skills, including: gardening, understanding railway safety at stations and level crossings, and have learnt about the history of their station. EMR has made a significant contribution to the success of this programme and all the events that have taken place.

## PENISTONE LINE CRP - SARAH WELLS, PENISTONE LINE CRP OFFICER

We are fortunate to have EMR support us as a Community Rail line that runs into Sheffield station. EMR has assisted our partnership with core funding and recently match-funded a project for Penistone Line Partnership and South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA). This has made it possible to develop a children's storybook and Podcast in partnership with Grimm & Co. a children's and young people's charity. This will commemorate Railway 200 and provide links to the Children's Capital of Culture. The EMR team invites our Community Rail Officer to forums and conferences. These are well-attended, informative, and relevant to our roles in community rail.

## BEDS & HERTS CRP – ANDY BUCKLEY, COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP OFFICER

Beds and Herts CRP is grateful for the support that EMR has provided the Partnership, both financially and with the various activities arranged. An example would be the support group for the Line Officers which included Rail Safety Training which is useful for when liaising with schools and community groups. As well as a virtually reality safety session with Network Rail which was most enlightening. Networking opportunities have also been excellent, providing a means to hear what the railway company are planning and also what other EMR-supported CRPs have been up to - all useful stuff! We also acknowledge the amount of effort and the sheer enthusiasm that the EMR Community Engagement Team put into the promotion of Community Rail and the support they give us even as a peripheral CRP - and we look forward to further working together in the future.

## **EMR Community Fund**

With a Community Fund of £200,000, we have helped support many groups that are within a  $15 \, \text{km}$  radius of the EMR network as well as our CRPs and station adoption groups. The variety and amount of applications show the importance of having this fund available, with a diverse range of projects and importantly increased value from match funding.

The below table detail the amount of funding that we have given to 104 projects projects, so far during this financial year 2024/25\*. A full list of projects is annexed at the end of this report.\*\*

	2024/25	
	EMR FUNDING	THIRD PARTY FUNDING
AVAILABLE FUNDS	£182,655	£460,386.25

<sup>\*</sup>correct as of 6 December 2024

<sup>\*\*</sup>Project funding continues to be spent up to 31 March 2025

# Non-Financial Marketing Support

Throughout the year we support our CRP and Station Adoption groups with non-financial marketing support. Projects we've supported this year include:

- Network Rail rail safety boards at Beeston
- Lowdham School sustainable artwork
- Long Eaton History Boards
- Trip on the train to Lincoln a day out with Burton Joyce and Lowdham Station Adopters
- Rail Safety Pathway resources
- Facilitated stands at Sheffield and Nottingham stations for Community Rail Week

## CASE STUDY: RAIL SAFETY BOARDS AT BEESTON – COLLABORATION WITH STATION ADOPTERS AND NETWORK RAIL

Beeston Station Access for All has seen issues at a local level with trespassing across the track due to closures leading to longer walking times to change platforms. The local station adoption group worked with EMR, Network Rail and the local Beaver group to deliver rail safety and create some posters to put up at the station.

Using what they had learnt in the rail safety session the Beavers created some artwork that our Marketing and Design team turned into anti trespass messaging. We found this, along with other safety additions at the station reduced the trespass risk significantly. It is proven that when artwork is installed at stations created by the local community, it is looked at and adhered to and also reduces vandalism. Giving the community a sense of ownership and pride at the station.



## **EMR Station Adoption Scheme**

EMR's Station Adoption Scheme continues to go from strength to strength, with a 10% year on year growth in volunteers, we currently have 770 Station Adopters across 101 Stations. The interest and increase in our station adoption scheme is a testament to the hard work of our EMR Community Ambassadors, who ensure the Station Adopters Health and Safety is a priority, and support groups with funding, projects and enhancing their stations.

Due to the growth in volunteers, we took time to review our procedures and are working with our IT team to create a new database. This will be a welcomed addition to reduce admin time for the Community Engagement Team, when onboarding and bring the volunteers management system more in line with the technology we use as a wider business, protecting the database as an integral asset.

We have also started the process to gain our Investing in Volunteers standard. This award ensures we review, regulate, and maintain excellent standards when managing volunteers, it also shows to our station adopters that we value them and strive to provide the best possible experience for them when they are volunteering.

In October 2024, we held our Annual Community Rail and Station Adopters Conference, at the Motorpoint Arena in Nottingham. We chose a more central location this year, to showcase the EMR network and allow easier access for our station adopters who live the East. Over 170 guests from across the network joined us for a day of informative speakers, workshops, and networking. Hosted by Simon Pready, Commercial Director, the day started with Will Rogers MD, thanking the adopters for their hard work, and provided industry updates. This was followed by three workshops with a variety of speakers, based around three themes: Biodiversity, Funding and Education.

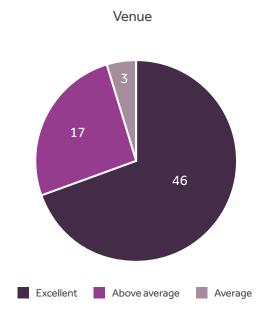
We had informative presentations from:

#### **Biodiversity**

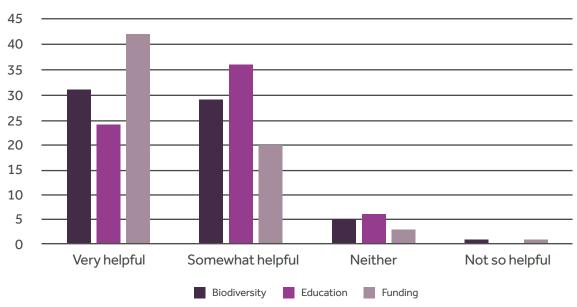
- Barrow upon Soar Station Adoption Group
- Blythe Bridge Station Adoption Group
- Belper Station Adopters
- Friends of Radcliffe Station
- Boston Station Adopters
- Great Coates in Bloom

#### **Education**

- Engineered Learning
- Friends of Lowdham and Burton Joyce Station
- Wirksworth Primary School



#### Workshops



#### **COMMENTS:**

'Choice of venue worked well with the location making it easier for those adopters in the east of the EMR region to get there. Check in went more smoothly this year. Good variety of food available at lunchtime.'

'It was good to hear from Will & Simon from EMR first hand, which meant a lot to me as an Adopter; my volunteer role was respected. Thank you! I also enjoyed the chance to see and hear about the Lowdham Signal Box. Such a treat!'

'These events are always good, but the organisation of this year's clearly took on board lessons learnt from last year's. For example, the registration arrangements at the start of the day went very smoothly, and **the 'Marketplace' was better than hitherto**.'

'It was my first and I found it **informative and rewarding**. I will definitely go again.'

'I enjoyed this year more than previous events as it did seem to **focus more on volunteers** - thank you.'

Throughout the year the EMR Community Engagement Team celebrate all the incredible work that the Community Rail Partnerships and Station Adopters achieve. This comes in the form of a newsletter released during National Volunteers Week in June, as well as press releases and via X (formally Twitter). Some examples of this are below:

EMR create rail safety activity book for primary school children

EMR looking for volunteers to adopt remaining stations on network

EMR urges community groups to bid for part of £200,000 funding pot









We remain committed to our Station Adopters and CRPs to provide opportunities that support the DfT's Community Rail Development Strategies (CRDS) 'Four Pillars,' some of these are detailed in the below case studies.

## **Community Rail Case Studies**

The Community Development Fund has remained open throughout 2024, and we are delighted to have been able to support over 104 projects, year to date.

The six case studies below highlight some of the projects that we have been fortunate to fund and support during 2024.

# CASE STUDY ONE: High Peak and Hope Valley CRP - Ethels Exploits

**PARTNERS** 

High Peak and Hope Valley CRP, Whitworks Adventures in Theatre, Newfield School, East Midlands Railway, Northern

## **FUNDING**

EMR £2,100 Third Party Funding £6,600 **Total = £8,700** 

DfT Community Rail Development Strategy (CRDS) four pillars

Providing a voice for the Community, Bringing Communities together and supporting Diversity and Inclusion

The 'Exploits of Ethel' is a project which saw the production of a youth theatre performance celebrating the life of significant local figure, Ethel Haythornthwaite. She was an activist and environmentalist whose campaigning helped lead to the creation of the Peak District National Park and it is thanks to Ethel that the Hope Valley railway line remains in operation today.

The project kicked off with a series of workshops led by Whitworks Adventures in Theatre, where 240 Year 7 students from Newfield School,

Sheffield examined letters, photos and maps to explore how Ethel's work protected the land around Sheffield. Then, in October 2024, the all-female cast took to the stage over three nights to perform 'The Exploits of Ethel'.

EMR's project funding helped towards paying for the playwright and director to develop and deliver the project. Additional funding was used to buy hoodies for the cast and support crew, bringing a sense of identity to the production.



# CASE STUDY TWO: Robin Hood Line CRP - Whitwell Garden

### **PARTNERS**

Robin Hood Line CRP, Just Good Friends, EMR, Cross Country Trains, Community Rail Network

#### **FUNDING**

EMR £30,000, Third Party Funding £44,194 **Total = £74,194** 

DfT Community Rail Development Strategy (CRDS) four pillars Providing a voice for the Community, Bringing communities together and supporting Diversity and Inclusion

Whitwell station had a disused piece of land adjacent to the walkway and overbridge. The land was purchased many years ago in the hope of building properties, however due to the proximity to the station planning permission was never gained. The Robin Hood Line CRP approached the owners of the land and agreed to purchase it to turn it into a Community Garden with a local charity called Just Good Friends who have a day centre locally for adults with learning disabilities.

The land has been transformed into an open Community Garden which has grow your own, sensory areas and quiet reflective areas. Just Good Friends who are also station adopters for EMR manage and maintain the garden with their group, which provides an excellent learning facility as well as providing a positive impact on health and wellbeing. The garden is open to the public during the day as well for them to enjoy whilst waiting for a train. This is a truly transformative project which has boosted the local community and turned the station into a much more welcoming and friendly place for everyone that uses it.







# CASE STUDY THREE: North Notts and Lincs CRP - Market Rasen Station Community Cafe

### **PARTNERS**

North Notts and Lincs CRP, East Midlands Railway, Community Rail Network, Lincolnshire County Council

#### **FUNDING**

EMR £4,999, Third Party Funding £6,001 **Total = £11,000** 

DfT Community Rail Development Strategy (CRDS) four pillars Providing a voice for the Community, bringing communities together and supporting Diversity and Inclusion, supporting social and economic development.

The Adult Learning Centre for Lincolnshire County Council rent the building at Market Rasen Station for day respite and learning purposes. The group identified a gap in the area for a Community Café, with nothing being available for passengers waiting for a train.

A proposal was put together to run a
Community Café however they would need
funding to turn the kitchen area into a compliant
food preparation area ensuring all health and
hygiene measures could be met, so the adults
accessing the centre could work in the café.
Working closely with Lincolnshire County
Council, NNLCRP put together a funding bid
and the café came to life. The café provides an

incredible sense of independence for the adult learners that attend the day care centre, they learn new skills weekly as well as being able to socialise with customers that come and wait for a train.

To enhance the project North Notts and Lincs CRP worked with EMR to provide a try the train trip for the adult learners as many of them had never travelled by train before. The learners went from Market Rasen to Cleethorpes and had a day out at the seaside.

The collaborative nature of this project has also led to EMR working closely with Lincolnshire County Council to create two more Community Cafes at both Boston and Skegness station.



# CASE STUDY FOUR: Hereward CRP- Promoting Peterborough

### **PARTNERS**

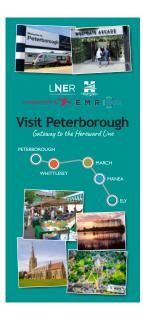
Hereward CRP, LNER, EMR, Cross Country Trains, Greater Anglia, Community Rail Network

## **FUNDING**

EMR £4,874, Third Party Funding £11,375.25 **Total = £16,249.25** 

DfT Community Rail Development Strategy (CRDS) four pillars

Bringing communities together and supporting Diversity and Inclusion, Promoting sustainable, accessible and healthy travel



Promoting Peterborough saw the CRP work with their main Train Operating Companies to market the city and additionally promote places that can be reached from the station. A 'Gateway' brochure was created to sell the benefits of visiting Peterborough, with images of key destinations and attractions on the Hereward Line and highlight the ease of access from Peterborough to various places around the UK.

Walking and cycling maps for Peterborough City Centre and for Peterborough and the surrounding area (including Stamford) were designed and printed and complimented the other maps for the further down the Hereward Line.

The creation of a city centre map also highlighted the ease of accessibility to main attractions from the station.

To compliment this work LNER installed brochure racks at the station to ensure the passengers could access them easily and the Hereward Line shared these on their website and social media.

# CASE STUDY FIVE: Robin Hood Line CRP - Woolly Mammoth

## **PARTNERS**

Robin Hood Line CRP, EMR, Engineered Learning

## **FUNDING**

EMR £1,400, Third Party Funding £543

Total = £1,943

DfT Community Rail Development Strategy (CRDS) four pillars

Promoting sustainable, accessible and healthy travel, Supporting Social and Economic development

As part of the Fusion 2 project, 12 learners who were not in education, employment or training designed and created a Woolly Mammoth for Creswell Station. Working with the Robin Hood Line CRP and Engineered Learning, the students completed a programme to inspire them to go back into education or training.

Last year the Robin Hood Line CRP worked very closely with Creswell Crags, the World Heritage Site to provide a brass rubbing trail between the station and the visitor attraction. To enhance this they partnered with Engineered Learning and the students to make a steel Woolly Mammoth, with the aim of promoting Creswell

Crags further. This is an iconic statue for the local community to remind them of the unique heritage of the area they live in.

The Woolly Mammoth was craned into place and stands proud at the entrance to the station, the students that took part in the project are all back in education or training with two going on to be engineers.





# CASE STUDY SIX: Poacher Line CRP- Flyaway Boston 'Wings'

**PARTNERS** 

Poacher Line CRP, RSPB Frampton and Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, Boston Realm, EMR, Community Rail Network

## **FUNDING**

EMR £1,625, Third Party Funding: £1,550 **Total = £3,175** 

DfT Community Rail Development Strategy (CRDS) four pillars Promoting sustainable, accessible and healthy travel, Supporting social and Economic development

The Poacher Line CRP worked closely with Boston Realm who created a 'Wings' project to engage the local community in the unique wildlife in the area. With RSPB Frampton and Frieston Shore being nearby, 'Wings' of butterflies were created by local artists to create a trail through the town.

Aiming to promote nature recovery, educate people on the unique wildlife in the area, people on the trail are encouraged to stand in front of

the wings to share on social media and promote the message and encourage further visitors to the area.

One of the wings has been placed on a derelict window at Boston Station, not only brightening up the area but also integrates the station into the community and becoming known to visitors as it is part of the trail.





Once again, we have seen the value that supporting our Community Partners brings not only to our stations, but to the communities we serve across the EMR network. The Community Engagement Team and CRPs have played a vital role in supporting the strong passenger growth over the past year, with the regional routes increasing by 17% during the period.

We have made some exciting developments over the past year, with us working towards launching our seventh core Community Rail Partnership, building a new database to better serve our Station Adopters and starting the Investing in Volunteers standard.

We are committed to exploring further ways to connect communities to their railways, and with next year being the anniversary of Railway 200 it provides the perfect opportunity to expand our reach and showcase our wonderful industry. We are working closely with all our CRPs and Station Adopters to capture the spirit of this anniversary with events planned throughout the year.

We are harnessing the Rail Social Value Tool to continue to monitor impact and expand how we use this tool, to ensure we are monitoring all our engagement work effectively.

We will continue to showcase the fantastic work that we see across the network, shining a light on our CRPs and Station Adopters through press releases and social media support. We want to bring Community Rail to the forefront of the industry, recognising that the army of volunteers we have play a crucial part in improving our stations for passengers with a minimal cost impact on the business.

## **APPENDIX**

 ${\sf EMR}\ {\sf Community}\ {\sf Development}\ {\sf Fund}.\ {\sf Below}\ {\sf are}\ {\sf the}\ {\sf details}\ {\sf of}\ {\sf the}\ {\sf 99}\ {\sf projects}\ {\sf we}\ {\sf have}\ {\sf funded}\ {\sf year}\ {\sf to}\ {\sf date}.$ 

CRP/COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT NAME
Friends of Burton Joyce and Lowdham Station	Artwork with Lowdham School
High Peak and Hope Valley CRP	Ethels Exploit
Friends of Beeston Station	Education, Safety and Wellbeing at Beeston Station
Friends of Spondon Station	Spring into action
Draycott Millenium Green Trust	Create a space for Teen activity
South Derbyshire Water Polo Club	Qualification of coaches
Lincolnshire Travellers Initiative	Lincolnshire Online Learning Hub
Cool Genes	Cool Genes holiday club
1st Foxton Scout Group	Squirrels programme
Lincoln Invictus PAN disability	PAN disability Deaf & Hearing impaired youth FC
Willington WI	Memorial plaque
Acts Trust	International Welcome Cafe
Overseal pre School	Laptop
Asfordby Amateurs Ladies & Girls inclusive FC	Female Goalkeeper school
Caistor Food bank	Caistor foodbank summer project
North Staffs CRP	Bins for Sherwood park nr Peartree station
Rutland Railway Museum	Platform Viewing area
Barrow upon Soar Station Adoption Group	Replacement plants
Phoenix Farm Open Door Project	The Ark Community Cafe
Friends of Lea Road Station	Blooming Lea Road
Headway Derby	Travel support for Headway
Stapenhill FC	U7 squad attire
Great Central Railway (Nottingham)	Accessible Toilet
Foxton Primary School	Foxton Playscape
Mansfield and Sutton Astronomical Society	Changing places toilet
Buzzing Roots CIC	A Journey Through Mystery
Kibworth Grammar School Hall	Creating a community hub
East Coast Pride	East Coast Pride event 2024
Friends of BJ & Lowdham	Lincoln trip
Derwent Valley Line	Sprucing up the stations
South Wigston adopters	Nature reserve & Gardens
Friends of Metheringham Station	Wildlife area
Artworks Sheffield	Creation station
Saxilby girl guides	Planting
Derby County Community Trust	Rams Family Support holiday coaching
Boston Go Wheelers	Cycling Scheme
Mickleover CC	Cricket covers
Lincoln City Foundation	Parkinsons Group
Fort Laude School	VEX Robotics
Bingham Guides	Trip to Edinburgh
In Good Company	Departure Lounge
Stretton Eagles FC	Tournament
Carers First	Volunteer support

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CRP/COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT NAME
Sleaford Camraderie Club	Group support
Alfreton FC	Outdoor kit
Desborough Kick Boxing	Leicester new unit
East Midlands Parkway adopters	Start up kit
NK Seniors	Enriching the lives of seniors in Sleaford
Sheffield united junior blades	Girls U13 sponsorship
North Staffs CRP	Alsager Planters
North Staffs CRP	Kidsgrove Planters
1st Gedling Scouts	Get camping
1st Kibworth Scouts	Biodiversity enhancements
Burton Rotary	ESFSS Kitchen Garden Project
Engineered Learning	Active hands holiday programme
The Cooke E-Learning Foundation	Beaumont Leys Green Futures Intiative
Robin Hood Line CRP	Remembrance Day - large Poppy
Burton Rotary	Burton Station Renaissance
Radcliffe on Trent Station Adopters	Protecting the long bed project
Radcliffe on Trent Station Adopters	Radcliffe Junior School 'Wild Garden'
1538 CIC	Upskilling for Equality
Lincoln United Under 15	Winter training coats
Disability Opportunities in Sport UK	Chesterfield Sabres
Great Dalby Primary School	Bikeability - bike shelter
Root and Branch out CIC	Refurbishment of Communty Room
Stonebridge City Farm	Community Connections
Loughborough and Sileby new adopters	Start up kit
6th Ilkeston Rainbows and Brownies	Legoland discovery trip
Urban Challenge t/a VCS	Sleaford volunteering and community hub
The Pierce Perspective	Community Wellbeing Garden
Clipston Village Hall	AV equipment
Forever Stars	Baby loss workshops
3rd Hasland Browies	YWP Trip
Upbeat Communities	Refugee Intergration Hub
St Edwards Primary School	Chromebooks
Barrow upon Soar Station Adoption Group	Routes of Remembrance artwork
Fiskerton station adopters	Start up kit
Swinderby Station adopters	Start up kit
NNLCRP	Market Rasen Cafe construction
RHLCRP	Fusion 2
Hereward CRP	Uniform bid
Hereward CRP	Peterborough Promotional Bid
Poacher Line CRP	Rauceby Running in sign
Swinderby Station adopters	Start up kit - soil
High Peak and Hope Valley CRP	Ethels Exploits Hoodies
Barrow upon Soar Station Adoption Group	Community Artwork
Fiskerton station adopters	Start up kit - soil
Sileby start up kit	Start up kit - soil

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CRP/COMMUNITY GROUP	PROJECT NAME
Friends of Metheringham Station	IBC water harvesting attachment
Loughborough start up kit	Start up kit - soil
Bulwell Station adopters and RHLCRP	Bulwell station enhancements
Poacher Line CRP	Flyaway Boston
Penistone Line CRP	lt's all Grimm
Syston in Bloom	Syston station replacement planters
NSCRP	Skills Builder
Sense Loughborough	Car Park Machine revamp
South Wigston Station Adopters	Signage for wildflower area
Market Rasen Station Adoption Group	Public Liability insurance
Robin Hood Line CRP	New merchandise for promotions
Poacher Line CRP	Boston BC Christmas Tree
Narborough Adopters Group	Water aid and shrubs for planters
HPHVCRP and Whitworks in Art	Ethels Exploits 3
North Staffs CRP	Tommies for Remembrance
North Staffs CRP	Increased visibility for the CRP



