

WEBINAR AGENDA

“Longer-term impact through sustainable gardening and biodiversity at stations”

14:00 – 16:00, Wednesday 11 June 2025, hosted on Zoom

This webinar is free for Community Rail Network members, corporate and industry partners, government and third sector partners.

Description

This webinar will look at how community rail groups and their partners can have significant impact via sustainable gardening, by taking a longer-term, more strategic approach, focusing on biodiversity and bio-abundance.

Our panellists will share insights and practical examples that showcase how community rail can really help drive community-led change and make a lasting difference for all our futures.

Learning outcomes

- Learn how to develop sustainable gardening projects and activities that have a longer-term impact
- Understand the link between planting biodiversity and social value
- How to take a multi-partner approach
- Greater awareness of what to consider at planning stages

Programme

13:55 – 14:00 Webinar opens

Please allow plenty of time to connect via Zoom and check your set-up (*you will see a holding screen until the webinar is opened*)

14:00 – 14:05 Welcome and introductions

Hazel Lavery, Events & Partnerships Manager, Community Rail Network

- Brief run through webinar format and housekeeping
- Introduction to the session and panellists

14:05 – 14:25 Speaker 1: Dr. Neil Strong - Biodiversity Strategy Manager, Network Rail

14:25 – 14:45 Speaker 2: Adam Curtis - Senior Officer - Community Planting Projects, The Tree Council

14:45– 14:55 Q&A with panellists

14:55 – 15:05 Tea/coffee break (10 mins)

- 15:05 – 15:25 **Community Rail case study 1 – Flagship station for biodiversity pilot project**
Dave Carlisle - Chair, Friends of Buxton Station
- 15:25 – 15:45 **Community Rail case study 2 – ‘Greening Arundel’ and the Green Team**
Katrina Murray - Chair, Greening Arundel
- 15:45 – 16:00 **Q&A with panellists**
- 16:00 **Summary & close**
Hazel Lavery