

November 2019

Northern link up with schools in the Leeds City Region to discuss careers

Northern volunteers have been reaching out to communities across the Leeds City Region to promote the employment and skills opportunities available across the business, as well as showcasing the transformational change within the business thanks to the arrival of our new Class 195 and 331 trains.

Our volunteers have engaged with over 1,700 secondary school students and 2,000 primary school students this month, and educational partners have jumped at the chance to have Northern colleagues visit their schools to help inspire the potential young rail professionals of the future.

Manor Croft Academy careers day

Northern volunteers attended a careers day at Manor Croft Academy in Dewsbury, on Thursday 21 November, to talk about the different career paths available within the rail industry, the event was attended by over 1,000 students

Danielle Clarkson, Admin Support for Northern based at Leeds station, shared her experience of her journey into the rail industry. Danielle spoke about leaving education and working in retail

where she felt undervalued and unable to apply the skills she had developed at college, and now she works for Northern in a position where she feels valued and knows her hard work and dedication will open up further career opportunities.

One of the major challenges the school faces is to raise the aspirations of their students, and it was noted the year 11 students, particularly the young women amongst them, were listening with interest to Danielle's story. Several members of the teaching staff commented on how influential it was to have a positive role model the students could really relate to and what a great ambassador Danielle is for Northern.

Ossett Academy and Accord Sixth Form College annual careers convention

At this event our apprentice engineers, Kate and Joe, engaged with students from years 11, 12 and 13 on a one-to-one basis to promote career opportunities in engineering.

Tahira Bibi, Trainee Driver, and Julia Wraithmell, Head of on Time Performance Improvement, promoted the varied career opportunities available to women across the rail industry and challenged the perception that the railway is male dominated.



Bradford Pathways in partnership with Bradford inner-city primary schools

Asma Patel, Leeds Conductor, with the support of the Conductor Management Team, spent two days visiting six Bradford inner-city primary schools which have a high number of students from the BAME community. Asma delivered a number of assemblies and classroom activities with the children and was able to share her experiences of working at Northern.

Bradford has the largest youth population in the country who will be leaving education over the next 10 years, and Northern have identified this as an opportunity to attract the best and brightest young talent into business, particularly from the BAME communities. Northern volunteers are having a huge impact on students and teachers in Bradford who were previously unaware of the range of employment opportunities in the rail industry.

Feedback from the schools included: "Thank you for organising the talk with Asma. Year 6 were very inspired and it's good to have such positive female role models locally." And "I am certain that there will have been some girls sitting in the hall who have had their horizons widened and some boys who will also have had their preconceptions challenged. A very valuable visit."

Richard Isaac, Community and Sustainability Manager, said:

"I would like to thank Julia Wraithmell, Steve Foulds, Darren Allsopp and John Stainthorpe for agreeing to release members of their teams to support communities and schools across the Leeds City Region. Due to their support we have been able to demonstrate the corporate social responsibility credentials of the wider Arriva Group with communities and stakeholders across the region."



Bentham Line work with Northern Year in Industry Students

Our current Year in Industry Students (YIIS) were invited to spend time on the Bentham Line, with the Leeds to Morecambe Community Rail Partnership (LMCRP). The partnership worked with our YIIS last year on rail safety and community projects, and they kindly offered to work with the 2019/2020 students on similar projects. The YIIS will have the opportunity to learn and to help raise awareness about the wide-ranging role of Community Rail and to participate in community projects along the Bentham Line.

On 15 October, the YIIS spent the first of four scheduled days with the LMCRP at Bentham station where they met with Gerald Townson, Chairman of the Partnership, and CRP Officers Brian Haworth and Catherine Huddleston. The first day was spent learning about CRPs and the projects they get involved with, as well as getting to know Gerald, Brian and Catherine and their roles within the CRP.

The second day with the partnership was spent travelling across the network, starting with stations on the Calder Valley line, including Mytholmroyd, and finishing the day at Blackburn. The aim of the day was to gain an insight into the community work the CRPs and station adopters get involved with and how it varies from one station to the next.

On the third day, the YIIS participated in a dementia awareness session, which involved gaining an insight into the challenges faced by individuals living with dementia. The YIIS learnt how they can help to raise awareness of these challenges and how to assist the individuals in railway setting. Upon completion of the awareness session, the YIIS were presented with a pin-badge and have become 'Dementia Friends'.

The fourth day was spent back at Bentham station discussing community projects and the work of the previous YIIS. Last year, the previous YIIS facilitated the 'Sheep on the Line' project, where they visited local primary schools to deliver rail safety lessons. With the help with a local artist, the pupils and YIIS created a series of rail safety artwork featuring 'Suzy the Sheep' which was then displayed at Carnforth and Cononley stations, which are close to the schools. The CRP would like to see this project rolled out across all the stations on the Bentham Line.

The YIIS will spend two days a month on the Bentham Line working as a team to devise, plan and deliver a project linked to one or more of the local stations and communities. So watch this space!





Ribblehead Viaduct walking tours

For the last 30 years, members of The Friends of the Settle – Carlisle Line (FoSCL) have arranged walks and events on the Settle – Carlisle Railway. The group have provided us with an insight into these activities -

“In recent years, as a basis for our guided walks, we have used the 8-part drama series *Jericho* which on ITV in 2016. For those followers of the drama, costing £1 million an episode, it was disappointing to find that the series terminated early. It was based around the building of a massive viaduct (called Culverdale in the drama) but the social life and construction problems were clearly related to Ribblehead, a replica “shanty town” being constructed at another location.

In the real world, between 1870 and 1875, on the bleak Ingleton Fells at over 1,000 feet, the very heavy works of Batty Moss Viaduct and Blea Moor Tunnel needed proportionately more workers than similar constructions elsewhere. It was here that several encampments, one of which was *Jericho*, were established for up to 3,000 men and their families. The camps had many facilities including shops, post office, reading room, mission hall, school, pubs and hospital.

Before the TV drama our walks were mainly focussed around the remaining evidence of the immense construction activities in the 1870s at Batty Moss, which was the main site of the works. Following the *Jericho* drama public interest and enquiries at the Ribblehead

Station Visitor Centre stimulated a different approach for a tour, which has become increasingly well patronised. For this the format includes a greater emphasis on the life and work of navvies in the shanty towns, as well as incorporating a closer look at the viaduct.

An encouraging aspect is that a majority arrive by train, being over 400 participants in the 2019 season. The tour involves a train journey over the Viaduct to Garsdale, at one time called Hawes Junction (“Change Here for the Back of Beyond”, as this station was referred to in an early magazine article!). Here the tour guides (who are all volunteers) tell people about life at this isolated station (no longer a junction), including the time an engine was caught by the wind and blown round and round on the turntable for nearly 30 minutes; the tragic accident on Christmas Eve 1910 when the Night Express ran into two light engines, and, of course, the story of the bronze statue of Ruswarp (a Border Collie), on the Up platform opposite the Midland Railway signal box. Ruswarp’s paw-print was included on the petition delivered to Downing Street in 1989 and helped prevent the closure of the Settle and Carlisle Line.

Our tours attract visitors from all over Britain and overseas. We also arrange private tours for groups such as the University of the Third Age (U3A), Women’s Institute, archaeology and walking groups.

So if you have missed one of these tours, watch out for the 2020 programme.”

Hellifield station café

The café at Hellifield station has undergone a revamp and is enjoying a new lease of life. Gayle and Stuart were handed the keys in mid-September and have worked hard redecorating the building and introducing a vast array of railway memorabilia.

Operating under the name Shed 24H, a reference to the code the old steam shed at Hellifield had, the café will be open six days a week, Thursday to Sunday, with specials planned for when steam trains pass through the station. Already the new management have seen famous engines including the Flying Scotsman, Union of South Africa and Tornado come past their door.

Stuart said "The opportunity came totally by chance. We called in for a brew and the previous management explained to us that he was calling it a day and had nobody to hand over to. Gayle and I had a chat and a few weeks later we had the keys to our own café! We've had so many people - commuters, locals and visitors - come through the door in the first few weeks and they've all been so kind and supportive, it's meant a lot to Gayle and I."

The walls of the café are now filled with historical photographs of the station, railway art and fabulous old signage, and a new collectables room has opened at the station.

Gayle said "There was so much fantastic history here that we felt it had to be celebrated. Engine plates, photographs, signs and so much more. The collectables room is just there to celebrate the history of Hellifield station and the wider rail network."

A series of specials are planned over the Christmas period. The Flying Scotsman is due through Hellifield on a number of occasions in December (including 4, 14, 18 and 21 Dec) and a carol service is planned on Friday 20 December in conjunction with the local church.

The café is open 10.00 – 14.00 on Tuesdays, and 09.00 – 16.00 Wednesday to Sunday

Visit the Shed 24H Facebook page for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/Shed24H/>



History in pictures at Appleby station waiting shelter

The new waiting shelter at Appleby station features a stunning hand-painted mural showing the railway history of the area. The idea for the mural was developed by volunteer members of The Friends of the Settle - Carlisle Line (FoSCL) and Northern staff, supported and funded by FoSCL, the Settle & Carlisle Railway Development Company and Northern.

The idea was to portray the history of the two railway routes, serving the market towns between Kirkby Stephen and Appleby, namely the current Settle – Carlisle route and the former Stainmore route.

The Stainmore route was the first to open and serve Kirkby and Appleby stations, opened by the Lancaster and South Durham Railway in 1862, then operated by the LNER and British Railways. The route ran cross country from Darlington, Barnard Castle, Kirkby Stephen (East), to Tebay and Appleby (East) and Penrith, before closing in 1962.

The Settle – Carlisle line, built by The Midland Railway Co, didn't appear until 14 years later in 1876. The route was under threat of closure during the 1980s by British Rail, which provoked a huge campaign to save the line, and as a result The Friends of the Settle - Carlisle Line was founded.



The mural was hand-painted in the waiting room by Jenny Tribillon, a French artist who currently lives in Frizinghall. Jenny's work is renowned particularly in the West and North Yorkshire areas around Christmas time, displaying seasonal fairy-tale artwork in large shop and pub windows.

More information about The Friends of the Settle - Carlisle Line can be found on their website:

<https://www.foscl.org.uk/>

English Football League team up with NCS

As part of the National Citizen Service (NCS) autumn programme, Hymers College in association with the Hull FC Academy travelled on a Northern train to York, which helped to show the young people that trains are an easy and efficient way to travel. The group learnt about the safety aspects of the railway and were able to explore the wider community through the East Riding and Yorkshire.

The group took part in a series of challenges along the rail network and around the city as part of a 'community challenge day', focusing on key land marks, the history of the area and issues faced by the community. This led to the development of social action projects that were planned and delivered by the group.

A separate day out took place on Tuesday 28 October. As part of the Tigers Trust NCS Youth Board, ten members of the board along with two members of staff took the train to Leeds for an 'NCS away day' in partnership with Northern.

After arriving in Leeds by train, the group travelled by water taxi to the Royal Armouries where they had chance to explore the museum and learn about the history of weapons from times gone by. During their visit,

the youth board were tasked with taking photos with several disposable cameras in the hope of then creating a storyboard to show their visit in photos

Beth, an NCS member, said – "I had a really fun time with the rest of the people from the Youth Board and found the Royal Armouries surprisingly interesting"



Springwater School pop-up shop at Harrogate station

Springwater School in Starbeck caters for students aged 2 to 19 who have a wide range of learning difficulties and associated Special Educational Needs. The school set up a pop-up shop in Harrogate station on Wednesday 13 November.

Karen Bennett, from Community Rail Lancashire, helped to organise the event, linking the school with the Northern team at Harrogate. The pop-up shop sold Christmas crafts which were made by the school's sixth form students in their enterprise lessons. For some of the pupils, it was a totally new experience and they spent the day talking to members of the public about how they made the items, asking for money and giving the correct change.



Zoe Forge, a teacher from the school, said "the students really enjoyed it and made just over £40"

In Springwater's sixth form, the curriculum aids students to prepare for the responsibilities of adult life. Students learn to work positively and gain confidence to become independent individuals that are able to contribute to their community. Pupils are encouraged to gain work experience and undergo travel training whilst continuing with maths and English; the pop-up shop at Harrogate station helped them to achieve this.

The group are keen to replicate the activity again and thank Mick Moxon (Station Manager) and Colton Hyde (Station Supervisor) for their help and support with this event.

Hope Valley volunteers organise trips for local children



Children from Hope Primary School and Bradwell Infant School recently travelled by train along the Hope Valley line, organised by local community volunteers. These trips help to introduce local children to rail safety, knowing where to stand on the platform, how to behave on the train and learning about all the people who work on the railway to keep customers safe.

These events take a tremendous amount of local planning with schools and parents, which is all done by volunteers who work tirelessly on stations and within the community to promote the Hope Valley line, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary. They aim to promote sustainable travel and showcase attractions in the local

area, which encourages tourism and support for the rural economy.

The work by Northern volunteers across the region is directly supporting the Department for Transport's Connecting Communities with the Railways: The Community Rail Development Strategy <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-rail-development-strategy>

Northern will be working closely with volunteers on line in 2020 to deliver the following to the DfT strategy:

- **Providing a voice for the community**
- **Promoting sustainable, healthy and accessible travel**
- **Bringing communities together and supporting diversity and inclusion**
- **Supporting social and economic development**

Richard Isaac, Community and Sustainability Manager, said: "I would like to personally thank Gill Wood and the volunteer team at Hope Valley stations for the great work they do within the local community. Their efforts are greatly appreciated by all at Northern."

Remembrance events across the region

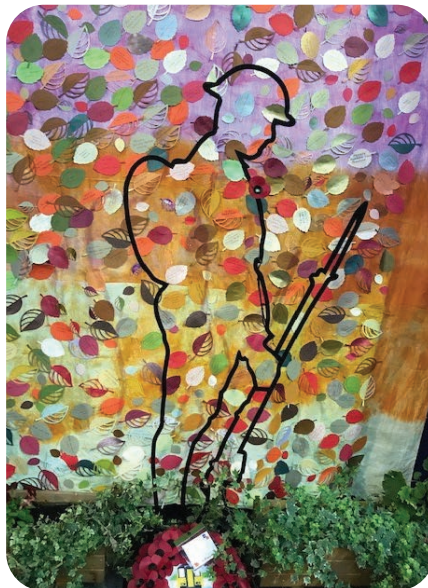
Thank you all for joining our railway family at the Remembrance services across the East Region this month. Over the years, the displays you have provided for your local communities has helped to preserve the memory of the men and women who served their country and gave the ultimate sacrifice. The Remembrance events at our stations remind us all of the debt we owe to all who serve their country. On behalf of all Northern colleagues, thank you for all your efforts.



Sowerby Bridge



Swinton



Bridlington



Bingley



Mexborough



Dore & Topley

December timetable change

Our new timetable will commence on Sunday 15 December 2019, highlights include:

- Recast Calder Valley timetable to give a 15 minute frequency Leeds to Halifax and five trains per hour between Bradford and Halifax
- A new hourly service from Halifax to Hull
- Sunday services between Leeds and Blackpool reconnected to York

Calder Valley services

The Calder Valley timetable is recast to give four trains per hour at 15 minute intervals between Leeds and Halifax. Together with the curtailed Huddersfield to Bradford service this will provide an increase in trains between Bradford and Halifax to five trains per hour.

Halifax to Hull

A new direct service is introduced between Halifax and Hull. This restores a cross-Leeds local service between the Calder Valley and East Leeds stations.

Leeds to Southport via Brighouse

The current Leeds to Southport services are curtailed at Wigan generally terminating and starting at Wigan Wallgate.

Huddersfield to Leeds via Bradford Interchange

This service now only operates between Huddersfield and Bradford Interchange. Brighouse will have one direct train to Leeds per hour via Dewsbury. The Leeds to

Chester service will call at Low Moor to retain Low Moor's direct link to Leeds.

York to Blackpool North

Monday to Saturdays services will no longer call at Sowerby Bridge and Mytholmroyd except at peak times. The Sunday service between Leeds and Blackpool is reconnected to York

York to Bridlington (Wolds Coast)

The current York to Hull and Hull to Bridlington services are joined together to make a through service from York to Bridlington. There are no changes to the overall number of trains.

Hull to Sheffield (local stopping service)

The current Hull to Sheffield stopping service is split into two standalone services, Hull to Doncaster and Doncaster to Sheffield.

Huddersfield to Marsden/Manchester Piccadilly

Northern peak services between Huddersfield and Marsden/Manchester Piccadilly are withdrawn and replaced by amendments to Transpennine Express services.

York to Scarborough

A new hourly Northern service will be introduced between York and Scarborough in March 2020 to supplement the current Transpennine Express service.



SELFA trip to Bradford



At the end of October, Northern provided free train travel for a group of 20 children aged between 4 and 7 years old, allowing them to have a fun day out in Bradford. The trip was organised by SELFA, a children's charity supporting the young people of Skipton and Craven, who Northern have worked closely with in the past.

Lucy Short, a member of the SELFA team, said "Thank you for providing permission for SELFA to travel to Bradford and back. We were able to take 20 of our children on a trip that they wouldn't be able to experience without your support. The children were very excited and for some it was their first experience on a train!

Once we were at Bradford we went to Funzy the inflatable park. Due to the very high prices they charge, having free transport there meant this was an opportunity we were able to provide, as we wouldn't have been able to afford the activity and transport together."

One of the children said "Thanks for bringing us here. It's been well cool and probably the best day of my life!"

Community Christmas events

A number of Christmas events are taking place across the region, come along and enjoy!

Penistone Line Partnership

Santa train

Sunday 1 December

10.12 Huddersfield - Sheffield

11.38 Sheffield - Huddersfield

Christmas carol train

Monday 2 December

19.08 Huddersfield - Silkstone Common

21.12 Silkstone Common - Huddersfield

Mytholmroyd Station Partnership

Calder Valley - Sing-along-the-Line and a visit by Santa

Monday 2 December

16.56 Mytholmroyd - Sowerby Bridge

18.06 Sowerby Bridge - Mytholmroyd

Yorkshire Coast CRP

Santa Special

Saturday 14 December

10.30 Hull - Scarborough

12.20 Scarborough - Hull

Bingley Station Carol Service

With local primary schools

Tuesday 10 December at 14.00

Hebden Bridge Christmas Market

Saturday 30 November - Sunday 1 December

Hebden Bridge Carol Service

Monday 16 December at 17.30

Lincoln Christmas Market

Thursday 5 - Sunday 8 December

Leeds Christkindelmarkt 2019

Thursday 27 November - Saturday 21 December