


Section 1: Introduction

<p>Name of CRP</p>	<p>South East Manchester Community Rail Partnership</p> 
<p>Date Range Covered by this Activity Plan</p>	<p>April 2022 – March 2023</p>
<p>Lead CRP Officer Name</p>	<p>John Kenny & Sarah Morgan</p>
<p>Lead CRP Officer Contact Details</p>	<p>John.kenny@stockport.gov.uk 07800618368 sarah.f.morgan@stockport.gov.uk - 07815 483332</p>
<p>Details of CRP Website and/or Social Media Channels</p>	<p>http://www.semcorp.org.uk/ No social media at present. Some posts are shared through Stockport MBC. From April 2022, Twitter and Facebook accounts will be set up for each partnership.</p>
<p>Description of Community Rail Partnership</p>	<p>The Community Rail Partnership (CRP) was formed in cooperation with Stockport MBC, Tameside Council and Manchester City Council. Outside of the councils the CRP's primary strategic partners are: -</p> <p>TfGM, Northern Rail, Avanti West Coast, CrossCountry Trains, Transpennine Express and Network Rail.</p> <p>The Community Rail Partnership is currently hosted by Stockport SMBC.</p> <p>The CRP supports 18 Friends Groups, the Friends Groups are considered to be the core of the partnership. The groups are: Ashburys, Fairfield, Ryder Brow, Guide Bridge, Denton, Reddish South, Hattersley, Broadbottom, Hyde Loop, Brinnington, Romiley, Marple, Rose Hill, Strines, Hazel Grove, Middlewood, Davenport and Woodsmoor. These Groups are considered to be the core of the partnership as a number being in existence before the CRP was created. In addition to supporting the activities of these groups, the CRP carries out larger projects for the wider benefit of lines and communities served by the stations.</p> <p>The CRP consists of three major lines and the Reddish South / Denton Parliamentary line. The CRP covers an area starting in Manchester city centre at Piccadilly Station, passing through urban</p>

	<p>and suburban Stockport and Tameside before the three main lines merge into the High Peak and Hope Valley CRP at the Derbyshire Border. Because of the geographical relationship with HP&HV CRP, the CRPs have a history of cooperating on projects.</p>
<p>Strategic Aims and Objectives of the CRP</p>	<p>The CRP fully supports the four pillars of the Community Rail Development Strategy -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Providing a voice for the community 2) Promoting sustainable and healthy travel, 3) Bringing communities together 4) Supporting social and economic development. <p>The four pillars will be developed through the key objectives of the South East Manchester CRP:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promoting and supporting our local rail operators/rail services to raise their profile and encourage their use for benefit of residents, visitors, and business, to rebuild patronage post Covid. 2. Improving stations along the route to improve facilities and become more gateways aligning with local regeneration aspirations 3. Strengthening working relationships with existing stakeholders and developing new partnerships. 4. Encouraging and supporting regeneration and social inclusion along the service routes and particularly within the catchment area. 5. Creating initiatives and events to promote and support tourism initiatives that benefit the rail service, especially for leisure use. 6. Supporting integrated and sustainable transport links to the railway, including bus, taxi, and active travel through cycling and walking. In so doing underpin efficient interchange and active travel plans. 7. Remove barriers to travel for those who find accessing services difficult. 8. Working with local schools served by the line encouraging them to promote rail as a green choice for travel and develop awareness/ knowledge of using stations and rail services safely and responsibly. 9. Promote the concept of Community volunteering in general, and Community Rail in particular by encouraging the creation of new Friends Groups, supporting and strengthening existing ones, and working with other volunteer groups such as Men in Sheds, In Bloom and the Samaritans.
<p>TOCs and Partners involved with delivery of the CRP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern: Chris Jackson - Regional Director Christopher.jackson@northernrailway.co.uk • Owain Roberts - Regional Stakeholder Manager Owain.Roberts@northernrailway.co.uk • Rebecca (Becky) Styles - Communities & Sustainability Manager Rebecca.styles@northernrailway.co.uk • CrossCountry: Jody Ball - Stakeholder Liaison Manager jody.ball@crosscountrytrains.co.uk

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<p>Major Infrastructure or Operational issues affecting the CRP Line(s) which could affect its ability to deliver activities over the next 12/18 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network capacity issues affecting Manchester Piccadilly (Station Throat and Castlefield Corridor) and south of Stockport (Edgeley Junction). The service reductions, post Covid has alleviated these problems to a considerable degree. • The line is covered in the Manchester recovery review (Feb 2021), the outcome of that review could have a medium to long term impact on the route. • In the longer-term NPR and HS2 service proposals are, as yet, unclear and there could be substantial impact on local services. • The Parliamentary Line status affecting Reddish South and Denton.
<p>Number of Hours of CRPO time available</p>	<p>John Kenny – 11/22hrs per week Sarah Morgan – 16/32hrs per week Total - 27 hours per week</p>

Section 2: Activities

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1	Line Accreditation	Fill the positions and new management structure for steering & working groups. Complete Activity Plans for both lines.	All	Accreditation has been achieved.	June 2022 Medium	CROs , Chair s of CRPs	Staff, volunteers for the management of the Steering Group.	Candidates identified for the roles of Chairs of CRP lines and Chair of the overarching Steering Management Committee. First steering group meetings have been held on March 22 nd 2022.
2	Work with Volunteers / Friends of Groups	Engage with Friends of Groups to identify improvements and projects and actively inform of opportunities of funding from CRP and other sources of funding	1,3/1,9	Successful completion of small station projects and identified smaller problems are dealt with.	Ongoing Small	CROs	Staff time Funding Volunteer time Partner support – Northern and Network Rail £1000 to be allocated to each group plus additional funds for specific projects as required.	Friends' groups meetings are booked in with CROs. CROs are regularly visiting station groups and discussion ongoing project requirements. Woodsmoor - plans for tree art - CRP has agreed to fund a third of the project at £330.
3	Station Walks and Cycle rides Promote the use of stations to access areas suitable for leisure walking and/or cycling	Work with local walking/cycling groups (inc disability groups) to jointly promote both guided and self-guided walks. Highlight Public Rights of Way along walking routes to increase use and community ownership.	2/5,6	Creation of a walking and cycle routes guide, established new partnerships with community groups. Creation of accessible routes guide with other CRPs.	March 2023 Medium	CROs + Task and Finish	Core CRO + Task and Finish volunteer group	Quarterly review leading to delivery of final outcome by April 2023 CROs have met with Walthew House re potential for walking groups. CROs are working with North and Mid Cheshire

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								CRPs to develop accessible rail walks.
4	Partnership Support	Quarterly Steering Group meetings are held	All	Representatives of community groups are invited to attend and are involved in the steering group. Minutes will be published	Ongoing Small	Chair and CROs	Staff Steering Group members	The steering group meetings will take place either face 2 face, virtually or a hybrid of these 2. The partnership now has meetings planned and the new structure is confirmed.
5	Supporting the Cheshire Best Kept Stations Team	Attending meeting with other CRP officers and event organisers to plan the delivery of the awards	1,3/8,9	To provide motivation and rewards to Station Groups. Station groups receive awards and local publicity is generated.	Judging to take place in summer 2022 Small	CROs & CBKS Steering Group	Staff and volunteer time	Last meeting took place on 4 th May 2022
6	Marketing and Comms	Website is refreshed and information updated in a timely manner	All	The CRP websites holds current & relevant information. http://www.semcorp.org.uk/ https://stationconnections.co.uk/	Website – September 2022 Medium	CROs , Friends of Group	Funding of website support and webhosting fees. Staff time to update information.	CROs have contacted groups for updated information with a view to renewing station pages in 2022. Plan to discuss merging of websites.
		Press releases are sent to local and regional papers on the line regarding updates and projects	All	To enable increased awareness of the CRPs and Community Rail. Channels of communications with the community and promotion of events	When required Small	CROs	Staff/ Partners / Friends of Groups communicate regarding projects	Press release due to be sent out for Best Kept Stations winning stations in April 2022
7	Community Line Art Exhibition	Organise and display the complete Community Line Art Collection at different	2,4/5,9	To promote the Community Line Art Project, Stations and	Large End of 2022	CROs , local artist and	Staff time, funding for the completion of framing of artwork	The proposed exhibition has had to be postponed, due to Covid, but it is planned that the

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		venues throughout 2022.		Friends of Groups along the CRP		gallery venues plus Friends groups	Time to deliver and set up artworks to venues	exhibitions will finally take place during 2022. Crewe Heritage Centre is booked for May 28 th and 29 th . Plans to also exhibit artwork at Handforth, Manchester Piccadilly, Bolton and Stockport - dates tbc
8	CRO Skills Development	SMBC Training courses are attended as required CRN courses and conferences are attended as needed for projects and other identified training needs are identified through the staff Personal Development Review (PDR) process	All	Mandatory annual courses are completed with SMBC All identified training needs will be met and confirmed through the PDR completion	Ongoing Small	CRO Manager – SMC CRN	SMBC fund internal course. CRN bursary available for additional courses with fees if required. Management and staff time to identify needs and attend courses	All SMBC mandatory course for 21-22 have been attended by both officers. SM attended new officer training and the CRN conference since the start of 2022.
9	Station Gateways Promote our stations as gateways to new places and new experiences.	Work with TOCs marketing teams to align campaigns and messages	2/1,5	Measurable development in leisure journeys and the use of promotional tickets etc.	April 2023 Medium	CROs	CRO core activity TOC marketing	Quarterly review with steering group Feel Good Experience Project with Avanti has now started - school children travel by train for cookery experience in East Didsbury Autism group train took place in March 2022 and

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								plans to continue this quarterly.
10	Train visit for visually impaired group	Work with Northern Rail and group to facilitate a rail journey and tour of a train	2,3/4	Group will take part in activity. Walthew House will be supported to establish rambling group having identified suitable destinations for activities.	December 2022 Medium	CROs	Support from Northern Staff time	Trip organised for 24 th May 2022
11	Brinnington Station - artwork projects in partnership with Network Rail and Life Leisure	Display of community maps at station Display of young people's artwork Display of historical photos of Brinnington	3/2,4	Reduction in anti-social behaviour Local ownership and pride in station	December 2022 Medium	CROs Network Rail	Support from Life Leisure and station adopter £500 budget allocated to project	CROs are liaising with Northern re permissions to display maps Funding agreed to support Network Rail installations
12	Community Art Project – Stockport Train Station Edgeley Approach	To identify and engage with Community/Volunteer Groups and schools to contribute to the project. Seek funding and any relevant permissions.	1,3/1,2,4, 7,8	To promote train travel by improving the look of the station approach. Increase awareness and encourage increased train travel with the Community / Voluntary Groups & schools involved in the project.	As this is a large-scale project it will be completed in phases. Phase 1 between March – Dec 2022	CROs , Avanti , Network Rail, SMB C, Mid Cheshire CRP, Community Groups Schools	As this is a long term and scale project a number of resources will be needed in order of this to be achieved - Staff time, funding, volunteers, costs, in kind, partnership	This is a large-scale project which will take a number of years to complete. Initial meeting of key partners has taken place and further meeting have been organised. Talks with a number of Community/ Voluntary Groups on the project are being organised. Advertising Consent and LLC are required and the CROs are working on applications to be submitted by 09/2022.

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13	Canal River Trust Partnership Working Build a working partnership with the CRT	Identify local groups that can work together to promote and facilitate Canal / Rail activities.	2/5,6	Relationship is developed with a longer-term plan to deliver a series of events throughout the year jointly operated and promoted.	April 2023 Medium	CRO s+ CRT O + T&F	Core CRO, Task and Finish Group	Quarterly review leading to delivery of final outcome by April 2022
14	Dementia Friendly Stockport Create an easy to navigate station, with good staff awareness.	Using lessons learnt at Crewe to extend the scheme to Stockport	3,4/7	Creation of a station that can be used by people with cognitive challenges.	Audit by March 23 Medium	CROs + Avanti Staff	Source funding for implementation of recommendations	Quarterly review leading to delivery of final outcome by March 2023 CROs to meet with Crewe Avanti staff in TBC
15	Middlewood Way path connection to Rose Hill platform	Work with partners to establish viability of path project. Support applications for funding.	2/2,6	Route will be designed and funded with a plan for completion.	End of 2024 Large	CROs Network Rail, Stockport Council	Staff time Funding for design process Funding for development Support from Network Rail, TfGM and Northern	Network Rail have supported the initial proposal.
16	Timetables	Harnessing local knowledge within the CRP to identify the potential for timetable changes	1,4/1,2	Timetables are updated with local consultation and knowledge to improve services.	Ongoing Small	CROs and Steering group	Additional funding for business case Station Adoption Groups	Response provided to SOBC commissioned by TfGM in April 2022

***Progress KEY:** (Red = Immediate attention, Orange = On target, Green = Completed, Purple = Planned, not started, Blue = On hold, Black = Long term scheme)

Section 3: Sharing Good News Stories!

Activity	Description of Activity Outcomes and Links to Media Coverage or Websites
Industrial heritage boards	Joint project with High Peak and Hope Valley CRP and Chair of Friends of Glossop group Boards installed along the Glossop line in 2022. Official launch at Guide Bridge Station on 22 nd April 2022

Activity	Description of Activity Outcomes and Links to Media Coverage or Websites
New Friends groups established	Friends of Hyde Loop has formed in 2022 and covers Hyde North, Hyde Central and Woodley. A school group has also been established at Ryder Brow station.
Walking leaflets distribution	Several thousand copies of walking leaflets for Romiley and Marple have been distributed with support from the CRP to distribute around Stockport
Cheshire Best Kept Stations 2021	The CRP officers actively supported the judging and organising of the CBKS awards 2022 with the awards ceremony taking place on April 1 st , 2022. Multiple press releases were sent out focussing on the different areas of Cheshire with this being a Stockport specific press release: https://www.cheshireindependent.co.uk/news-article/4670/Awards-go-to-Stockport-Stations-at-the-Cheshire-Best-Kept-Station-Awards

Section 4: Approval and Monitoring

Plan Approved by	Signed	Date
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Chair of C2M CRP: <i>Craig Wright</i>		
CRPO: <i>Sarah Morgan and John Kenny</i>		
TOC: <i>Northern Railways Ltd</i>		
TOC: <i>Avanti West Coast</i>		
TOC: <i>Crosscountry Trains</i>		
TOC: <i>Transpennine Express</i>		
Review Period	<i>Quarterly</i>	<i>6th July 2022</i>