

Stations for everyone:

Community rail's role in creating inclusive, sustainable stations

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A growing grassroots movement

- **67** community rail partnerships
- **1,000+** station friends groups
- **75+** community stations projects



See communityrail.org.uk

DfT's *Community Rail Development strategy*



Providing a
voice for the
community

Promoting
sustainable,
healthy,
accessible travel

Bringing
communities
together, supporting
diversity & inclusion

Supporting
social &
economic
development

Community Rail Cumbria



Mytholmroyd Station



The Poacher Line



Challenges to overcome

1. Recognise the difference community rail makes to inclusion & sustainability
2. Draw on, listen to and empower community rail
3. Make it as straight-forward as possible

Community Stations



*Innovative community uses
for railway stations and land*

We're here to advise, facilitate and support

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