

Our Community Stations

Many of our local stations are looking a lot better than just a few years ago. As well as the work of train companies, a lot of community effort is helping to create a welcoming picture for commuters and visitors.



Before and After. Many partners in the rail industry and government came together to make this happen. Now volunteers from the Friends of Burscough Stations ensure it will be kept in good condition and welcoming.



Anyone who saw the entrance to Croston station only a couple of years ago will realise the amount of work needed to create this welcoming scene. The Friends of Croston Station have worked hard on the gateway to their village, and they have plans for a lot more in the future.

It isn't all hard work. Every year we celebrate our local lines with a Community Rail Gala. In 2009 this is on July 4th - see our web site for details.

And for the first time on our lines, in 2008 we had a Christmas Shoppers Special train, with Santa, singers and mince pies. We hope to do it again in 2009 if it can be arranged.



OPSTA believes strongly that these efforts offer many benefits to the communities served by our railway stations. We encourage you to think about how your community can benefit. If you have any ideas please contact Roger Bell on 01704 897491 or at roger.bell@lineone.net.

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Welcome to this special edition of Connexion, the newsletter of the Ormskirk, Preston & Southport Travellers' Association (OPSTA). We aim to give you a general introduction to our goals and where our projects stand.

What Does OPSTA Do?

Our mission is simple: *To work for a rail service that meets the need of local people.* To this end, we:

- Lobby for development of the rail network to provide journey opportunities that meet the needs of the 21st century.
- Promote the existing train services to increase patronage in the belief that increased revenue will encourage improved services.
- Encourage local people to get involved with their local station, and make a difference to the gateway to their community.

Our Community Rail Partnership

The West of Lancashire CRP shares many of OPSTA's goals. Many of our partners are involved in making our local railway better. The CRP provides an excellent forum to work together.

Our paid officers are every bit as keen as we are, and put in a lot more than just 9-5 to make things happen!



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