



# Rail 74 Community Rail Partnership

## AGM & Stakeholder Impact Pack 2024–2025

*Creating Positive Change Along Our Line*



Stronger  
Communities



Sustainable  
Connections



Inclusive  
Opportunities



Better for People  
and Places

Together  
we make  
our line  
better



Annual review, project highlights and community impact



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# Rail 74 in Numbers 2024–2025

*A simple snapshot of our reach, activity and community impact*



**£35,000+**

Funding and project value brought into local communities



**240+**

Participants engaged through Travelling Classrooms – Making Tracks to Inclusion / Railway 200



**10+**

Supported rail journeys delivered



**50**

Stop-by-Stop Line Guides created



**8**

Stations covered in the digital guide



**200+**

Rail 74 Travel Passports handed out



**120+**

People engaged through Nature at Newton



**3**

Train operator partners



**65–72%**

of Travelling Classrooms participants came from the most economically deprived communities



**14**

schools involved



**70+**

people joined one large-scale event





# Flagship project: Travelling Classrooms – Making Tracks to Inclusion / Railway 200

*Using the train itself as a classroom to  
build confidence, inclusion and learning*



Rail 74 delivered inclusive rail-based learning experiences across Lanarkshire. The train became a travelling classroom. The project blended autism awareness, rail safety, local heritage and supported travel. It helped children, young people, families and ASN learners experience rail in a safe and positive way.



## Impact

- 240+ participants engaged
- Target of 200 exceeded
- 65–72% from the most economically deprived communities
- 14 schools involved
- 70+ people at one large event
- Project cost: £11,050



## What changed

- ✓ More confidence using trains
- ✓ Better understanding of autism and inclusive travel
- ✓ Access to new learning and day-out opportunities
- ✓ Stronger links between communities and the railway

“ This is my first time on a train and I will 3000% be back on it again. ”

“ It felt good that everyone was included, nobody left out. ”



Stronger Communities



Sustainable Connections



Inclusive Opportunities



Better for People and Places





# Legacy resources and inclusive travel tools

*Simple resources that help more people enjoy and understand our railway*

## 1 Stop-by-Stop Historical Line Guide

We created an accessible digital line guide to help people plan journeys, learn local history and know what to expect before they travel.



**50**  
guides created



**8**  
stations covered



Available online as a lasting legacy resource



Rutherglen | Cambuslang | Newton | Blantyre | Hamilton West  
Hamilton Central | Airbles | Motherwell

## 2 Rail 74 Travel Passport

A fun passport for children and families to encourage local rail exploration, learning and repeat journeys.



**200+**  
passports handed out



## 3 Learn Live Rail Safety

Rail safety learning helped build awareness, safer behaviours and positive links with schools and young people.

### RAIL SAFE FRIENDLY & RAIL 74 CRP

Our mission is to provide rail safety education to all UK schools to keep your people and their families safe near the railway.



END OF CONTRACT REPORT

JUNE 2024 - JUNE 2025



#### SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

"A lot of them were not aware of electrified rail lines and were concerned about how far to be from the rails when waiting for a train."

Glencairn Primary School, Motherwell

£249,430

SOCIAL VALUE

Learn Live

railsafefriendly.com



PARTNER

*Together we make our line better*





# More projects creating positive change

*Community rail activity that supports people, places and local pride*

## 1 Nature at Newton

A welcoming station greening project bringing people together through biodiversity, volunteering, outdoor learning and wellbeing

120+ people engaged



## 2 Hope in Hamilton

Creative railway artwork and community storytelling helped brighten rail spaces and build local identity.



## 3 Tracks to Prosperity

A partnership linking community rail with financial inclusion, confidence and community wellbeing.



## 4 Partnership development

Rail 74 worked with schools, volunteers, community groups, rail partners and funders to create wider social value.

3 train operator partners



### Why this matters



Rail feels more welcoming



Communities feel more connected



Local people gain confidence and opportunity



Stations become better for people and places





# What changed – and what comes next

*Looking back with pride and looking ahead with purpose*



## What changed for communities



More confidence using rail



Better understanding of autism and inclusion



Positive first experiences for many new rail users



Greener, more welcoming station spaces



Stronger partnerships and community pride



## Looking ahead to 2025–2026



Build on Tracks to Inclusion and Travelling Classrooms



Keep promoting the digital line guide and travel passport



Grow Nature at Newton and local station projects



Support rail safety, learning and inclusive journeys



Strengthen partnerships, governance and long-term impact



**Thank you** to our trustees, volunteers, schools, community groups, funders, rail partners and supporters.

*Your help makes a real difference along our line.*



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schools



community groups



volunteers



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