

# Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership Annual Report 2014-2015



Working to improve local stations and train services

## Read about:

- 50,000 more passengers and a royal visit
- New school artwork at Belper and Whatstandwell
- More volunteers take pride in their station



# Message from the Chair



Councillor Ratcliffe helping clear the bank at Cromford Station.

It is a pleasure to introduce this report and see the fantastic work that has again been achieved by the Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership. The last 12 months have been very successful, with more awards for our lovely local stations and it is our station volunteers who must take much of the recognition for these accolades. It is equally pleasing to see the importance of the Community Rail Partnership (CRP) being recognised nationally, with the Derwent Valley Line being highly acclaimed in the new Value of Community Rail Partnerships report. Once again our line has delivered impressive passenger growth along with high levels of passenger satisfaction. The use of the local train service to Matlock, by Her Majesty The Queen, was also widely acclaimed and brought many new people to visit our stations on the route.

I am delighted by the work of our Station Adopters and other members of the community who get involved in projects at the stations. At Cromford, my local station, there has been a significant increase in the level of community involvement. The efforts of local volunteers and different organisations working together, has achieved a considerable amount in a short space of time. It is pleasing that the first stage of tree management has been widely praised by the community and we hope that the momentum can be maintained to continue to manage the station environment in a sensitive manner. I am grateful to all the local organisations who have been involved with this project.

It is great to continue our work with local schools along the line. The artwork at Whatstandwell, produced by Crich Carr School has been greatly appreciated. This has wonderfully complemented the planting improvements around the station which both station volunteers and the schoolchildren have carried out.

At Belper, the first part of the large art project is now in place and I look forward to seeing the installation of the tile mosaic. With the guidance of Transition Belper and local artist Christine Gray, the four schools have created some wonderful images of the local area. The colourful pictures at both Belper and Whatstandwell really showcase the talents of all the children involved. Both of these stations have also been recipients of awards this year recognising the level of community involvement and improvements at these stations.

Matlock Station has continued to set a high standard winning East Midlands Trains' Best Small Station 2014. The historic station is well maintained and welcoming thanks to the volunteers' lovely planters and enriched by the steam trains on the opposite platform. The efforts of the Matlock Bath Station Adopters also helped the station achieve the runner up prize for Best Small Station. Notable station improvements have also taken place at Ambergate, which have greatly improved access to the station, where the volunteers' floral displays are again much appreciated. Our first Station Adoption group at Duffield continue to maintain some lovely floral displays to welcome local passengers and those visiting the increasingly successful Ecclesbourne Valley Railway.

By all working together, it is amazing what can be achieved along the line. All these successes help make the case for ensuring the continuation of funding from the Local Authorities and the National Park to match that from East Midlands Trains. I am also very appreciative of Alastair, our part time Partnership Officer who raises much of the funding to make these projects happen and to the support given by East Midlands Trains and other partners to enable all these projects to flourish.

**Councillor Irene Ratcliffe**

# Derwent Valley Line Delivers Great Value

A new report, commissioned by the National Community Rail Development Steering Group has identified the Derwent Valley Line as one of the top performing routes delivering impressive passenger growth, creating attractive station environments and improved marketing of the line. The 'Value of Community Rail Partnerships and Value of Volunteering' report, published in January 2015, shows that usage of the Derwent Valley Line is growing well above both the regional rail and community rail routes average.

The Derwent Valley Line was 1 of 11 routes studied in detail as part of the report which concluded that: '...CRPs add economic, social and environmental value to their lines, by bringing together local people and the rail industry to develop solutions. Their collective initiatives provide access to jobs, schools, shops, tourism attractions and other services, contributing to sustainable communities. Financial appraisal shows that the 11 CRPs assessed in the study achieved a cash surplus showing that CRPs create more income than they cost to run'.

The value of community rail volunteers is also highlighted in the report outlining the great benefits they have brought through improving local stations. The Derwent Valley Line now has over 40 volunteers who have been fundamental in transforming their local station into welcoming and award winning stations. The report can be viewed at [www.acorp.uk.com/values2015.html](http://www.acorp.uk.com/values2015.html)

## Top of the League for Passenger Satisfaction

A passenger survey conducted in autumn 2014 showed impressive levels of passenger satisfaction on the Derwent Valley Line. The survey was commissioned by the National Community Rail Development Steering Group and featured the same 11 community rail routes studied in the 'Values' report.



Passengers at Matlock Station.

For the key satisfaction measures the Derwent Valley Line was 1st or 2nd of the 11 routes surveyed with:

- 91% Overall Passenger Satisfaction with the Derwent Valley Line;
- 88% Satisfaction with Derwent Valley Line Train Service;
- 85% Satisfaction with Punctuality on the Derwent Valley Line and
- 80% Satisfaction with Stations.

## More Passengers on the Derwent Valley Line

Passenger journeys on the Derwent Valley Line increased by an impressive 8% to 645,595 during 2014/15. The most notable passenger increases were at Cromford, Belper and Matlock. An increase in journeys also occurred at other local stations although a 3% decrease did occur at Ambergate. The changes in passenger journeys for each station are shown below:

Station	Passenger Journeys 2014/15	Passenger Journeys 2013/14	% Change in Passenger Journeys 2013/14 to 2014/15
Ambergate	38,762	39,909	-3%
Belper	210,670	193,516	9%
Cromford	40,870	35,847	14%
Duffield	58,668*	56,555*	4%
Matlock	208,410	187,492	11%
Matlock Bath	63,665	58,817	8%
Whatstandwell	24,544	23,900	3%
<b>Total at all local stations</b>	<b>645,595</b>	<b>596,265</b>	<b>8%</b>

\*Total includes through tickets to Wirksworth via Duffield

## Trains Keep to Time

Over nine out of ten Derwent Valley Line trains ran on time during the year with punctuality and reliability slightly up on the previous year at 91%.

# News on the Line

## Royal Passenger on the Derwent Valley Line

The crowds cheered as they heard the 1026 East Midlands Trains arrive into Matlock Railway Station on 10 July 2014. On board was Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II making her first official visit to Matlock in 22 years. Accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen arrived on the normal East Midlands Trains service from Derby. En route Her Majesty was greeted by scores of local people at all stations along the Derwent Valley Line. After leaving Matlock, the royal party went to Lea Mills and Chatsworth.



## School and College Groups Get on Board

Our school group travel leaflet 'Get on Track for Great School Trips Along the Derwent Valley Line' was again produced to encourage more school and college groups to use the train. The leaflet featured details of the fantastic discounted fares available to schools, colleges and other groups. A total of 32 groups travelled on the Derwent Valley Line between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015, with 260 adults and 581 children.

## New Sheffield to Belper Evening Service Introduced



Following much work by Friends of the Derwent Valley Line it was pleasing that on 19 May 2014 an evening train from Sheffield and Chesterfield started calling at Belper, providing a direct return journey for commuters. Now on weekdays approximately 15-20 passengers are regularly observed alighting from this train at Belper. This service then continues to London St Pancras calling at Derby, Loughborough and Leicester. This new evening service provides a return option for passengers using the 0728 service from Belper to Chesterfield and Sheffield. At the request of the Rail Partnership new, cheaper advance fares were also introduced to make using these services more attractive.

## Award Winning Local Stations

In recognition of great improvements at our local stations, four of the seven Derwent Valley Line stations received the following awards during 2014/15:

### Belper

- Highly Commended Community Partnership Award - East Midlands Trains Best Station Awards 2014
- Highly Commended Most Improved Station - East Midlands Trains Best Station Awards 2014
- Highly Commended Best Small Station - East Midlands Trains Best Station Awards 2014
- Belper Passenger Improvements - 3rd place in Passengers Matter at Community Rail Awards 2014

### Matlock Bath

- Runner Up Most Improved Station - East Midlands Trains Best Station Awards 2014

### Matlock

- Winner Best Small Station - East Midlands Trains Best Station Awards 2014

### Whatstandwell

- Runner Up Community Partnership Award - East Midlands Trains Best Station Awards 2014
- Highly Commended Most Improved Station - East Midlands Trains Best Station Awards 2014

### Derwent Valley Line

Mark 'Matty' Maternaghan from East Midlands Trains' Station Service Team was also awarded Outstanding Contribution to the Environment at the East Midlands Trains 2014 Great Service Awards. This award recognises the extra work Matty does to improve the environment at our local stations, in addition to his day to day cleaning and maintenance activities. His skills and commitment to the line are a great asset to the route and have been key in facilitating many of the enhancement projects carried out by our Station Adopters.

# Improving Local Stations

Our numerous station volunteers along the line continue to take a great pride in their local station, making each one an attractive and welcoming entrance to their community. A fantastic 18 new volunteers have joined our existing groups at Belper, Cromford, Matlock and Whatstandwell during the last year.

The improvements to the station environment at Cromford and Whatstandwell have been particularly impressive, the latter wonderfully complemented by the Children's Art Project. Work has also begun to install the colourful new art project at Belper which has involved 4 local schools working with an artist from Transition Belper. The new steps at Ambergate have been of great benefit to passengers and plans are developing to improve the adjacent banking to accompany the colourful platform adorned with numerous flowering plants. At Duffield a touch of the Mediterranean has been brought to the station with the trial of some drought tolerant plants and herbs planted in the extensive gravel areas. The impressive floral displays at Matlock and Matlock Bath continue to be well appreciated. These stations were awarded Winner and Runner Up Best Small Station at East Midlands Trains Best Station Awards.

## Duffield

A small number of Mediterranean type species have been planted in the large gravel area adjacent to the waiting shelter. The selection of herbs and other drought tolerant species were planted into the hard, compacted ground by Eric from the Station Adopters, Matty from East Midlands Trains and Alastair from the Community Rail Partnership. The trial of these plants has proved successful in the very dry, poor quality ground, which usually is covered by weeds. Options to consider further planting of the gravel areas are now being looked at for the future.



During the year, the small team of Station Adopters have also ensured an impressive floral display of the flower baskets along the entrance path and the platform planters around the footbridge. These complement a number of similar planting tubs that the volunteers maintain on the platform for the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway.



## Belper

The big project at Belper this year has been the production of the Station Mosaic and Children's Art Gallery.

The station art project, led by Transition Belper, started in May 2014 with local artist Christine Gray working with children from Herbert Strutt Primary School, Leaps and Bounds Nursery (formerly Mulberry Bush Nursery), St. Johns C of E Primary School and Turnditch C of E Primary School. The children produced paintings depicting local places of interest, including Strutt's North Mill, Belper River Gardens, Belper town centre, local parks and play areas. The 26 paintings were scanned and printed onto large panels and installed on the railings at Belper Station in March 2015.

A selection of the paintings were used to inspire the design for the Station Mosaic to be located on Platform 1 at Belper. Most of the mosaic was created by the public at the Belper Goes Green ECO Festival 2014 with Transition Belper volunteers completing the remaining pieces of the mosaic during autumn 2014. Installation of the mosaic was then delayed until spring to ensure the grout would set. In the meantime, a wooden frame to mount the mosaic was built by Matty and Kevin from East Midlands Trains assisted by Alastair from the Rail Partnership. The mosaic is to be installed in early April 2015. The Station Mosaic and Children's Art Gallery has been funded by Belper Town Council, Designated Community Rail Development Fund and East Midlands Trains.

# Improving Local Stations

Transition Belper's major enhancement of the station environment has continued with weekly work sessions, normally with between 8 and 10 volunteers in attendance. Their work has seen the four large station garden areas bloom throughout the seasons, with different native and wildlife friendly plants. The working parties are a real social event with tea, coffee and home-made cake provided by a different volunteer each week. During the year, five more volunteers from Belper joined East Midlands Trains Station Adoption Scheme. In summer 2014, the volunteers also planted Primulas donated by Belper Town Council along the Albert Street path to the station to brighten up one of the entrance paths to the station.

In December, it was pleasing to see the completion of the new wall built by Network Rail to replace the partially collapsed wall in the centre of Platform 2. This will now enable Transition Belper to incorporate this area as a wildflower garden into their management of the station environment. The completion of the wall has also enabled reinstatement of the display boards, new seating and a cycle stand installed on the platform.

Belper Station continues to be firmly embedded in the local community helping to contribute to wider aspirations and achievements of the town as a whole. The Belper Station Community Project was again part of Belper's garden portfolio which earned a Gold Award at East Midlands in Bloom 2014. The judges who visited on 14 July 2014 stated in their report under Areas of Achievement:

**'We were particularly impressed by the work of the team gardening at Belper Station.'**

Belper also achieved a major national triumph at the Great British High Street Awards 2014 as winner of the Market Town category and Overall Winner of the competition. The judges noted the impressive community work at the station:

'The majority of ideas and innovations pouring from Belper Vision have been taken forward by volunteers and it is the scale of the involvement and collaboration from the community that the judges found as impressive as the solutions they are delivering. **These include**

**...replanting the old Railway Station ...'**  
[thegreatbritishhighstreet.co.uk/high-street-of-the-year-award-2014](http://thegreatbritishhighstreet.co.uk/high-street-of-the-year-award-2014)



# Improving Local Stations

## Ambergate

Substantial access improvements complemented by the Station Adopters' superb planting barrels and floral baskets have greatly improved Ambergate Station. The recent access improvements have been very welcome solving several long standing issues for both pedestrians and those arriving by car. The station has also been made far more welcoming by the excellent work of the Station Adopters which has expanded over the last 12-18 months with several more barrel planters and flower baskets added. The floral displays maintained by the three station volunteers have received much acclaim.

In November 2014, the dilapidated steps were replaced and the adjacent banking stabilised. Additionally, the footway and access road were both resurfaced. This has greatly improved the physical access to the station and the ambience of the station approach. The new modern steps, which meet current accessibility standards, are uniformly spaced with stout handrails and wide enough for passengers to pass each other. The defined footway is of a much more uniform width and does not suffer from soil debris problems, as previously. A handrail has also been incorporated into the steeper section below the new steps. The resurfaced roadway with new drains is much improved for motorists.

## Whatstandwell

Station volunteers and local schoolchildren worked together during summer 2014 to plant the newly created station gardens. The schoolchildren have also produced a colourful collection of station artwork depicting local scenes for display at the station.

Community Planting Days on 1 April and 17 June 2014 involved schoolchildren and members of the local community brightening up the station with a range of colourful and evergreen shrubs. The children, supervised by their teacher Angela Curran, and Alastair, planted Aubretia, Bergenia, Caryopteris, Lavender, Rosemary and various Hebe in the new planting bed, behind the platform. The children watered the plants and then barrowed woodchip, spreading it around the plants.

A line of different types of Euonymus were planted along the fence to create a low level evergreen 'hedgeline' at the side of the car park using a mixture of Hebe, Sedum (Ice Plant), Lavender, Bergenia and Ajuga Reptans (Bugle). Primulas donated by Matlock Town Council were also planted throughout. The platform planters and flower baskets were also replanted with summer bedding plants on the second community day. Seven new volunteers who had taken part in the community days became Station Adopters. They joined Ernie and Rod, who in July 2014 were awarded a 'Gold' Certificate from East Midlands Trains marking their 7 year service as Station Adopters.



Above: Access steps at Ambergate Station, before and after. Below: Floral displays on the platform at



Above: Schoolchildren visiting Whatstandwell Station. Below: New bed planted by volunteers.

# Improving Local Stations

Continuing their involvement at the station, Years 5 and 6 pupils from Crich Carr Primary School worked during the summer term on a station art project. The children, working with their teacher, painted 8 large, colourful and vibrant scenes depicting their school and local places of interest, including the Cromford Canal, Crich Stand, Florence Nightingale and Whatstandwell Railway Station.

These vibrant pictures were scanned by the Community Rail Partnership and printed onto large panels. These were installed at the station in September 2014 along the station platform and by the entrance. Children and volunteers came together to unveil the new artwork at the station on Monday 13 October. The children also helped the adopters plant daffodils, snowdrops and other bulbs for flowering in spring 2015.

*"The children have thoroughly enjoyed their involvement in this project - spending several weeks researching and producing the artwork, and two afternoons working with local people planting pollinator-friendly plants and bulbs. They were delighted to see their artwork on display and we hope the exhibits will be enjoyed by everyone who uses the station, whether they are locals or visitors."*

*Angela, Teaching Assistant, Crich Carr Primary School.*

The Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership received a grant from ACoRP's Designated Community Rail Development Fund towards the station gardening improvements. The art project was funded from ACoRP's Small Grant Fund, match funded by East Midlands Trains.



## **Cromford**

Much praise has been given for the work carried out by volunteers at the start of 2015, to improve the environment at Cromford Station. Extremely overgrown, invasive vegetation has been removed, bringing more light into the station and providing a welcoming atmosphere to passengers. This work was carried out over 4 community days between 26 January and 6 March 2015 incorporating a total of 43 volunteer days from numerous local organisations.

The station has, over a long period, become overgrown with invasive species of Laurel and Sycamore due to a lack of tree management dating back several decades and has become dark and unwelcoming with associated safety fears. In spring 2014, a Cromford Station Group was set up to seek agreement with Network Rail and the District Council to reduce the tree cover. The group comprises the Arkwright Society, Cromford Parish Council, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Rail Partnership and others who had been involved in the restoration of the station building.



# Improving Local Stations

Initial practical work focused on removing the Laurel. Several volunteer days were organised with posters displayed at the station explaining the work and emails sent to local organisations and various contacts to attract interest. Volunteers attended from the Arkwright Society, Cromford Parish Council, DerwentWISE and East Midlands Trains, joining Station Adopters, volunteers from the local community and from other local station teams. All the Laurel was removed, including extensive areas along the station approach road and behind the station building. These areas were replanted with native trees and shrubs donated by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. The work has brought more natural light into the station and there have been many positive comments from station users about the improvements. Four of the volunteers that took part over the winter have now joined as Station Adopters to help maintain the station environment.

*"Dear Alastair,*

*As a resident of Cromford and regular user of the Derwent Valley Line, I thought I would offer my congratulations on the splendid environmental improvement works that have taken place on the approach to Cromford Station in recent weeks. Now that the invasive laurel trees have been removed it has really improved the visual appearance of the approach and improved safety immensely. The walk to and from the station is now open and welcoming, rather than dark and foreboding as it was before the works were undertaken!*

*I often travel on the line with my family and my children have commented on how, now the trees have been removed, the walk to and from the station feels a much more pleasant experience. This is reassuring as my wife and children often travel to Derby for cinema and theatre and I now feel much happier allowing them to walk home from the station alone now the work has been undertaken.*

*Many thanks for your terrific work and that of the volunteers that have restored our truly lovely Cromford Station approach back to its best!"*

*Kind Regards, Peter Corke.  
(Email received 6 March 2015).*

This extensive and successful habitat management work follows a range of other community work at the station. In May 2014, funded by an ACoRP Small Grant, a further five planting barrels were installed including at the top of the car park and additional shrub planting carried out behind the platform.

Additionally, in autumn 2014 the new CCTV scheme was completed by the Arkwright Society, to improve safety for passengers and security of the station building. This scheme has been funded jointly by Derbyshire County Council and the Arkwright Society.



The entrance to Cromford Station, before tree management and afterwards.

# Improving Local Stations

## Matlock Bath

The continuing improvements and popularity of Matlock Bath Station were recognised in September 2014 with an award for Runner Up Best Small Station at East Midlands Trains Best Station Awards. The station had been significantly improved during the previous year with the children's artwork, new planters and new access ramp. The team of Station Adopters from Matlock Bath Parish Council have continued to maintain a colourful floral display with their station planters along the platform and at the station entrance. Plans are being developed to improve the station further by displaying some of the children's artwork as an entrance feature and the younger children's wildlife artwork along the platform. Options are also being considered to find a way to improve and manage the important path which links the station to the ever popular Heights of Abraham.



## Matlock

Matlock was the proud Winner of Best Small Station 2014 at East Midlands Trains Best Station Awards. This award follows a plethora of Best Station and other

awards in recent years for the excellent standard of the station, impressive floral displays and partnership working between East Midlands Trains, Friends of Matlock Station and Peak Rail.

Two new volunteers joined the Station Adoption team to assist in maintaining the weekly plant care and watering sessions which keeps the planters to a high standard throughout the year. Whilst at the 2014 Station Adoption Seminar, Janet and David were awarded Gold Certificates for their 7 years long service as Station Adopters. During the year, the volunteers have added 2 planting barrels at the front of the station making a total of 19 planters and flower baskets that are continuously maintained to a high standard.



The installation and testing of the innovative Matlock Train Radar was completed in spring 2014. The radar detects the train's arrival and departure at Matlock, which provides real time recording data to automatically update automated Public Address and Customer Information Screens at local stations along the line. The train radar was funded by a grant from the Designated Community Rail Development Fund and match funding by East Midlands Trains.

# Marketing the Derwent Valley Line

The Community Rail Partnership continued to promote the Derwent Valley Line to both local residents and visitors. In addition to updates of the visitor guide, summer evening promotion and school travel leaflet the Partnership also held some promotional days at Derby and Nottingham.

The following marketing initiatives were delivered during the year:

## Promotional Days

In October, volunteers from the Derwent Valley Line helped the Partnership promote the train service and the work of our station volunteers at Derby and Nottingham Stations. These promotional events were part of East Midlands Trains week focusing on Customer Service.

## Derwent Valley Line Visitor Leaflet

Two editions of the Derwent Valley Line promotional leaflet were produced in May and December 2014 in which the new Cromford Canal Cruise was featured along with a discount for rail travellers. The leaflet was distributed to numerous local outlets and to regional train stations and Tourist Information Centres.



## Matlock Bath Illuminations

Visitors arriving by train to the Matlock Bath Illuminations once again benefited from a 20% discount on entry to the Illuminations, on production of their train ticket. More seats, with four carriages on some services, were provided to serve the popular fireworks' nights. Station posters helped promote train services to the event.

## Derwent Valley Mills Discovery Days

A full page feature was included in the series of Discovery Days Festival leaflets to encourage visitors to travel by train to the numerous talks, walks and other events.

## Local Transport Information

Local train timetable displays and transport maps in towns and villages were updated throughout the year. Similarly, the information in the Partnership's station display cases was updated throughout the year informing passengers of timetable changes, ticket information, visitor discounts and local events.

## Other Partnership Activities

Other activities undertaken by the Partnership during the year have included:

- Co-ordinating Partnership responses to proposed timetable changes.
- Representing the Partnership at a range of stakeholder meetings.
- Working with partner organisations to promote the train service.
- Regular attendance at Friends of the Derwent Valley Line meetings to discuss rail service issues with local passengers.
- Commenting on relevant rail industry consultations.



# Finance Report 2014/15

The Partnership has continued to maintain all of its funding from Amber Valley Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Dales District Council, East Midlands Trains and the Peak District National Park Authority. This funding enables the delivery of numerous small scale marketing projects and station enhancements including supporting a part-time officer. A total of £12,010 grant funding was received towards the cost of projects - see details below.

## Financial Statement 2014/15

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>(£)</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>(£)</b>
Salary Costs	18,220.44	Amber Valley Borough Council	2,000.00
Staff Travel	1,107.25	Derbyshire Dales District Council	2,000.00
Projects and Marketing Activities	16,914.56	Peak District National Park Authority	2,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses (meetings, administration, IT & mobile phone)	371.17	Derbyshire County Council	2,000.00
Sub total for 2014/15	36,613.42	East Midlands Trains	13,635.00
To be carried forward to 2015/16	37,622.03	Project Funding from National Community Rail Grants administered by ACoRP	12,010.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>74,235.45</b>	DVLCRP Reserves from 2013/14	40,590.45
		<b>Total Income</b>	<b>74,235.45</b>

The Partnership received the following five grants totalling £12,010 from the Designated Community Rail Development Fund (DCRDF) and ACoRP Small Grants Fund (SG) in 2014/15:

1. £970 for environmental improvements at Cromford Station (SG)
2. £210 for Station Art Project (SG)
3. £3,350 for Train Radar at Matlock Station (DCRDF)
4. £5,000 towards improvements to infrastructure and waiting facilities at Belper Station (DCRDF)
5. £2,480 for Belper Station Mosaic and Children's Art Gallery (DCRDF)

Funding is in place to continue the Partnership until March 2016. Local Authority funding commitments are continuing for 2015/16 and East Midlands Trains funding is in place up to the end of their franchise in October 2015. Funding from East Midlands Trains is anticipated to continue for a further 2 years once the Direct Award contract is finalised with the Department for Transport.

## Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership

The Derwent Valley Line Community Rail Partnership works to develop and promote the Derwent Valley Line for the benefit of residents and visitors. The Derwent Valley Line is one of approximately 25 designated community rail routes with the Partnership's role in developing the line officially recognised by the Department for Transport.

### The Partnership's Vision for the Derwent Valley Line is:

'The operation of a frequent and reliable 7 day a week railway service that will attract a growing market, meet the needs of residents and visitors and support the economy of the Derwent Valley'.

The Partnership is funded by Amber Valley Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Dales District Council, East Midlands Trains and Peak District National Park Authority. The Partnership is managed by Derbyshire County Council.

The Partnership would also like to thank all our station volunteers, members of the Partnership and Chris Darrall for meticulously recording the minutes of the meetings.



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