

TransWilts Community Rail

Connecting Wiltshire's Communities

What is community rail?

Community rail is a growing grassroots movement made up of community rail partnerships and groups across Britain. They engage communities and help people get the most from their railways, promoting social inclusion and sustainable travel, working alongside train operators to bring about improvements, and bringing stations back to life.

Community rail partnerships are the backbone of the community rail movement and promote understanding of the importance of local railways.



Community rail promotes understanding, confidence and positivity around rail and removes barriers to travel, and most community rail partnerships have achieved success in helping to attract passengers.



These partnerships are attuned to local needs and aspirations and passionate about rail; some have been going decades while others are just emerging. The work of community rail partnerships is varied, responding to local contexts, but includes:

- Promoting understanding, use of and access to the railways, such as communicating service improvements, running visits and workshops, and promoting tourism by rail;
- Helping communities engage in and have a voice in railway development so it meets their needs, such as coordinating and supporting volunteers and station 'friends' to enhance stations, or advising train operators on timetabling;
- Bringing disused station property back into use, such as by achieving renovations, setting up community group spaces, or running social enterprises;
- Running a range of activities to bring people together and promote social inclusion linked to the railways, such as local events, creative projects and educational programmes.

Want to get involved?

Community Rail is all about supporting its local community.

Our Four Key Pillars are

1. Providing a voice for the Community
2. Promoting sustainable, healthy and accessible travel
3. Bringing Communities together, supporting diversity and inclusion
4. Supporting social and economic development

Joining brings a range of benefits and enables us to be effective in supporting the community rail movement to deliver greater social value.

Would you like to join our volunteer group and make a difference to your Wiltshire community?

We welcome everyone and would love to hear from you. Please contact Sophie Martin (sophie@transwilts.org / 07379 175055) or visit transwilts.org for more information.

NEW!

TransWilts Westbury White Horse CRP Room

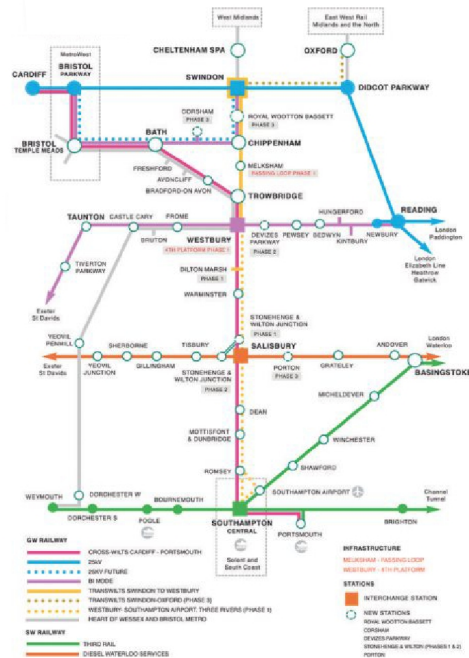
We are delighted to announce the completion of our new Westbury White Horse Room located at Westbury Railway station.



The sustainable benefits to the community include; local and affordable meeting room facilities. The room delivers benefits to local people, such as through local volunteering, community events and we have aspirations to use the space as an Education Training Centre. We hope to strengthen our partnerships with schools, community groups, other Train Operating Companies, Wiltshire groups and organisations.

A special thanks to GWR and the Community Rail Network for their support and funding with this project.

This is a community based room open to bookings so please get in touch for more information.



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