



ON TRACK

Annual Progress Report of the North Staffs Community Rail Partnership



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CHAIR'S WELCOME

Welcome to 'On Track', our report on progress during the past year. This year the title might be more fittingly 'Not Always On Track' since, sadly, we have had both yearlong industrial action and also the need for a campaign for the full reinstatement of the hourly service between Crewe and Nottingham. I'm pleased to say this campaign has now met with partial success with four of the six missing trains promised for reinstatement, Monday to Friday only, starting in December 2023. These include the missing peak travel time services. We continue to press for the return of all services and invite anyone wishing to support this campaign to sign our on-line petition at:

Reinstate the hourly Crewe-Stoke-Derby rail service (ipetitions.com)

Then we just need the industrial disputes to be settled to encourage passengers to return to using a regular and reliable railway service.

Our other major concern during the year has been the proposed national ticket office closure programme. We are speaking out for the many people least able to make their voices heard for whom the ticket office facility is most valuable, for some indispensable. We are particularly concerned about Kidsgrove where the 36 hours/week of staffed ticket office time may be replaced by a weekly mobile staff visit (mobile = extra travel with an unquantified carbon footprint). As well as the loss of the ticket office and the friendly staff presence, we are also concerned that this will further restrict access to many station facilities currently locked when there is no staff present as well as putting 'A Spotter Tea' at serious risk.

These are strange times since the community rail partnership is not established as a campaigning organisation, but rather a partnership working closely with the rail industry and supporting our many station volunteers in making stations more attractive and rail travel more enticing. I am pleased to say this aspect of our work has not been neglected as you will read in this report. For this I should add my thanks to all our volunteers whose work at every one of our stations has been marvellous. A particular thanks to Claire and Emma, our community rail partnership officers without whom much of what you read would not have happened.

I must end with some sad news. After six years of outstanding service Claire has announced her retirement with effect from the end of February 2024. I know I speak for all our volunteers when I say that her abilities to support their work has been superb as has her energy in initiating a host of new projects including many station improvements. I hope you have seen our updated and refreshed website which came on stream this year; another excellent development overseen by Claire.

Michael Willmot
Chair



Michael Willmot



Claire Sandys



Emma McIntosh



A HUGE THANK YOU ...

... to all our station volunteers, old and new, for planting, watering, weeding, litter picking, helping passengers, liaising with schools, local authorities and plant nurseries, applying for grants, helping out at events, carpentry, painting, reporting faults, and supplying ideas. **MOST OF ALL**, thank you for your patience as you wait for us to turn your ideas into actions. **YOU ARE AMAZING!**

All of our station adopter groups were represented at the annual Thank You lunch, this year held at Kidsgrove Town Hall on 28th June. It was lovely to see everyone together again, chatting and sharing stories and tips. The food, provided by Kev's Catering, was excellent.



NEW VOLUNTEERS

We are delighted to welcome the following new station adopters to North Staffs CRP:

Sue, Stephen and Matt at Uttoxeter; Wendy at Blythe Bridge; Martin, Sarah and Carly at Alsager; Stuart at Longton; Kath at Longport; Tom, Danielle and Grant at Stoke and Jane at Stone.

THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING

We estimate that our North Staffs CRP volunteers have this year (August 2022 to July 2023) contributed 4547 hours to improving their stations. At £15 per hour this equates to **£68,205!**

STATION IMPROVEMENTS

A new mural for Uttoxeter Station

The 38m long wall at the back of Platform 1 features two fantastic new murals by local artists, Maisie Baker and We are Culla. They replace the previous mural which had deteriorated badly over the last few years. The first mural features special places in the town as selected by local people in the Your Uttoxeter postcard campaign. Those locations receiving the most mentions were the parks, Go Active Leisure Centre, Cinebowl, the historic town centre and the station. The town's friendly people and community spirit were also frequently mentioned. The second mural depicts stations between Crewe and Derby and their main visitor attractions. The mural was completed in November 2022. Many thanks to our funding partners: EMR, Cross Country, Community Rail Network, Friends of Uttoxeter Station, Uttoxeter Town Council and Uttoxeter Racecourse.



"Mondrian" at Kidsgrove Station

Another tired looking mural was replaced this year. A much smaller affair than Uttoxeter, we decided to tackle it ourselves using some bright colours left over from the Longton bottle kiln project. With station adopters, Jan, John, Gil, Wendy and Carol we scraped off the old paint and applied new in a style Piet Mondrian would be proud of. Finally, we applied weather proof varnish and two small notices to point toward the new passenger lifts.



Brightening up a winter's day at Kidsgrove Station

Celebrating 175 Years of the Trent Valley Railway

Last year NSCRP was approached by Dave Barratt and Robin Mathams from the Trent Valley Railway (TVR) Study Group about a joint project to celebrate this milestone in the route's history. Together we produced four posters documenting the TVR, comparing then and now and Queen Victoria's visit on 21st September 1847. Late trains are nothing new – the Queen's train was delayed by 24 hours! At Stafford the train paused for 8 minutes and restarted "amidst the acclamations of those assembled and the discharge of artillery". The posters, funded by Avanti West Coast Partnership, can be seen at Stafford Station and in Atherstone Heritage Centre.

Dave and Robin also gave two fully illustrated talks about the establishing of the Trent Valley Railway Company and the building of the railway including Shugborough Tunnel. The talks were fully booked and enjoyed by all.



Trent Valley Railway history at Stafford Station

A Potted History of Blythe Bridge Station and the Foxfield Railway



A shared history

- Sadly, Blythe Bridge Station's buildings were demolished in 1994. But on the site of one of the original station buildings there now stands a large poster with photographs describing the station as it was in the early twentieth century, in its heyday, when there were seven members of staff. The Foxfield Railway transported coal from the nearby colliery to the mainline at Blythe Bridge. This heritage railway now offers Sunday passenger services and other events between Easter and October. Many thanks to Anthony Dawson of Foxfield Railway for providing text and photos.



Spreading the community rail word

- We were also very pleased to be invited to attend a special community day at the Foxfield on 14th July to mark the 100 year anniversary of the end of the North Staffordshire Railway (fondly known as the Knotty). Many thanks to our Blythe Bridge volunteers, Howard, Mick and Austin for helping out on a very wet day.

EMR Station Information Board Project

An important part of our work is to support local visitor attractions and town centres. The EMR Station Information Board project does exactly that by installing boards at all of our stations to describe the localities they serve. In addition, there will be a generic poster at each station detailing all the stops between Crewe and Derby, with a QR code linking users to the NSCRP website, where more information can be found. Design and printing costs kindly supplied by EMR.



Things to do in Kidsgrove

Bike pod poster competition won by 5 year-old Samuel

Congratulations to Samuel Ashworth aged 5 on winning our bike hub poster competition. It features a bicycle, a train track and some trees. Samuel's family won a 12 month Family and Friends Railcard which entitles up to four adults and four children to a one-third discount on all Off Peak travel. The posters can be seen at Longport, Longton and Blythe Bridge Stations.

Alexa Stott, Community Rail Ambassador, East Midlands Railways, said:

"We particularly want to encourage active travel to and from our stations in order to give passengers greener options. Secure cycle storage is available at nearly all of the stations across our network."



Samuel with his artwork

Intuition posters at Longton and Stoke

Intuition School is an independent special school in Longton catering for young people aged 11 – 16. Pupils designed two further posters for us last year, to mark the Birmingham Commonwealth Games and the Titanic Disaster. The Titanic's Captain Smith came from Stoke-on-Trent so we felt it appropriate to install the posters at Longton, Stoke and Longport Stations. Thank you very much again for contributing your excellent artwork.



Titanic poster at Longport Station



Station improvements at Peartree

● This Spring we were delighted to work again with sixth formers from St Martin's Academy in Derby on our Peartree Wildlife Project. We arranged for them to construct bird boxes at one of the Museum of Making's brilliant workshops, supported by expert technician, Steve Smith. Two weeks later the group took their bird boxes to the station to be attached to trees with the help of our Derbyshire Wildlife Trust team. They also created an enormous bug hotel using pallets. We thank EMR for funding this project.



Making birdboxes at the Museum of Making

● Passengers using Peartree Station will now find it easier to locate the right platform. The CRP engaged arts project team, Graffwerk, to paint the main destinations on the road bridge above the platforms. Turn left for Derby and Nottingham. Turn right for Stoke and Crewe. Kindly funded by EMR.

● On 21 August we welcomed 6 volunteers from Siemens Rail Automation to help Ian, Dave, Alexa and Claire with litter picking, weeding, planting and bark spreading. We even got some expert advice on pear tree pruning from David. Thank you very much, everyone! Your work will benefit passengers and wildlife.



Just look at all that rubbish!!

Longton Station Matters

● Rainbow Bottle Kilns installed at Longton Station

Six brightly coloured bottle kiln trellises were installed on 6 December to enhance the station environment. They were made by local recycling project, The Stoke 2000, and painted by station volunteers and young people from N Staffs YMCA.



Heritage and art on display at Longton

● Longton Ticket Office update

On a cold November's day a small group of us gained access to two of the arch spaces under Longton Station. One used to be the Ticket Office and the other was used by various businesses. Unfortunately, they are too damp to be usable as a community space. On our Facebook page we asked people to send in their memories of Longton Station before the Ticket Office closed in the 1990s. They talked about a full roof (later canopies) over the platforms; covered ramps up to the platforms; railway sidings; and the terrible damp of the ticket office, staffed by the much praised Micky Blairs.



Longton Station, bottom left

● Longton CIS screen

Last year EMR installed new ticket machines at all of our Crewe to Derby stations, allowing customers to buy and collect tickets at their local station. At Longton we took the opportunity to ask for an additional live information screen to be installed with the ticket machine. This allows customers to see when the trains are due in real time without having to climb the steps up to the platforms. 50% of the project costs were funded by an EMR Community Grant.



Live train information available at Longton

Litter picking in the Longport Station Woodland

We held two litter picks at the Longport Station woodland this year, which is unfortunately very prone to fly tipping. In January (in the snow!) we were very grateful to Middleport Matters and to Growthpoint for helping out; and to Dave Elborn, Dave Steele, Amarvir Singh and Matthew Daily-Hunt. Jonathan Gullis MP and team also managed to join us for a couple of hours. The second litter pick was held on 8 June and attended by volunteers from Network Rail and Thales. A skip was filled on each occasion. Special thanks to Mel from Thales who managed to take a car load of tyres to Big Atom in Ellesmere Port which produces several products from tyres including children's playground floors and equestrian chippings. Participants were treated to an oatcake lunch at the excellent Oatbakers Ltd on Station Street.



Tyreless devotion to the task in hand



In October we are planning a bird box building workshop on site delivered by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust to provide more habitats for wildlife. The Thales and Network Rail volunteers are keen to come back and help again. Thank you very much for your support!

Excalibur Primary School pupils at Alsager Station

The Friends of Alsager Station continue to work with pupils from Excalibur Primary School, who visit about three times a term to help out. They plant annuals in their trough planters and help with litter picking and weeding. Last year the children even got to interview passengers about their travel habits, fill the new bug hotel and decorate the Christmas tree! We also love seeing the changing displays of children's art work in their adopted shelter on Platform 2. Many thanks to the children and the school staff who support them and to Ian and Trevor who in some weeks make a second visit to the station for this project.

In October 2022 NSCRP was delighted to be awarded a 3rd place prize for this project at the national 2022 Community Rail Awards in Southampton.



A passenger waits in the Excalibur-adopted shelter

Stone Station Activities

● Network Rail Volunteer Day at Stone Station

In April we welcomed a team of volunteers from Network Rail to Stone Station. Together with the station volunteers and staff from London Northwestern Railway they carried large amounts of compost over the bridge to platform 1, removed old bushes and swept and cleared Station Approach. Their work made a huge difference and we hope to welcome them again in the future.



Hard at work clearing Station Approach

● Access to Water and Storage!

Thanks to Network Rail and London Northwestern Railway we now have guttering and water butts fitted at Stone Station which are a huge help to the station volunteers watering the many planters. Many thanks to Network Rail for also converting the old Lamp Room so that the volunteers have a place to store their tools.

● Poetry Panels

Two panels featuring poems written by pupils at St Dominic's Priory School were put up at Stone Station. The poems offer a welcome to people and insects visiting the station!



A poetry welcome at Stone Station

● Twin Planter Project

We partnered with the Bumblebee Conservation Trust and St Dominic's Priory School to install two twin planters at Stone Station and the school. Station volunteers, Barbara and Rachel, worked with pupils from the school's Eco Club to select pollinator friendly plants and design the planting arrangement supported by Ron from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. Thanks to funding from London Northwestern Railway the planters were installed in April and the volunteers and pupils worked together to plant them up with a wonderful assortment of plants including viper's bugloss, comfrey, rudbeckia and coneflowers. They looked magnificent!



Twin planters at Stone Station and St Dominic's Priory School

● Planters in Bloom

We are very grateful for the generous donation of plants made to Stone Station this summer. With the brilliant planting skills of volunteers Barbara and Rachel, you are now greeted at the station by the most amazing colourful display of flowers.



Flowers in bloom at Stone Station

● Defibrillator Installed at Stone Station

A defibrillator and bleed control kit have been installed in the old phone box at Stone Station following a request by the station volunteers. The life-saving equipment was installed in August 2023 thanks to funding from London Northwestern Railway and AEDdonate.



Old phone box houses defibrillator



Stafford Station Celebrates 60 Year Anniversary

Stafford Station celebrated its 60th anniversary of the station rebuild in 2022. To mark the occasion pupils from Parkside Primary School provided artwork on destinations that can be reached from Stafford Station which was displayed in the waiting rooms. They also completed a fabulous 3D railway themed 60th model which was displayed in the ticket office.

Pupils from Parkside Primary with their 60th anniversary artwork



EVENTS

Memory Café on a Train

To round off our Dementia Friendly project at Alsager Station we invited members of the Alsager Memory Café to join us on a train trip to Derby for lunch on 21st October. We were 14 in total, including acoustic duo, Caroline and Craig, who played and sang for us on the train. Their songs from the sixties and seventies brought back a lot of happy memories.

Kath Reader, dementia friendly lead from Alsager Partnership, said

"The Memory Café meets at Alsager Library on the last Friday of every month from 1030 to 1230. We like to go on excursions and it was very exciting to go on the train as many of our members had not done so for a long time. Singing along to the music was great fun – it was a marvellous experience and everyone loved it."

One family member said

"A wonderful day that had an amazing impact, not only for my mother but also for the wider family who are so happy that she's had a lovely time."

Thank you, Alexa, for joining us and smoothing our progress onto and off the train and to Kath for organising things at her end. The project was funded by an EMR Community Fund grant.



The group pose with EMR mascot, Miles, at Derby Station

Routes of Remembrance Art @ Peartree and Longport



Remembrance artwork from Arts and Minds

St Martin's pupils' colourful collage



As part of EMR's Routes of Remembrance project last year artist, Mel Langton, was contracted to work with community groups from around the EMR network to create special artwork. Individual group artwork was exhibited at each group's local station and two large composite panels were put up at Derby and Nottingham Stations.

Arts and Minds, close to Longport Station, offers art experiences and social support aimed at veterans in Stoke-on-Trent. Their finished artwork featured bottle kilns, canals, pottery and, of course, Spitfires, created by Reginald Mitchell of Stoke-on-Trent.

At Derby, Mel worked with sixth formers from St Martin's Academy who created a stunning collage of poppies, soldiers and planes for Peartree Station.



Feel Good Field Trips with Avanti West Coast

Avanti West Coast have funded a huge project across their network to give pupils living in low income areas an exciting - and completely free - field trip by train. We have helped out in a small way by accompanying school groups to local destination, Gladstone Pottery Museum, where children learn about the pottery industry and paint a tile in the style of local pottery designer, Clarice Cliff. We've also accompanied Stoke schools on their trip to The Lowry at Salford Quays. Travelling by tram proved to be a high point with the children! It's also been a real pleasure to be able to deliver rail safety talks at participating Stoke schools. Get in touch if your school would like to take part.



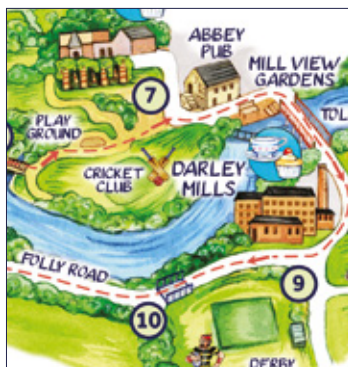
Claire delivers a rail safety talk at Sandford Hill Primary School



All aboard at Manchester Piccadilly

Rails to Trails Update

● Researched by our Peartree Station Adopter, Ian Clark, this is a new, 5 mile walk which starts and finishes at Derby Station. It takes in the city's Cathedral Quarter, Darley Park and the historic village of Darley Abbey. Much of the route is alongside the lovely Riverside path, suitable for cyclists and pedestrians. The Darley Park Tea Room is highly recommended!



A section of the new Rails to Trails route from Derby Station

www.northstaffsrail.org.uk/Days Out/Rails to Trails Station Walks

● In April we repeated our Blythe Bridge Rails to Trails guided walk as part of the annual Staffordshire Moorlands Walking Festival. This year we had the added benefit of being able to visit Blythe Bridge Library's community artwork project on the village's history. The volunteers at Foxfield Railway were excellent hosts once again - thank you for giving our participants such a lovely welcome.



At Foxfield Railway

Community Rail Week at Crewe

NSCRP had a stand at Crewe Station for 3 days in May as part of the national Community Rail Week. The aim was to talk to passengers and to promote our routes and the visitor attractions they serve. Claire was supported by volunteers, Kath, Eve and Sue. We had 164 people participate in our Treasure Map competition to find three hidden rail cards.



NSCRP Treasure Map activity

And the winners were ...

- Ann Rowson won a Senior Railcard (hidden in Hay-on-Wye)
- George Goodwin won a Family and Friends Railcard (hidden in Fishguard)
- Jane Keal won a 26 - 30 Railcard (hidden in Southport)



The Goodwin family using their new railcard

Tales in the Park Storytelling Festival

This campaign was led by Stoke Reads, a local campaign of the National Literacy Trust. It organised six events in Stoke-on-Trent parks and a children's centre during August. Every child went away with a free book from Stoke Reads and many other freebies from partner organisations. NSCRP attended four of the events in liaison with the City Council's TravelSmart. We gave away lots of Arlo and I-Spy Railway books as well as freebies provided by Network Rail and EMR. Many thanks to Active Travel Officer, Jayne Clamp, for including us at this important event.

We ran the Treasure Map competition again and had 211 entries, mainly at the first two events. Well done Emma and Jayne for managing the queues! The rail card was hidden on the Edinburgh to Tweedbank rail route. Natalie Perry wins a Family and Friends Railcard.

Primary School Pupils Enjoy a Trip on the Train

Pupils from Year 3 at St Mark's Primary School in Stoke enjoyed a fun filled railway themed day out in May. Working with Avanti West Coast and Stoke Reads, part of the National Literacy Trust, we took 57 pupils on the Duck Bills Story Trail where they followed the map to find out lots of interesting

facts about Stoke town and the railway. The trail finished at Stoke-on-Trent Station where pupils then caught a train to Stockport Station. For many of the children it was their first time on a train. At Stockport Station they took part in lots of fun station activities delivered by Avanti station staff including train dispatch, announcing the trains and visiting the signal box. The children had a fantastic day and from their feedback I think we may have some future train announcers and signallers!



Train trip to Stockport

Duck Bills Brought to Life!

Following on from last year's launch of the Duck Bills Story Trail, we worked with partners Stoke Reads, B Arts and Stoke Library to put on a family event in July to bring Duck Bills "to life" through an interactive performance trail. Attendees followed tour guide, Duck Bills, from Stoke Library to Stoke-on-Trent Railway Station, finding out about the history of Stoke Town and the railway station. They met a range of characters along the way including a fictional paintress and aspiring potter working at the Spode factory in 1923 who invited them to help use slip to decorate two collaborative pots. They met a fictional Spitfire pilot from 1944 and at Stoke Minster a goose from 823 AD told them about pilgrimage routes and taught a tongue twister. At the King's Hall Duck Bills showed the group some Northern Soul dance moves! Finally, they met a train enthusiast from 1848 at Stoke-on-Trent Railway Station who talked about the opening of the station and invited attendees to play station bingo.

There was also a range of family friendly activities available at Stoke Library including Travelling by Train Rocks pebble painting, storytelling, drawing workshops and every child received a free book from Stoke Reads. Over 60 children attended the library event and 22 adults and 38 children took part in the guided story trail.

Many thanks to our funding partners Avanti West Coast, Community Rail Network, Department for Transport and Historic England for supporting this project.



On the Duck Bills Story Trail

Crewe Station Celebrates 185th Anniversary

2022 saw the 185th anniversary of the first train to pass through Crewe and to celebrate we held a number of events with Avanti West Coast and the Crewe to Manchester Community Rail Partnership. There was a special guided tour of Crewe Station where attendees learnt about the station's history including how the station has changed through the years, the locomotive works, Royal Mail trains, the Crewe Arms Hotel and The Great Train Robbery! There was a talk by our Chair, Michael Willmot, on the History of Social and Technological Advancements Told Through Railway Art and a Big Draw event at Crewe Heritage Centre.

Sherborne Community Project

This year was the second year of funding from Avanti West Coast for the Sherborne Community Project in Crewe. The Project provides a local community hub and a range of activities including a children's gardening group and an adult peer support group. Working with Avanti and the Sherborne Project we supported a number of families in visiting Crewe Station where the children learnt about how the station works, how trains are dispatched and, their highlight of the visit, they got to announce a train! In April we accompanied them on a try-the-train trip to Llandudno where they were able to spend time at the beach and at the Victorian Extravaganza enjoying the fairground rides thanks to Conwy Valley Community Rail Partnership.



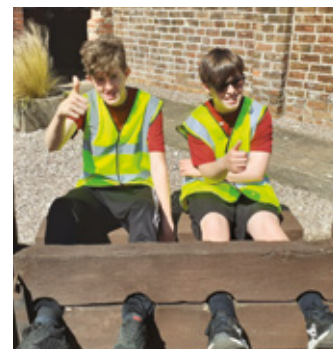
Train trip to Llandudno!

Penkridge History Project

In July, pupils from Wolgarston High School took part in a guided Rails to Trails walk around Penkridge to learn about the history of the village. Penkridge Heritage Centre kindly opened up for us so pupils had a chance to look around the building, the reconstructed prison cell and to view the old documents and photos on display. Being put in the stocks at the front of the building was a definite hit! After completing the trail pupils returned to school and took part in a poetry workshop, funded by London Northwestern Railway, to produce a group poem about Penkridge's history which will go on display at Penkridge Station.



Examining old documents



Fun in the stocks!





EXPLORE MORE BY TRAIN ON NORTH STAFFS CRP RAIL ROUTES

We love our new marketing tool - a 5 minute-long promotional film, kindly funded by CrossCountry.

It features the main visitor attractions along our routes and includes short sections on volunteering, shopping, railcards and station walks. It was created by i-creation who are based at the old Spode pottery site in Stoke-on-Trent.

You can see the film on our You Tube channel here:

North Staffs Community Rail Partnership - YouTube



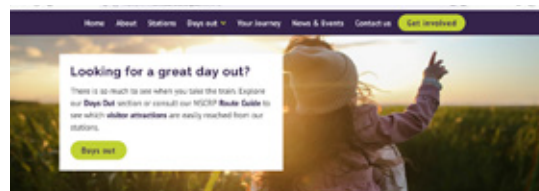
NEW NSCRP WEBSITE



Our new website, created by Ethical Pixels, went live in March 2023.

<https://www.northstaffsrail.org.uk/>

It's less text heavy than the old one and can be easily navigated via an interactive map of our rail routes. There are lots of useful links to National Rail Enquiries, Passenger Assist, timetables, tourist attractions, railcard.co.uk, station information, Scenic Rail Britain, etc. We hope you enjoy it. NSCRP thanks Community Rail Network and CrossCountry for their financial support.



BRITAIN IN BLOOM / RHS

"It's your neighbourhood" awards 2022

were awarded to:

- Longport Station Level 4 Thriving
- Uttoxeter Station Level 5 Outstanding

Many congratulations to all concerned!



NORTH STAFFS COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY (1 APRIL 2022 - 31 MARCH 2023)

INCOME £		EXPENDITURE	
Brought forward from 2021-22	82,173		
ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO RUNNING COSTS		RUNNING COSTS EXPENDITURE	
Annual contributions from local authorities (April 2022 - March 2023)	10,500	Salaries (including on-costs)	53,012
Annual contributions from train operators (April 2022 to March 2023)	54,382	Running costs and project expenditure	24,771
TOTAL GRANT INCOME AND OTHER PAYMENTS	54,146	TOTAL EXPENDITURE OF GRANT INCOME	44,333
TOTAL INCOME	201,201	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	122,117
		Total commitments	9,587
		Total income minus expenditure minus commitments	69,497
		Reserves target	52,000

North Staffs CRP was in a financially secure position at the end of the last financial year. £69,497 was carried over to 2023/24, which exceeds the reserves target of £52,000.



Planning with St Dominic's Eco Club, Stone



Christmas Santas at Uttoxeter



Spring planting at Longton



Painting the stones at Alsager





Tired but happy at the end of a snowy litter pick at the Longport Station Woodland



Stone Station Approach



New planter at St Dominic's School

Special thanks to:

As well as our funding and project partners we would like to thank the following individuals and organisations for their support. Sometimes just a small favour can help us out no end.

- R.D. Cresswell and Co Ltd for providing tool storage and water for our station adopters.
- Streetscene at Stafford Borough Council, for their support in keeping Station Approach, Stone, clear and tidy.
- Jason Faria at Nestle for arranging the installation of a water tap next to the Bee Friendly Garden at Tutbury & Hatton Station. That makes life much easier for the station adopters and saves the CRP a lot of money on IBC refills.
- Access Storage, at Peartree, Derby for allowing us to park our vehicles in their access drive when attending Peartree Station.
- Uttoxeter Race course for waiving the room hire fees for our mural celebration lunch for funders.
- Foxfield Railway for inviting us on a ride in their First Class carriage. Blythe Bridge station adopters and friends and family travelled in luxury and were served drinks and cake by a splendid butler.

Crewe station cover image by Pete Owen courtesy Unsplash

