

The Association of Community Rail Partnerships
announces

THE 2006 COMMUNITY RAIL AWARDS

Celebrating outstanding achievement in
community rail development



Deadline for Entries
Friday July 28th 2006

Awards Dinner
Locomotion (Collections Building), Shildon, Darlington
Friday 22nd September 2006

Donated by Porterbrook Leasing Company Ltd 'Birmingham Royal Ballet Nameplate' will be raffled on the night, but tickets will also be available in advance from the ACoRP office - more details on our website soon!



The Community Rail Awards 2006

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The aim of the awards is to reward excellence and promote best practice in Community Rail development work. We believe that there are many unsung achievements within the 'Community Rail' sector that should be recognised and celebrated. These awards provide the ideal platform for this to happen.

Sponsored by the **Department for Transport**

The overall winner will be chosen for "Outstanding Delivery of the Community Rail Strategy" and will fulfil, with excellence, the three main objectives:

1 Increasing Awareness

2 Reducing Costs

3 Increasing Community Involvement

Who can enter?

We welcome entries from organisations and individuals throughout the industry, local government and voluntary sector. Whether you are from a community rail partnership, user group, train operator or Network Rail, we want to hear about your special achievements and best practice examples. **There is no charge to enter.**

Prizes

The winner and two runners-up in each category (see opposite) will get a signed certificate. The winner and first runner-up will receive complimentary rail tickets, courtesy of Virgin Trains and the winner of each category will also receive a cash prize.

Larger organisations would be encouraged to donate any prizes to The Railway Children Charity.

There will also be an Overall Winner's Award for Outstanding Achievement in the delivery of the Community Rail Strategy (see left hand column for full criteria).

Closing date for entries

Entries must arrive at the ACoRP offices no later than 17:00 hours, July 28th 2006, but we encourage entrants to get in earlier!

First place winning projects entered in the 2005 Awards will not be considered in 2006 unless the judges consider that there have been significant changes or development.

Who will judge?

Independent Representatives linked to The Rail Industry will be judging the entries.

What will the judges be looking for?

The aim is to reward excellence in Community Rail Development work. We want to see schemes delivered with high levels of community involvement, enhancing the use and attractiveness of the railway. Examples could be arts projects at stations involving young people, special events such as station galas, projects involving railway staff... the list is endless!

How to enter

Entry is FREE. You may submit as many entries as you like provided that you complete a separate application form and provide separate supporting evidence for each individual entry. You may submit the same entry in different categories. You may photocopy this form for multiple entries.

We will require for each entry:

- A written description of the entry - no more than 2 x A4 sides
- A **minimum** of 1 and a maximum of 6 photos - on CD where possible and of high resolution (a visual aid of short listed entries will be used at the gala dinner)
- Newspaper cuttings if appropriate
- Other relevant material - please use your discretion so that the judges are not overloaded (**please do not send large reports or videos**)

The Awards Dinner

The awards will be presented at a Gala Dinner at Locomotion on Friday September 22nd (for cost see back of this form - we can offer discounts to community groups).

The dinner will be hosted by Adrian Lyons, Director General of The Railway Forum. The awards will be presented by Heidi Mottram, MD of Northern Rail. A programme listing the entries will be available to everyone attending the dinner. Note that dress is smart casual.

The Categories

(Sponsors shown in italics)

Involving Young People *Northern Rail*

Young people have been involved in a range of projects from station environmental schemes to community art projects and poetry writing. The award could be for an individual, group or school, youth club or college - or for a company which has sponsored projects with young people.

Community Art Schemes *Network Rail*

Art can make stations friendly and welcoming and brighten up trains - inside and out. This category could be for artists, project organisers or sponsoring companies. Community involvement is just as important as the actual artistic product.

Local Transport Integration *Lancashire County Council*

Good quality public transport is about getting the best from rail and complementary transport - bus, park and ride, cycling and walking. We welcome entries for both small and large schemes on local railways.

Freight Development *Halcrow*

Freight can play a key role in developing the potential of local railways. We welcome entries which promote new freight flows, new facilities and innovative technology relevant to community railways.

Rolling Stock *ATOC*

We would consider innovative uses of, or modifications to, existing rolling stock or changes to the way it's operated. This could include for example, naming, line-specific liveries, changes to the interiors etc.

Best Station Garden *Network Rail*

Years ago thousands of stations entered the 'best kept garden' competitions. We are reviving the tradition and welcome entries from community groups, station tenants and train companies.

Best Station Buffet/Railway Pub *Trans Pennine Express*

The humble station buffet is making a comeback and there are good examples of local independent buffets and interesting smaller buffets which are part of larger chains.

The railway pub is a venerable institution and we want to hear about the best! We particularly welcome nominations for pubs which offer family facilities, are accessible for disabled people and promote rail travel.

Amongst other things, successful contestants will be able to demonstrate close links with their local railway and community.

New Uses for Station Buildings *National Express*

Many station buildings are coming back to life as community centres, tourism offices, cafes and pubs. We want to encourage more projects and we would like to see examples of imaginative uses for former station or other railway buildings - ideally with a community aspect.

Most Enhanced Community/Small Station *ATOC*

Even the smallest effort can make a radical change to the perceived quality of a railway station and it's often only by comparing past and present that the changes can be appreciated. We'd like to celebrate the best 'makeovers' in this category. **N.B. Must include before and after images.**

Marketing Community Rail *GNER*

There are dozens of good examples of line guides, rail ale trails, walks leaflets - and lots more. We want to get a variety of entries showing outstanding examples of ways in which the local railway can be marketed.

Best Heritage/Conservation Scheme *Railway Heritage Trust*

Britain has many outstanding examples of heritage buildings and a record of excellent conservation schemes. This category is aimed at schemes for smaller stations and localities, with a high level of community involvement.

Outstanding Volunteer Contribution *Jarvis Rail*

In community rail development it's people who count most. We want to hear about individuals who have made an outstanding contribution - be they members of the local community or railway staff who put in time and effort beyond the call of duty.

Outstanding Railway Staff Contribution *Passengerfocus*

This award aims to recognize outstanding effort by railway staff to provide top quality service to the customer and the community. It could be an individual member of staff or a team.

Photo Competition - Best Community Rail Image *Rail Manager Online*

We want photographic images of community rail captured creatively, funnily or poignantly. Images must be current and the judges will be looking for pictures that, in their opinion, portray some aspect of Community Rail.

Format:

- 35mm Transparencies
- Colour prints maximum size 10 x 8in
- Digital images in Tif or Jpg format, maximum file size 5mb burnt onto CD and must not be altered (manipulated) in any way except by cropping

Note: photos cannot be returned.

Nomination Form

The Community Rail Awards 2006

Please use this form to submit your entry **only** (see form on reverse for dinner booking).

Name of **nominated** organisation or individual _____

Name and address of organisation making nomination (please specify a contact name)

Phone _____ Email _____

Category entered _____

Supporting material enclosed (please specify) _____



Awards Entries

Please enclose the following with this form:

- A written description of the entry - no more than 2 x A4 sides
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NB: We cannot return documents. *Please send duplicates rather than originals.*

Please return this form to:

Community Rail Awards
ACoRP, Rail and River Centre
Slaithwaite Civic Hall
15a New Street
Slaithwaite
Huddersfield
HD7 5AB

Awards Nominations: To arrive in the ACoRP offices strictly by 17:00 hours, July 28th 2006

Deadline for Dinner Bookings (see booking form on reverse).

Early submission is advised.

Gala Dinner Booking Form

The Community Rail Awards Gala Dinner 2006

Friday 22nd September at 7.15pm, full dinner included - Drinks reception from 6.15pm.

Please use this form to book your place at the **awards gala dinner ONLY**.

Name and address of individual or organisation making dinner booking (please specify a contact name)

Phone _____ Email _____

Awards Dinner Venue: Locomotion (collections building), NRM, Shildon, Darlington

Northern Rail have kindly offered to provide a special train which will pick up from Newcastle, Durham & Darlington and then direct to Shildon (Exact times will be confirmed when we send your invitations). The Special Train will then pick up from Shildon at midnight returning our guests to the same towns. NB. There may be a charge for the train tickets. **Northern Rail need to know in advance if there will be enough demand for this.**

Please indicate whether you would ideally like to make use of the 'Special Train Service'? Yes/No (please delete one).

During the evening we will be holding a raffle on behalf of The Railway Children charity.

Cost: Community/Voluntary Groups: £30+VAT (£35.25) per person, or £250+VAT (£293.75) for a table for 10.

Commercial and Public Sector Organisations: £40+VAT (£47.00) per person, or £350+VAT (£411.25) for a table for 10.

I would like to book _____ **places/table** (delete as applicable) at the awards dinner.

I enclose a **cheque/invoice me** (delete as applicable) for £ _____ (please make cheques payable to ACoRP and **quote purchase order numbers as appropriate**).

Cancellations - please note that in the event of cancellation at any time up to one week before the dinner date, an administration charge may be payable at our discretion and that a cancellation fee of half the value of the booking will be levied thereafter. I recognise that completion of this form implies acceptance of its conditions.

Signature _____ Date _____

Any special requirements (dietary, disability, etc)? _____

Do you require details of accommodation? **Yes/No** (delete as applicable).

Please return this form, with payment if applicable to: Community Rail Awards, ACoRP, Rail and River Centre, Slaithwaite Civic Hall, 15a New Street, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5AB.
Any queries to hazel@acorp.uk.com Tel: 01484 847790 Fax: 01484 847877

Dinner Bookings to be received at the ACoRP office no later than September 8th

Early booking is advised.



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Community Rail Festival 2006

The second national Community Rail Festival will take place in Darlington and the North East over the weekend of September 23rd and 24th.

Organised by the Association of Community Rail Partnerships (ACoRP) with the active support of GNER, Northern Rail, Trans-Pennine Express, Network Rail, Virgin Trains, FM Rail, Locomotion, Darlington Railway Centre and Museum, Jarvis Rail, Fastline, Heritage Line CRP, Weardale Railway and Esk Valley Railway Development Company. The event promises to offer a wide range of events and activities which promote the role of railways in the community.

Local authorities including Darlington, County Durham, Wear Valley and Sedgfield are fully behind the project.

The Festival is a national celebration of Community Rail and there will be lots of events happening. The following details are an outline and may be subject to some change.

The festival will include:

- Station Gala at Darlington Bank Top station featuring heritage and modern diesel and electric traction locomotives; family events including miniature railway; music and theatre; creative activities; displays from the railway industry, community groups and local authorities
- Heritage event at Locomotion (Shildon) with several main line locomotives in steam and a wide range of events on site
- Darlington Railway Centre and Museum will also be holding events over the weekend
- Mini galas at stations between Bishop Auckland, Darlington and Saltburn, with enhanced Northern service on Saturday and Sunday with on-train events
- Charter trains to Darlington and heritage diesel-hauled charter operations on unusual routes in the North East

For further details about the festival please contact Hazel Bonner at ACoRP: Tel:01484 847790

Further information will be available from the website **in the near future**: www.communityrailfest.org.uk