

We hope that by early 2019 the CRP will be functioning and that an officer for the CRP will be appointed. Once the CRP is fully operational it will have a website and there will be a link to that site on this page.

Station Adoption

One of the key elements of a CRP is to encourage the community to become much more involved with its railway station. In simple terms a local railway station is a local facility for the community and therefore we believe that the station belongs to the community rather than 'the railway'.

Many local railway stations benefit tremendously from community involvement that helps add the special touches to the station environment and make using the train a great experience. Whether its tidying up an area, planting out flowers and weeding or helping transform a redundant building there are lots of things local people can do to support their railway station.

We call it station adoption and if you are interested in getting involved with your local station then let us know. Our train operators have funding and support available to really help with station adopters and improving facilities and we can you put you in touch with them.

A number of stations along the Birmingham><Stratford upon Avon (Shakespeare Line) route have been adopted and individuals and/or groups are doing great work supporting their station with planting and other improvements to the station environment. If you wish to adopt your station or become involved then please let us know by contacting us at slpg_secretary@shakespeareline.com

Henley in Arden and Tyseley station buildings

We are keen to hear form anyone of community groups that have any ideas and/or may be prepared to get involved in bringing two great buildings back to life and use in 2019.

The station building at Henley in Arden has all the potential to be a great facility for use by the local community as well as potentially offering some space for retail opportunities to serve users.

With our Aims and Objectives seeking to obtain a half hourly train service from and to Henley in Arden the station is likely to become much busier so the potential is very real and forward looking.

At Tyseley, similarly there are platform buildings that we believe could support the local community. It doesn't have to be about railways more about how good buildings can be turned into something for and that supports the local community.

There is potential funding and grants available for imaginative schemes and ideas. If you can think of what either of these buildings could be used for to support the local community and/or the railway too or if you would be prepared to get involved in the work and help develop either of these facilities then drop us a line and tell us at slpg_secretary@shakespeareline.com

The aims of a Community Rail Partnership

While the Heart of England CRP is being formed and gets up to speed, we thought it would be good to summarise the basic principles behind a CRP as these will be central to the Heart of England CRP.

- connecting people to places and opportunities
- supporting communities, diversity and inclusion
- supporting local and regional economies
- suggesting innovative ways to improve the way the railway works
- increase revenue
- reduce costs
- increase community involvement
- support social and economic development

The overarching principle of CRP's centres around the last word in the name, partnership. A CRP seeks to involve all the key stakeholders along the railway concerned, typically that means a CRP is made up



of representatives from County, District, Borough Councils (local authorities), Train Operating Companies and other key stakeholders from the locality such as SLPG and SALRUA as Rail User Groups. In addition, other stakeholders are also likely to be invited to join, in our case we would expect that organisations such as StratforwardBID, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, Vintage Trains of Tyseley and Shakespeares England to be considered as members of the new CRP.

Next Steps

We will update this page, hopefully early in 2019, with much more detail on the new Heart of England Community Rail Partnership. In the meantime if you wish to get involved or just flag up that you would be prepared to help once things get properly off the ground then simply drop us a line at slpg_secretary@shakespeareline.com