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WELCOME TO OUR WINTER NEWSLETTER



Partnership meeting at Chinley WI Hall

Hello and welcome to our first newsletter of 2024.

Over the winter months we have been making progress with a number of projects, including a new fence for Dove Holes station and sending some of our new marketing materials to print.

We enjoyed catching up with partners, funders and Station Friends at Partnership and Management meetings in December. Plus, the team have given presentations at a number of conferences and workshops over the last few months.

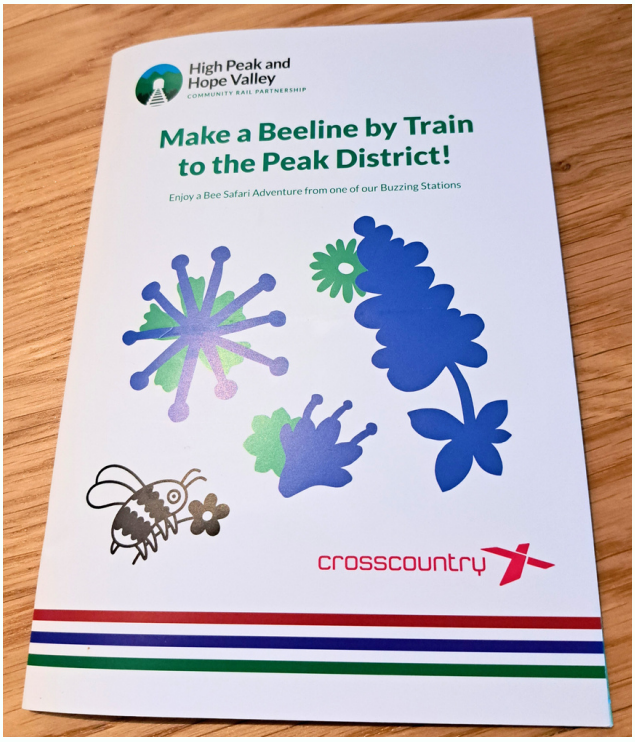
We're continuing to develop the Steel Cotton Rail Trail (station-to-station walks from Sheffield to Manchester) in collaboration with South East Manchester CRP and Canal and Rivers Trust. We're also developing ideas with EMR and the Penistone Line CRP about how we can have a presence at Sheffield station. Watch this space!

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter. Please keep all your news and photos coming, we love hearing about all the great work at stations by the wonderful Station Friends. Please send any photos or updates for social media to Megan at megancarroll.communications@gmail.com to use on our Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and LinkedIn.

Helen and Catherine
Community Partnership Rail Officers

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:
** TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2024 - FRIENDS DAY OUT AT HADFIELD STATION AND THE LAUNCH OF THE BUZZING STATIONS PROJECT BOOKLET **

NEW PRINT MATERIALS



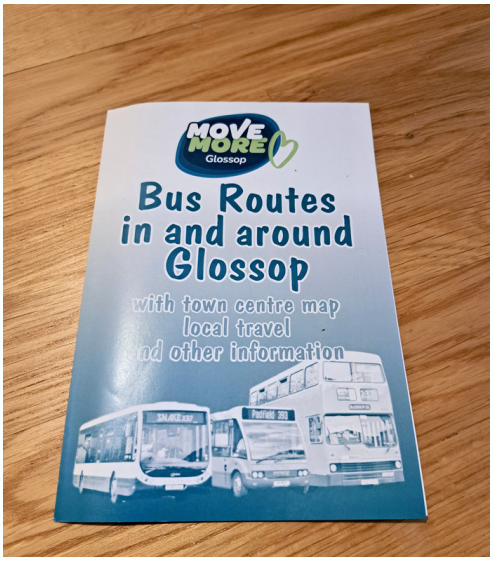
Front cover of the Bumblee Safari booklet

Look out for new materials coming to a station near you! After a busy year of working with designers on various projects in 2023, we're pleased to say the following have been printed:

- Walks from Glossop Station leaflet
- Buzzing Stations booklet – to be launched on 19 March
- Business cards and line guide leaflets with the new HPHV CRP logo. Please let Helen and Catherine know if you need any cards or leaflets to give away at events

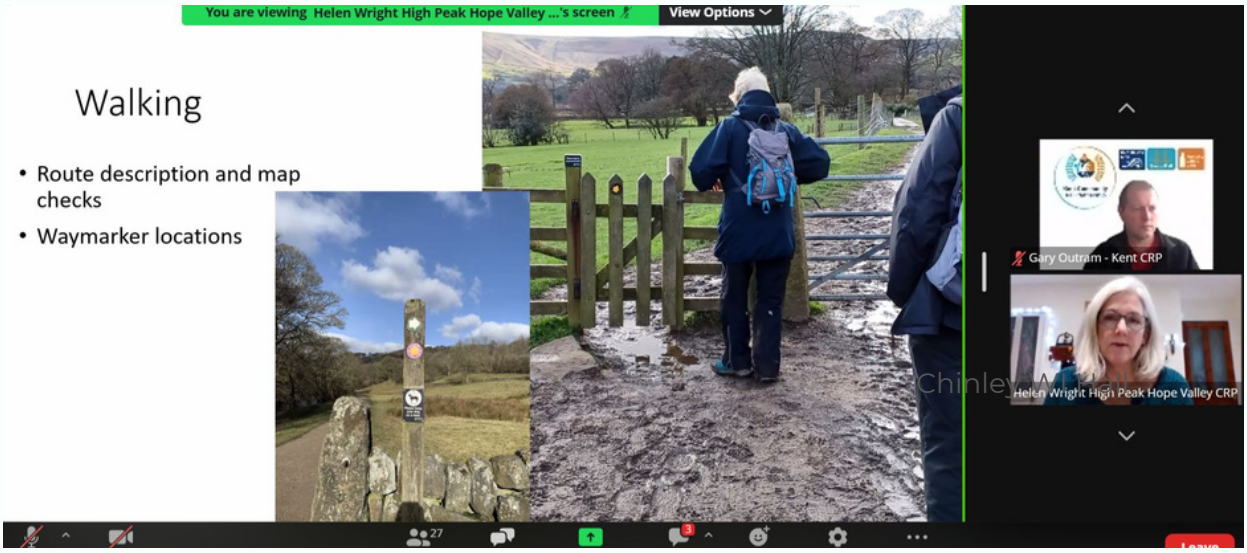
A Walks from Hadfield Station leaflet will be printed soon and will be available in time for spring.

The Partnership has also funded a re-print of Glossop Bus Map leaflets, produced by Move More Glossop and Glossopdale Action for Sustainable Transport (GAST).





CONFERENCE SEASON



Helen and Catherine presented at an online CRN shillshare

It's been a busy time of year for conferences and training. Between Helen, Catherine and Megan, the team has attended:

- Transport for Greater Manchester's Stakeholder event
- Network Rail's Stakeholder event
- EMR Community Rail Conference
- Community Rail Network Conference
- Northern Community Rail Conference

Megan shared the new Buxton line film and photography project at Northern's Community Rail Conference and the quarterly Community Rail Network (CRN) Tourism Network meeting. Helen and Catherine shared their work so far on the Steel Cotton Rail Trail at a CRN Skill Share on Trails and Walking Routes, as well as hosting our bi-annual Partnership meeting in Chinley on 6 December (both pictured above).

DOVE HOLES FENCE

Dove Holes station has new look for a new year in store, with the installation of a smart new fence scheduled for winter/spring 2024. Due to the wet and windy weather the start of the installation is slightly delayed, but we look forward to seeing it in situ very soon.

WHAT A DRAMA!



Ethel Haythornthwaite was a passionate advocate of the Peak District

This year we are working with the Council for the Protection of Rural England and Whitworks Adventures in Theatre on a drama project with Newfield School in Sheffield to celebrate the centenary of the CPRE. Phase 1 is already in progress, involving historical research, engagement with the students and script writing to produce a script for schools to use which celebrates access to the countryside and train travel from Sheffield to the Peak District National Park. The influence and achievements of campaigner and CPRE founder Ethel Haythornthwaite will be a strong focus.

We hope to be awarded further funding to support Phase 2 of the project, which will involve a train journey to the Peak District National Park and a school performance of the script on location during the summer term.

WORKING WITH GLOSSOP CREATES AT GLOSSOP STATION



Glossop Creates display at Glossop Station waiting room

Friends of Glossop Station are looking forward to a collaborative arts project with Glossop Creates in 2024. Glossop Creates is a community arts campaign, dedicated to nurturing the town's creative spirit and celebrating its rich heritage and community.

Chair of Friends of Glossop Station, Neil Williams, says: "FOGS are looking forward to the next stage of their collaboration with Glossop Creates. In February local artist Evie O'Connor will present her work in the Waiting Room Art Gallery at Glossop Station. Evie has been researching local history archives for inspiration. We also hope to host some children's workshops at the station in the spring."

Look out for new artwork at the station over the coming months.

Twig Coffee at Glossop Station hosted a poem as part of Glossop Creates' Winter Story Trail, a great way of bringing people into the station.



UPDATES FROM FRIENDS OF CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH STATION



Friends of Chapel-en-le-Frith Station, by Dark Peak Photography

“We’ve had a good year and much to be thankful for. The station is looking good for the winter season, general maintenance having taken place in most areas. Our projects over the last few years to improve the strip of land alongside the car park have been largely completed, with the planting in late spring of a variety of hedging plants along the footpath to the ‘Seat with a View’. This has been 100% successful. The final piece in this jigsaw is the imminent arrival of a lectern-style topograph to be placed in front of the seat, showing the various points of interest visible from it.

This has been partly funded by one of our members who supports The Samaritans, so a suitable reference is being made in the script, and our grateful thanks also go to Catherine and Helen at the CRP for their assistance with additional funding for this.

In 2024 we hope to make our project of the year the provision of a ‘Walks from the Station’ leaflet. Much work has already been undertaken on this, but issues with copyright of maps etc led to delays. We also want to tidy up the edges of the pathways crossing the area near the level crossing, but we are waiting to see exactly what Network Rail's work in replacing the crossing itself actually entails.

Three additional volunteers joined this year and they have made their presence felt in very positive ways. We have a small, friendly and very active team, and the thanks expressed by the local community is very much appreciated. As probably the longest continuously meeting station friends group on the Buxton Line - no breaks from March 2008 - we also have the largest site to look after!” - John H Brook, Chair of Friends of Chapel Station

UPDATES FROM FRIENDS OF GRINDLEFORD STATION



Station garden at Grindleford Station

“Friends of Grindleford Station are delighted with the new station fencing and Midland Railway-style signage, which was completed at the end of summer 2023. We are grateful to HPHV CRP and Northern for funding these station improvements.

The group have been busy weeding, planting tulips, dead heading and generally tidying the gardens on both platforms this autumn, with additional help from VolkerRail/Storey community programme. The group have been litter picking on both platforms, the station approach road and surrounding area. The station was decorated for both Armistice weekend and Christmas.

Two of the station friends have recently left the village - we are looking to recruit replacements so please get in touch if you can spare a few hours per month to get involved.

Network Rail have offered to donate Grindleford signal box to FoGS for preservation, when it is decommissioned next year. It could be used either as a static display or relocated elsewhere. Grindleford Parish council are keen to support with this. If you have further thoughts or would like to discuss this, please get in touch with Chair of FoGS, Kay Allinson.” - Friends of Grindleford Station, December 2023





COMING UP



Volunteering at Chapel-en-le-Frith Station

- Grindleford Station welcome and information panel
- Steel Cotton Rail Trail waymarking Grindleford to Hathersage
- Activity planning for 2024/25
- Budget setting for 2024/25
- Revising HPHV CRP brand guidelines
- Dove Holes fence
- Glossop and Hadfield station walks leaflets
- Development of passenger information about integrated travel
- Sheffield station poster display with Penistone Line CRP

As always, a huge thank you to all our funders, partners and Station Friends for making a huge difference to communities in High Peak and Hope Valley.