

# Welcome to Northern's Community Rail Conference

Monday 7 November 2016

#### Setting a new standard



More attractive and coherent services

Fleet transformation

Better customer service

More frontline roles

**Closer community links** 



## Transforming our trains



New trains – diesel and electric

Existing fleet refurbished

Free wifi

Pacers gone by 2020



## Transforming our trains



Getting you involved

First refurbished train in traffic

You cast your vote for new seats

Today cast your vote for the seat material design!



#### Greater connectivity



More attractive and coherent services

400 additional Sunday services

Northern Connect – faster interurban links

37% capacity increase



#### **Better stations**



c.£60million station investment programme

Station Improvement Fund

More sustainable – LED lighting, rainwater harvesting

Improving accessibility – Inclusive Hubs, Harrington Humps

Closer community links – redundant buildings, community engagement



#### Station buildings – community use



£4m Social and Commercial Development Fund

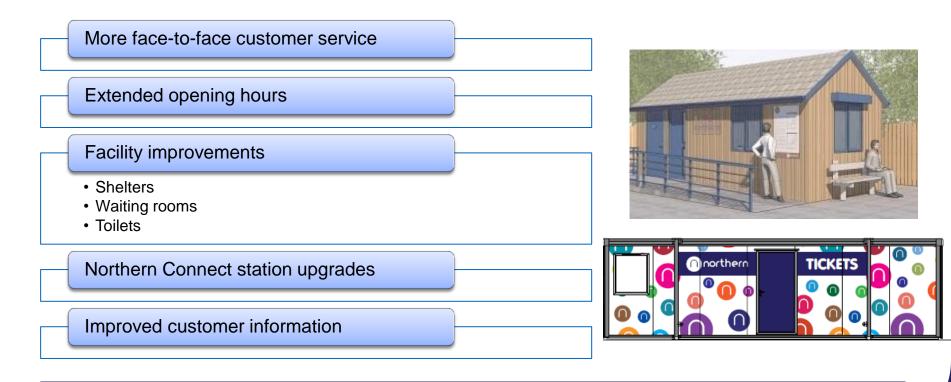
Plans already in development at some locations

Working with community partners and Network Rail

Other ideas? Let us know!



## Better customer experience





## Improved retailing and protection

#### Retailing

- · Extend and upgrade ticket vending machines
- Video assist
- Multimodal and mobile ticketing

#### **Loss Prevention**

- New gatelines staffed first to last
- Buy Before you Board campaign

#### **Travel Safe Officers**

- 55 strong team
- Deployed across network





## Unlocking potential for all



Graduate, Year in Industry and Apprentice programmes

Recruitment and work experience supporting people back into work

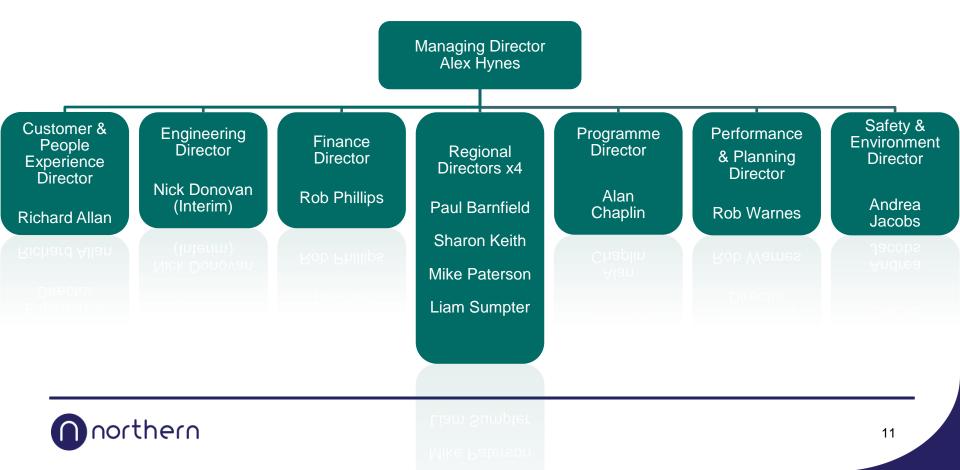
Discount tickets for job seekers

More flexible ticketing support for part time workers

Targeted products to promote North's tourist economy



#### **Director Team**







# Our newest recruits



## Martin Keating RCSM West



Richard Isaac RCSM East



# Summary

#### Devolution

- Rail North decisions made for the North in the North
- Regional structure

#### Partnership

- Close working with Network Rail and TPE
- Greater community engagement a more inclusive approach

#### Forward thinking

- Building a sustainable legacy
- Making the North a better place to live and work





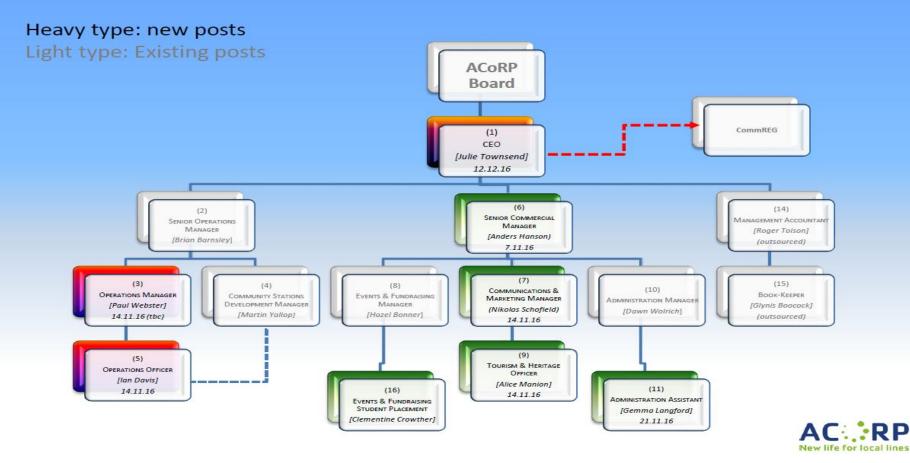
## The new ACoRP & The value of Volunteering

## Richard Watts ACoRP Board Director & Director Community Rail Lancashire

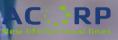




#### New ACoRP Structure November 2016



#### Julie Townsend ACoRPs new CEO Starts 12<sup>th</sup> December



#### ACoRP SUPPORTING CRPs & STATION ADOPTION GROUPS

Northern is funding/part funding through ComREG a number of new posts within ACoRP to assist CRPs and station adoption groups deliver their objectives.

Some of the key areas are :

- Marketing and communications
- •Event planning
- •Property eg finding new uses for redundant buildings/parts of buildings
- •Tourism and Heritage
- •Finding new sources of funding
- •Coaching and induction
- AND

•School and college engagement through Community Rail Lancashire



(ComREG - Community Rail Executive Group)



#### The expanded Community Rail Lancashire Team

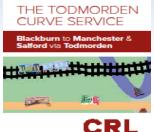






# **Some current projects**

- Development of the 'Down the Line' website
- Apprenticeship programme
- College/University volunteer programme
- Marketing Initiatives linked to station and school projects
- Young Arts Arriva working with the BAME community
- SLYNCS & NEET Programme



www.communityraillancashire.co.u



## downtheline.org.uk Supporting CRPs and Station Adopters

Key features of the website:

- It will be interactive
- Provide a resource for schools, CRPs & Station Adoption groups to use
- Contain guidance on working with young people and how to link with the curriculum
- A toolkit that will be an educational engagement guide

**Coming January 2017** 







# WHAT IS THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEERING?



As this so graphically shows: Volunteers can make a huge difference

#### SO WHY VOLUNTEER? Part 1



Below are some of the reasons people choose to volunteer. For some it provides an opportunity to:

•Give something back to an organisation that has impacted on a person's life, either directly or indirectly

- •Make a difference to the lives of others
- •Help the environment
- •Feel valued and part of a team
- •Spend quality time away from work or a busy lifestyle
- •Gain confidence and self-esteem



# WHY VOLUNTEER?

#### Part 2

- Volunteering can be a way of:
- •Gaining new skills, knowledge and experience
- Developing existing skills and knowledge
- •Enhancing a CV
- Improving one's employment prospects
- •Gaining an accreditation



- •Using one's professional skills and knowledge to benefit others (usually described as pro bono)
- Meeting new people and making new friends
- A chance to socialise
- Getting to know the local community

(source NCVO website)



## **STOP PRESS!**

# Total: 3200 volunteers Giving: 250,000 hours Value £13.03/hour = £3.4m per year.

(Source: The Value of Community Rail Partnerships & The Value of Community Rail Volunteering – December 2014)



#### Huncoat & Cherry Tree



#### YOU ARE AMBASSADORS FOR YOUR LOCAL RAILWAY IN THE COMMUNITY











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# Northern's Community Rail Commitments Update

Carolyn Watson Community and Sustainability Director

#### Increased investment in community activity

2 FOR **COMMUNITY RAIL** AND **STATION ADOPTION** 

£500k funding for CRPs

£150k seed corn fund

£100k station adoption fund

£185k ACORP roles



#### Not all about the money



Dedicated roles in Northern

Committed access to planning

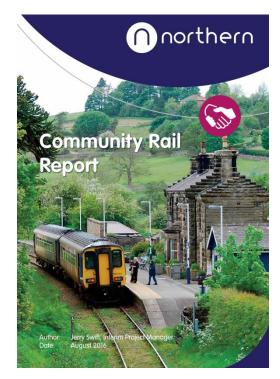
Marketing advice

Wider Northern support network

Enhanced ACORP team







ComREG – community rail executive group

Annual community rail report

Service level commitments



## **Station Adoption**



Focus on group adoption

Funds for equipment and projects

New guides and briefing material to support work

Available today - speak to the team

Thank you for your patience



#### Summary

Enhanced commitment for community rail

Help drive agenda forward

Open up new engagement opportunities

Recognise value and support

Thank You





