



Chairperson Volunteer post description

3 Counties Connected Community Rail Partnership

The Partnership covers the rail services along the line of route between Chester - Shrewsbury – Crewe via Wrexham operating across the Wales and England Border, covering the local authorities of Cheshire West & Chester, Wrexham County Borough and Shropshire Council.

The Chester -Shrewsbury -Crewe line is part of the [National Rail Network](#), at 63 miles long offers a rich history in railway heritage and a diverse range of landscaped crossing three counties.

The communities of Chester, Wrexham, Ruabon, Chirk, Gobowen, Shrewsbury, Yorton, Wem, Prees, Whitchurch, Wrenbury, Nantwich and Crewe form the lines.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Aims

1.1 To develop the Chester Shrewsbury Crewe Railway line as a community railway with a high level of community involvement that delivers diverse, relevant and inclusive experiences and opportunities that reach out into the community.

1.2 To develop links with Community Rail Partnerships in Wales and the UK.

1.3 To add value to the Partnership and its work, demonstrating with case studies and good news stories across all media.

2. Objectives

The Community Rail Partnership is a vital link between communities, we want to take opportunities to further strengthen the role of Community Rail Partnerships.

2.1 The development of a strong identity. Developing a Marketing & Promotion strategy.

2.2 Reflect the voice of users / community outreach.

2.3 Promoting sustainable, healthy, and accessible travel.

2.4 Bringing communities together and supporting diversity and inclusion.

2.5 Supporting social and economic development.

2.6 Demonstrate the social value of community rail through our work with local communities.

3. Partnership Area

3.1 The partnership will cover the Chester-Shrewsbury – Crewe lines.

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3.2 The 3 Counties Connected Community Rail Partnership will work closely with the Partnerships in Wales and UK.

4. Management of the Community Rail Partnership, led by the Chairperson.

- To approve and guide the strategic and business activity plan of the 3 Counties Connected Community Railway Partnership in agreement with train operating companies Transport For Wales and Avanti West Coast.
- To set the agree the agenda for CRP conversation in terms of rail service developments and enhancements, station developments and infrastructure improvements in partnership with the railway industry through strategic conversations at regional forums and transport liaison groups.
- To source funding for the role of the 3 Counties Connected Railway Officer who will report to the partnership board.
- To monitor and review the business plan during the year.
- To Chair meetings at least 4 times a year.
- To attend training and development activities as required up to 6 times per year
- To meet with rail industry directors as required
- To jointly manage the Community Rail Officer.
- To attend annual Community Rail conference as required, up to twice per year.
- **The Management Group will appoint a Chairman and Vice Chair by vote on a 2-year term.**
- The Management Group may establish subgroups to bring forward projects for implementation. Any subgroups that are established will be issue focused and will use the specialist knowledge of the individuals within the subgroup. Subgroups will work within the terms of reference of the Community Rail.
- The Management Group will vote on decisions as required. In the event of a split vote, the Chair will cast the final decision.
- The Partnership will invite new members and expertise as required.

5. Management of the Community Rail Partnership

4.1 Management Group

This group will be composed of the following organisations: -

Funding Partners

- Transport for Wales
- Avanti

Management Group

- Groundwork North Wales Host
- Shropshire Council
- Cheshire West and Chester
- Severn Dee Travel
- Network Rail
- Shrewsbury Chester Rail Users Association
- British Transport Police
- Cambrian Heritage Railway
- Community Rail Network
- Rail User Groups

5. Funding

5.1 Members of the 3 Counties Connected Community Railway Partnership will identify on an annual basis the funding required to fund the 3 Counties Connected Railway Officer.

5.2 Groundworks North Wales will host the 3 Counties Connected Rail Officer.

5.3 Expenses paid for out of pocket expenses.