



Leeds - Morecambe Community Rail Partnership

PRESS RELEASE

Photograph competition results

The Leeds-Lancaster-Morecambe Community Rail Partnership (LLMCRP), together with Northern Rail, are pleased to announce winners in their recent photographic competition. This was to encourage individuals to submit photographs that attempted to capture something of the “spirit of the line” between Leeds and Morecambe, taking in the Aire and Lune Valleys and Lancaster.

In the Leeds – Skipton section the winner was Joy Nightingale with a summer shot of Skipton Station in bloom, and runner up Richard Sawyer with someone fishing in the River Aire near Keighley.

For the Gargrave to Wennington section the winner was Michael Coupar who sent in a more seasonal winter scene on which he commented that the furrows echoed the train tracks. Runner up was Kay Craven with a view of Hellfield Station entitled Midland Griffins – the old symbol of the railway company that built the line.

The final section from Carnforth to Morecambe had less submissions and although they were of a high standard, most were not eligible for the prize as they were taken by people directly involved with the CRP. So that no prize was awarded for that section, but that part of the competition is being kept open until the end of the year.

Those named will receive a certificate and the winners also receive a free two day travel pass for Northern Rail trains which stretch from Carlisle down to Nottingham and right across from coast to coast.

Rod Tickner, the Communications Director of the CRP said "there were some excellent shots of a very high quality. It has given us images which will help promote the line. Many good pictures taken and submitted and we although we originally planned to choose only one in each section because of the quality we also have announced a runner up. It was good to see some photographs from the Aire Valley because sometimes it is not always thought of as being part of the line despite definitely being so."

"However we have decided to extend the competition for this last section until 31st December 2015. Photographs should be submitted to Pete.Myers@northernrail.org and will be published on the Northern Rail Facebook page. I would especially like to see some with people. So whether you live in Leeds, Morecambe, Lancaster or somewhere in between we would encourage you to get out on the line and take some more photographs. We would welcome any from anywhere along the line but the competition is still open only for the area covered by the Carnforth, Lancaster, Bare Lane and Morecambe and Heysham stations."