



Disappointingly our bid for an ACoRP Award in respect of the Heyhouses Art & Wildlife project didn't make it through to the shortlist last year but the project is being submitted again now that the work is complete and being extended to include Squires Gate.

St. Anne's Town Council continue to contribute to the partnership and have proved grants to enhance the area outside St Anne's Station. Both the town's County Councillors also made grants available for specific projects. Disappointingly Fylde Borough Council with 7 stations within in its boundary have declined to do so.

The Friends Group at Lytham have revamped the beach hut which houses their gardening items and is used as an advertising hub for forthcoming events. They have installed a watering tap to better facilitate access to watering, purchased new self-watering troughs for the platform, researched and collected quotes and ideas for artwork on the station and engaged in with the Arts officer on possible funding streams. Additionally, they have recruited more local volunteers and raised public awareness of their activities.

Friends of Ansdell & Fairhaven haven't rested on their laurels. Having collected the Best Station Award from North West In Bloom, they are continuing to develop the large area of land they have available for environmental projects with plans well-advanced for a wild flower meadow and a maze meadow this year, along with bug hotels & bird boxes. They are having golf bags and figures at the station, to reflect the Ricoh Women's Golf Championship this year.

Planted up golf bags provided by St. Anne's In Bloom will also be lining the route from St Anne's station to the golf course entrance.

Last year the CRP launched its latest Railway Walk based on Lytham's Town Trail and the inaugural guided walk (in appalling weather unfortunately) was graced with the attendance of Fylde's Mayor & Mayoress Cllr John Singleton and his wife.



We are being well supported by 'Northern' and grants have been readily provided for several projects along the line.

Going forward, the CRP, working with various partners will need to consider :

- how it can help resurrect passenger confidence and encourage passengers back to using the line.
- Recruiting more volunteers at some of the stations especially Kirkham & Wesham
- Developing some innovative ways to engage with existing and future users of all ages.
- Supporting level access improvements at Squires gate station.