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GPS system on the Esk Valley Line

The EVR has been chosen for a new £150,000 GPS trial using commercial mobile phone technology, designed to inform customers of their train's arrival. Electronic screens are located at Whitby, Grosmont and Lealholm stations. The Whitby one has text to speech. Rob Warnes, Performance/Planning Director for Northern, said: 'We hope to give customers at rural stations the confidence to use rail rather than the car. GPS technology is more cost-effective for keeping track of trains. Traditional signalling equipment is expensive to monitor and replace. We hope to prove the worth of GPS in reducing costs.'

GPS at Whitby

The Esk Valley Railway Development Company secured some funding towards this project from the the Department for Transport, Network Rail and ACoRP.

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Whitby Conservation Management Plan

The EVRDC also secured some funding from the the Department for Transport, Network Rail and ACoRP to commission a Conservation Management Statement for Whitby Station.

As a Grade II listed building, there have been concerns regarding the envelope and how it can be protected from future degradation and inappropriate additions. The statement lays out guidelines and recommendations for the maintenance and preservation of the building.

Included in the plan is a full list of consultees for tenants to approach should they wish to apply for planning permission for projects/new signage etc. Copies of the CMP can be obtained from EVRDC.



Esk Valley Volunteers

Volunteers contribute a lot of hours helping to keep the Esk Valley stations looking their best. This sense of ownership is of benefit to the train operator as well as passengers. Concerns are reported quickly to Northern and rectified.

Station cleanup

The longest running station adoption membership goes to the Lealholm Women's Institute, who adopted their station over ten years ago and maintain the flower beds. Our newest volunteer is Mark Meisenbach, who helps EVRDC staff look after Whitby Station, which is high maintenance throughout the year. The flower beds need weekly maintenance. Litter is a continual battle.

EVRDC staff and volunteers also put on events during the year, such as our popular Music train season. If you would like to volunteer to help maintain stations or for events along the Esk Valley, contact EVRDC for further information.

[Visit the website for more about EVRDC>>](#)

Walks along the Esk Valley



Stuart Bell is a keen walker and traveller by rail. He is currently compiling a series of walks in combination with rail travel on the Esk Valley, easy walks that capitalise on the scenery in conjunction with the rail timetable for those eager to leave the car behind when exploring the villages. We are planning to publish details of these circular walks on our website.

[More about walking and cycling along the Esk Valley>>](#)

Sheila's 60th Birthday Celebration!

Thirty-five travellers from as far away as Blackpool, celebrated a 60th birthday in great style at Whitby on Saturday 25th March. As part of the celebrations, they boarded the Esk Valley Railway at Great Ayton to find a specially decorated carriage. Esk Valley Railway Community Rail Partnership set the mood for them with sixties music, decorated the train with balloons and bows and laid out snacks. Customers brought their own drinks by special arrangement with the party's host. On arrival at Whitby, they continued their celebration with fish and chips at a special venue organized by the Silver Street fish and chip shop.

Sheila's birthday invitation

This is a great way to beat the credit crunch and still have an enjoyable time. An added advantage of travelling by rail to your party venue is that everyone travels together, whilst enjoying a drink safely. Angie Thirkill, the Development Manager commented:

The party on the train

'We are happy to help organize rail travel opportunities for all such special events. It helps to promote our community line, bringing new and valued custom for this scenic rural line. Local businesses also benefit as well as rail operators. We are here to advise on which timetabled services are best to use for this purpose and, by prior arrangement, will decorate the train.'

Contact Esk Valley Railway for more details: 01947 601987. Group ticket discounts are available from the train operator for ten or more people. Contact Northern direct on 0845 00 00 125 for details on how to book.

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