



The Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership
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PRESS RELEASE

New Newcastle to Carlisle Railway Line Guide launched

The sixty miles of railway line between Newcastle and Carlisle passes through a UNESCO World Heritage site, the homes of some of this country's industrial giants featuring the birthplace of steam railways, and borders both the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Northumberland National Park. Additionally several national long distance trails meet the railway including the pioneering Pennine Way.

A communication route for 2,000 years, the Tyne –Solway gap is layered with history and now a new guide, *Things to see and do on the Hadrian's Wall Line*, peels back these layers and provides the perfect accompaniment for travellers.

This 30 page booklet has been produced by three organisations working in partnership. John Gillott, Officer *Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership* said “The Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership has wanted to produce a quality guide to the line for sometime and working with Michael Ellison and the North Eastern Railway Association has been the perfect way to ensure that we used high quality research.” The line guide is beautifully produced with colour images of early postcards and a map of the Tyne – Solway gap. “We are delighted that Hadrian's Wall Community Champions were able to support the production of the guide and bring their knowledge of our Roman heritage.” John added.

This line guide is the latest in a long line of guides. The earliest known guide “H.U.S.’s” handbook to Wall and Railway appeared in 1851. Those produced by the North Eastern Railway and London and North Eastern Railway now roughly a century ago are avidly sought by collectors. In recent decades, hardly a year has gone by without the rail industry publishing some form of line guide leaflet. But this new production sets a standard to last.

Mike Ellison from the *North Eastern Railway Association* said “The NERA seeks to cater for all enthusiasts interested in the railways of north eastern

England, and working with the Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership has been a way to make our research available to a wider audience.”

Kerry Shaw *Hadrian’s Wall Community Champions Project Officer* said “It was great to work with the Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership to help strengthen their association with World Heritage Site and help share their knowledge with a new audience; rail users”

Thanks to these three organisations working in partnership, this booklet is being offered free of charge. Copies have been distributed to libraries, visitor attractions, village halls, shops and hotels through the Valley. Individual copies may be requested via the Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership’s Facebook page, Website, www.tvcrp.org.uk or by emailing fiona@tvcrp.co.uk at a cost of £2.50 to cover post and packaging.

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership

The Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership is a not for profit limited company and part of The Association of Community Rail Partnerships (ACoRP).

The Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership was designated by The Department of Transport as a Community Rail line in 2014.

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Hadrian’s Wall Community Champions

Hadrian's Wall Community Champions project is a 3 year HLF funded programme aimed at engaging and supporting more people and communities along the Wall corridor with the special, unique and important asset that is Hadrian’s Wall, part of the Frontiers of the Roman Empire World Heritage Site. The project offers exciting ways for people to learn more about the heritage on their doorstep whilst offering innovative and worthwhile opportunities for getting involved through a brand new WHS-focused volunteering programme. Support for community led initiatives is a key strand of the project too.

To find out more about how you can get involved, contact Kerry Shaw, Project Coordinator on 0191 277 2335 or email kerry.shaw@twmuseums.org.uk

www.facebook.com/HWCommunityChampions/timeline

North Eastern Railway Association

The North Eastern Railway Association [NERA] was formed in 1961 to cater for all enthusiasts interested in the railways of north eastern England, the North Eastern Railway, the Hull & Barnsley Railway, from their successors, and also the smaller independent and industrial railways that operated alongside the main line system. Our members interests cover all aspects of operations - locomotives, rolling stock, train services, stations, signalling, shipping, road vehicles, etc. - both for the general enthusiast and the model maker.

<https://sites.google.com/site/northeasternrailwayassociation/>

The Secretary of the NERA may be contacted on secretary@ner.org.uk

Other images may be available to illustrate potential articles about the Line Guide. Please contact Fiona Forsythe 07810 885 223.