Stations for everyone:
Community rail’s role in creating inclusive, sustainable stations

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A growing grassroots movement

- 67 community rail partnerships
- 1,000+ station friends groups
- 75+ community stations projects

See communityrail.org.uk
DfT’s Community Rail Development strategy

- Providing a voice for the community
- Promoting sustainable, healthy, accessible travel
- Bringing communities together, supporting diversity & inclusion
- Supporting social & economic development

[Website Link: communityrail.org.uk]
Community Rail Cumbria
The Poacher Line
Challenges to overcome

1. Recognise the difference community rail makes to inclusion & sustainability

2. Draw on, listen to and empower community rail

3. Make it as straight-forward as possible
We’re here to advise, facilitate and support

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