

Liverpool to Manchester

Community Rail Partnership

Chair (Voluntary)



*Connecting
Communities
by Rail*



***Based in Liverpool,
Manchester or anywhere
inbetween***



***Approximately 12 hours
per month***



***Strengthen and
champion a growing
Community Rail
Partnership***

The Opportunity:

The Chair is elected annually and this information has been produced for anyone considering standing for the role.

The Chair of the Liverpool to Manchester Community Rail Partnership provides leadership, helping shape the future of one of Britain's most historic railway corridors.

The Partnership works across the Chat Moss Line and Cheshire Lines Committee Line, bringing together local authorities, train operators, Network Rail, community organisations, station adopters and volunteers to strengthen the relationship between the railway and the communities it serves. As a member of the Community Rail Network (CRN), it delivers projects that support sustainable travel, accessibility, community engagement, local heritage and social inclusion, while working collaboratively with initiatives such as Rocket All Aboard to celebrate the Liverpool and Manchester Railway and maximise benefits for communities along the route.

Working with the Executive Committee and Community Development Officer, the Chair provides strategic leadership, supports effective governance and helps deliver lasting social, environmental and economic benefits across the corridor.

Manchester Histories acts as the Accountable Body, providing financial management, governance, administration and strategic support to the Executive Committee, enabling informed decision-making and effective partnership delivery. It is also the Development and Delivery Partner for Rocket: All Aboard, the cross-regional programme celebrating the bicentenaries of the Rainhill Trials in 2029 and the opening of the Liverpool and Manchester Railway in 2030.

www.manchesterhistories.co.uk

www.rocketallaboard.co.uk

This is an opportunity to lead a growing partnership, influence the future of community rail across two important railway corridors and work with a wide range of organisations to create positive change for people and places across the Liverpool to Manchester corridor.



The CRP Vision and Values

To create a well-connected, inclusive and sustainable rail corridor that brings lasting benefit to communities between Liverpool and Manchester.

Inclusivity – We ensure all communities feel represented, welcomed and involved in shaping their railway.

Collaboration – We build strong partnerships across sectors to deliver shared goals and positive outcomes.

Sustainability – We promote rail as a low-carbon, healthy and forward-thinking mode of travel.

Community Voice – We listen to and amplify local voices, placing people at the heart of everything we do.

Integrity – We act transparently, responsibly and in the public interest.

Role Overview

The Chair leads the Executive Committee, ensuring the Partnership is well governed, inclusive and focused on delivering its agreed priorities.

Working closely with the Community Rail Officer, the Chair supports delivery of the Activity Plan, strengthens partnerships and represents the Partnership with local authorities, train operators, community organisations and other stakeholders.

As the Partnership's principal ambassador, the Chair promotes the value of community rail and helps shape the future of one of Britain's most historic railway corridors.

Candidate Profile

This role requires a collaborative approach, strong interpersonal skills and a commitment to providing effective leadership and supporting the Partnership's long-term success. The Chair will maintain positive relationships across the Executive Committee, the wider Partnership and with external stakeholders.

Experience in public service, transport, community development, the voluntary and community sector, heritage or business would be beneficial. Although the Partnership's work is centred on the railway and the communities it serves, previous rail experience is not essential.

The role requires an understanding of good governance and community engagement, together with the ability to lead meetings, build consensus and support effective decision-making.

The Chair will communicate effectively, act with integrity, treat everyone with courtesy and respect, value different perspectives and foster an open, inclusive culture.

The Chair will demonstrate the Partnership's values of inclusivity, collaboration, sustainability, community voice and integrity, while recognising the important role community rail can play in strengthening communities, connecting people and improving places across the Liverpool to Manchester corridor.



Key Responsibilities

Leadership and Governance

- Provide strategic leadership to the Partnership and its Executive Committee.
- Chair Executive Committee meetings and the Annual General Meeting. Also chair Stakeholder Group meetings when required.
- Ensure the partnership operates in accordance with its Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct.
- Promote good governance, transparency and effective decision-making.
- Foster a positive, respectful and inclusive culture across the Partnership.

Strategic Direction

- Support delivery of the Community Rail Activity Plan and long-term strategic objectives.
- Help identify opportunities for growth, funding and partnership development.
- Monitor progress and ensure the Partnership remains focused on delivering community benefit.

Partnership Working

- Build strong relationships with local authorities, train operators, community organisations and other partners.
- Encourage collaboration and shared ownership of the Partnership's aims.
- Champion equality, accessibility and sustainability throughout the Partnership's work.

External Representation

- Act as an ambassador for the Partnership at meetings, conferences and public events.
- Promote the work of the Partnership regionally and nationally.
- Help strengthen relationships with Community Rail Network, Network Rail, train operators and funding partners.

Supporting the Community Development Officer

- Work closely with the Community Rail Officer, providing guidance, encouragement and constructive challenge.
- Support effective planning, performance and reporting.
- Contribute to the annual review of priorities and delivery.

Time Commitment

Approximately 12 hours per month (varying depending on activity), including:

- Four Executive Committee meetings & three Stakeholder Group meetings each year.
- The Annual General Meeting.
- Occasional partnership meetings, events and representation.
- Regular liaison with the Community Development Officer.

How to submit a nomination

If you wish to put yourself forward for this role please complete the nomination form on this link

[Chair Nomination Form](#)

Deadline for submission 02/09/26



Salford City Council

