

Liverpool to Manchester

Community Rail Partnership

Vice Chair (Voluntary)



*Connecting
Communities
by Rail*



*Based in Liverpool,
Manchester or anywhere
inbetween*



*approximately 8 hours
per month*



*Strengthen and
champion a growing
Community Rail
Partnership*

The Opportunity:

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

The Vice-Chair supports the Chair in providing leadership and helping shape the future of the Liverpool to Manchester Community Rail Partnership.

The Partnership works across the Chat Moss Line and Cheshire Lines Committee Line, bringing together local authorities, train operators, Network Rail, community organisations 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 and local heritage, while working collaboratively with initiatives such as Rocket All Aboard.

Working with the Chair, Executive Committee and Community Development Officer, the Vice-Chair supports effective governance and helps deliver the Partnership's strategic objectives.

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 help shape the future of community rail across two nationally significant railway corridors and work with a wide range of organisations to create positive change for people and places across the Liverpool to Manchester corridor.
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 Vice-Chair supports the Chair in providing leadership to the Executive Committee and helps ensure the Partnership remains well governed, inclusive and focused on delivering its agreed priorities.

Working closely with the Chair and Community Development Officer, the Vice-Chair contributes to strategic planning, supports delivery of the Activity Plan and helps strengthen relationships across the Partnership.

The Vice-Chair deputises for the Chair when required and acts as an ambassador for the Partnership, promoting the value of community rail and supporting collaborative working across the Liverpool to Manchester corridor.

Candidate Profile

This role requires a collaborative approach, strong interpersonal skills and a commitment to supporting the Chair and contributing to the Partnership's long-term success. The Vice 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 support the Chair, contribute to effective decision-making and deputise when required.

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

The Vice 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

- Support the Chair in providing leadership to the Executive Committee.
- Deputise for the Chair when required.
- Chair Stakeholder Group meetings.
- 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.
- Contribute to strategic planning and partnership development.
- Help monitor progress against agreed priorities.

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

- Represent the Partnership at meetings, events and stakeholder forums as required.
- Promote the work of the Partnership and advocate for the value of community rail.
- Support the Chair in developing relationships with key partners.

Supporting the Community Development Officer

- Work closely with the Community Development Officer, providing support, encouragement and constructive challenge.
- Support effective planning, performance and delivery of the Activity Plan.

Time Commitment

Approximately 8 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

[Vice Chair Nomination Form](#)

Deadline for submission 02/09/26



Salford City Council

