

RAILFUTURE LIST OF REOPENING CAMPAIGN GROUPS, SORTED A-Z

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Notes:

- 1 "Reopening Campaign (RoC) groups" are mostly volunteer societies campaigning for line/station opening or reopening on the national rail network. *There are many other line/station candidates for opening or reopening for which I cannot identify a campaign group – let me know if you start one!*
- 2 Some groups are constituted as: ppp (public-private partnership), Cic (Community Interest Company), Ltd (Public Limited Company).
- 3 Groups campaigning to reopen lines solely as heritage attractions are generally not included here; see footnotes.
- 4 See also these Railfuture lists: Rail User Groups A-Z, Rail User Groups Sorted by Region, National & Regional Passenger Bodies.
- 5 If you have trouble contacting a particular group, please ask me via the above email address and I may be able to help.
- 6 Corrections and comments very welcome – please send details to the above email address.
- 7 Inclusion in this list does not imply Railfuture endorsement of the scheme.
- 8 See also footnotes at the end of this list.

Key:

Region The one or more region in which the reopening campaign group is located, shown as the abbreviated name of the relevant Railfuture Branch...
Devon & Cornwall / East Anglia / East Midlands / Lincolnshire / London & South East / North East / North West / Thames Valley / Scotland / Severnside / Yorkshire / Wales / Wessex / West Midlands. UK = nationwide organisation.

- A = affiliated to Railfuture...but note that committee members of some non-affiliated groups are also individual members of Railfuture. L = lapsed
Italic = also appears on Railfuture's List of Rail User Groups, but included here because the group runs a major reopening campaign.
 ❖ = group campaigning for a regular passenger service on a line currently used for freight and/or occasional passenger trains. ● = scheme going ahead

Region	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Group	Website (otherwise Facebook / Email)	Line or station to open/reopen
NE		Aln Valley Railway Trust	www.alnvalleyrailway.co.uk	● Alnwick to Alnmouth
WAL		Anglesey Central Railway Ltd (Lein Amlwch)	F: Lein-Amlwch-of-Anglesey-Central-Railway	● Gaerwen to Amlwch
LSE		<i>Barking-Gospel Oak Rail User Group</i>	http://www.barking-gospeloak.org.uk/	Junction Road (for Tuffnell Park)
D&C		Barnstaple to Braunton	see Combe Rail	
WM		Baschurch Station Group	http://www.baschurchstation.org.uk/	Baschurch Stn nr Shrewsbury
SCO	A	Beattock Station Action Group	http://www.beattockstationactiongroup.org.uk/	Beattock Stn (Dumfries & Galloway)
YOR		Beverley to York	see Minsters Rail Campaign	
SCO		Blackford Railway-station Again, Campaign to Open (COBRA)	E: randmcorum@btinternet.com	Blackford Stn (Perthshire)
NW	A	<i>Blackpool and Fylde Rail Users' Association</i>	F: Blackpool-Fylde-Rail-Users-Association	Wrea Green Stn; Poulton-le-Fylde to Fleetwood
LSE		BML2 (Brighton Main Line 2 campaign)	http://www.bml2.co.uk/	Alternative London-Brighton route via Uckfield
SCO		Bonnybridge Railway Station, Reinstate	https://bonnybridgerailway.scot/	Bonnybridge Stn west of Falkirk
SCO		<i>Borders Rail, Campaign for</i>	https://campaignforbordersrail.wordpress.com/	Tweedbank to Hawick and on to Carlisle
YOR	A	<i>Bradford Rail Users' Group</i>	http://bradfordrail.com/	Bowling Jcn, Laisterdyke & Manningham
LSE	A	Bridge the Gap, Connect East Sussex	http://www.railfuture.org.uk/Uckfield+Lewes	Uckfield to Sussex coast via Lewes
WES		Bridport to Maiden Newton	see Jurassic Coast Railways	

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SS		A	<i>Bristol Railways, Friends of Suburban (FOSBR)</i>	http://www.fosbr.org.uk/	Various stations and lines
D&C			Bude & Holsworthy Rail Action Group		Renamed "Connect Bude" in Feb 2017
D&C		A	Bude, Connect (Connect Bude)	http://www.connectbude.uk/	Bude-Holsworthy-Okehampton
EA			Cam Bed Rail Road	http://www.cambedrailroad.org/	Cambridge-Bedford section of EastWestRail
LSE			Camberwell Station Campaign	E: robert@communitysouthwark.org	Camberwell Station (Southwark)
EA			Cambridge Connect	http://www.cambridge-connect.uk/	Light rail network for City of Cambridge
EA			Cambridge to Colchester Rail Project	see Haverhill, Rail	
UK			Campaign for Better Transport / Railways Fit for the Future	http://www.bettertransport.org.uk/re-opening-rail-lines	Numerous stations and lines
SCO			<i>Capital Rail Action Group (Edinburgh)</i>	http://www.capitalrail.org.uk/	Abbeyhill Stn, Edinburgh Sth Suburban Line etc
LSE			<i>Capital Transport Campaign (London), Friends of the</i>	http://www.computerate.co.uk/CapitalTransport/	Various stations and lines
WAL			Carmarthen to Aberystwyth	see Trans Link Cymru	
WAL			Carno Station Action Group	http://carnostation.org.uk/	Carno Station (Powys)
LSE		A	<i>Chingford Line Users' Association (Essex)</i>	https://www.railfuture.org.uk/tiki-index.php?page=CLUA-HFC	Hall Farm Curve (Stratford to Chingford)
SS			Cirencester Community Railway	https://cirentrain.org.uk/	Kemble to Cirencester
SCO			<i>Clydesdale Rail Action Group (South Lanarkshire)</i>	http://transformscotland.org.uk/clydesdale-rail-action-group/	Law and Symington Stns on W Coast Main Line
NE			<i>Coastliners (Sunderland-Hartlepool-Middlesbrough)</i>	http://www.necoastliners.co.uk	Stations: University Hospital & ●Horden
D&C		L	Combe Rail (N Devon)	http://www.combe-rail.org.uk/	Barnstaple to Braunton light rail
SS			Corsham Station Campaign	http://corshamrailwaystation.org/	Corsham Station (Wiltshire)
LSE			Cranleigh Railway <i>website moribund</i>	http://www.cranleighrailway.info/	Guildford to Cranleigh
SCO			Cumnock, Reopen	F: Reopencumnock	Cumnock Station (East Ayrshire)
D&C			❖Dartmoor Railway Supporters' Association	http://www.dartmoor-railway-sa.org/	Crediton-Okehampton
NW		A	❖ <i>Denton Station, Friends of</i>	http://www.dentonstation.co.uk/	Stockport to Manchester via Denton
TV	WES		Didcot, Newbury and Southampton Railway Revival	http://dnsrr.btck.co.uk/	Didcot to Winchester
YOR			❖Don Valley Railway	http://donvalleyrailway.org/	Stocksbridge to Sheffield (passenger service req'd)
SCO			Dumfries-Stranraer Railway, Reopen the	F: ReopenTheDumfriesStranraerRailway	Dumfries to Stranraer via Castle Douglas
SCO			Dyce to Ellon Railway Campaign		14-mile branch off Aberdeen-Inverness line
SCO		A	<i>East of Scotland, Rail Action Group (RAGES)</i>	http://www.rages.org.uk/	Haddington branch; ●East Linton & Reston Stns
EA	EM		East West Rail Consortium (ppp)	http://www.eastwestrail.org.uk/	●Oxford to Bedford (and on to Cambridge)
SCO			❖Edinburgh South Suburban Railway	F: ReopenTheSouthSub	Newcraighall to Haymarket via Morningside
YOR			Elland a Railway Station, Give (GEARS)	F: Give-Elland-a-Railway-Station	Elland Stn (W Yorkshire)
LSE		A	<i>English Regional Transport Association (Beds based)</i>	https://ertarail.com/	Northampton to Bedford, Matlock to Buxton and various stations
D&C			Exeter & Teign Valley Railway (also Friends of TVR)	http://www.teignrail.co.uk/index.php	Exeter to Heathfield and Newton Abbott to Chagford
LSE	TV		Expedition Engineering (consultancy)	see HS4Air	

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LSE			Folkestone Central to Folkestone Harbour	see Remembrance Line Association	
SCO			Forth Rail Link Campaign	F: forthrailink	Dunfermline to Stirling via Kincardine
NI			Foyle Rail Lobby	see: Into The West	
NE			Gilsland Station, Campaign to Open (COGS)	http://www.gilsland-station.org.uk/	Gilsland Station between Carlisle and Hexham
YOR			Golcar, Longwood and Milnsbridge Transport Campaign (GLAM TRaC)	F: glam.trac	Golcar & Milnsbridge Stn (Yorksire)
NW	YOR		Hadfield to Penistone	see Woodhead Line Campaign	
YOR		A	<i>Halifax and District Rail Action Group</i>	https://hadrag.com/	Elland Stn (W Yorkshire)
YOR		A	<i>Harrogate Line Supporters' Group</i>	http://harrogateline.org/	Leeds-Bradford Airport and Flaxby Moor Stns
EA		A	Haverhill, Rail (The Rail Haverhill and Cambridge to Colchester Rail Project)	http://www.railhaverhill.co.uk/	Phase 1: Cambridge to Haverhill Phase 2: Haverhill to Sudbury (& Colchester)
LSE			Heathrow Southern Railway (privately funded)	http://www.heathrowrail.com/	Woking/Staines to Heathrow
UK			HighSpeedUK (an alternative vision)	www.highspeeduk.co.uk	An integrated high-speed network
LSE	TV		HS4Air (a proposal from Expedition Engineering)	https://expedition.uk.com/thinking/hs4air-an-m25-for-high-speed-trains/	HS4Air: HS2 to HS1 via Heathrow, Gatwick and Ashford International
WES			Hythe to Southampton	see Waterside Line	
NI			<i>Into The West rail lobby group (Northern Ireland)</i>	F: FoyleRailLobby	Derry (NI) to Donegal and Sligo (Irish Republic)
EM		A	Ivanhoe Line, Campaign for Reopening (CRIL)	https://ivanhoeline.org/	Leicester to Burton-on-Trent (established:2019)
WES			Jurassic Coast Railways Ltd – <i>website moribund</i>	https://sites.google.com/site/jurassiccoastrailways/	Maiden Newton to Bridport & Weymouth to Portland
NW			Keswick to Penrith Railway Reopening (CKP Railways, Cic)	http://www.keswickrailway.com/	Keswick to Penrith
D&C			Kilbride Rail (property & infrastructure developer)	http://kilbridegroup.com/home/railprojects/tavistock/	Tavistock to Bere Alston (thence to Plymouth)
EA			King's Lynn to Hunstanton Railway Campaign	http://www.hunstantonrail.org.uk/	via Wolferton, Snettisham & Heacham
SS		A	Langport Transport Group		Langport Stn, Somerset
YOR			Leeds Northern Rail Reinstatement – <i>website moribund</i>	http://riponrail.wordpress.com/	Harrogate-Ripon-Northallerton & other lines
WM			Leek, Reconnect	https://reconnectleek.co.uk/	Churnet Valley to Leek
SCO		A	LevenMouth Rail Campaign	https://levenmouth.co.uk/	● Thornton to Levenmouth (Fife)
LSE			Lewes to Uckfield	see BML2, Bridge the Gap and Wealden Line	
WM		A	❖ <i>Lichfield Rail Promotion Group (Staffordshire)</i>	http://www.lichfieldrailusers.org.uk/	Lichfield Trent Valley to Burton-upon-Trent
NW			Lytham, Trams to	F: tramstolytham	Blackpool to Lytham St Annes (tramway)
WAL		A	Magor Action Group on Rail (MAGOR)	http://magorstation.co.uk/	Magor Stn (Monmouthshire)
NW	EM	A	Manchester and East Midlands Rail Action Partnership (MEMRAP)	https://www.memrap.org/	Rowsley to Chinley/Buxton
SS			Marlborough Rail Link (Transition Marlborough Transport Group) – <i>web page moribund</i>	http://www.transitionmarlborough.org/Support+to+Marlborough+Rail+Link	Marlborough branch (joins main line at Savernake, just west of Bedwyn)
TV		A	<i>Marlow-Maidenhead Passengers' Association (MMPA)</i>	http://www.mmpa.org.uk/	High Wycombe to Bourne End (& on to Maidenhead)
NW		A	❖ Mid Cheshire Rail Link Campaign (a sub-group of MCRUA)	F: MidCheshireRail (see http://www.mcrua.org.uk/)	Sandbach to Northwich; new stations at Middlewich and Gadbrook Park

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SS		A	Minehead Rail Link Group	http://www.mineheadrailink.org.uk/	Minehead to Taunton via W Somerset Railway
YOR		A	Minsters Rail Campaign	https://www.minstersrail.com/	Beverley - Market Weighton - York
WM			Moorland & City Railways	https://reconnectleek.co.uk/mcr	Stoke-on-Trent to Cauldon Lowe
LSE			Muswell Hill Metro Group	http://muswellhillmetrogroup.com/	Finsbury Park-Alexandra Palace via Muswell Hill
SCO		L	Newburgh Train Station Campaign	http://newburghtrainstation.org.uk/	Newburgh (in Fife; on the Ladybank-Perth line)
EA		L	Norfolk Orbital Railway (Melton Constable Trust)	http://www.norfolk-orbital-railway.co.uk	Wymondham-Fakenham-Holt-Sheringham
SS			North Somerset Railway	https://www.northsomersetrailway.com/index.php	Radstock to Frome
YOR			Northallerton to Garsdale	see Wensleydale Railway	
LSE			Northampton to Bedford	see English Regional Transport Association	
D&C			OkeRAIL cic	http://okerail.2day.uk/	Regular service, Exeter to Okehampton
NW		A	<i>Ormskirk, Preston & Southport Travellers' Association</i>	http://www.opsta.btck.co.uk/	Kew (Southport) & Midge Hall Stns; Burscough curves; line to Skelmersdale
TV		A	Oxford - Cambridge Rail Campaign (OBRAC)	https://www.railfuture.org.uk/ox-cam/	● Oxford to Bedford & Cambridge
SCO			Paisley and Gryffe Transport Forum (Renfrewshire)		Gryffe Valley Line (Paisley to Bridge of Weir)
D&C			Peninsula Rail Group	http://prg.2day.uk/	Okehampton to Bere Alston
SS			❖ <i>Pilning Station Group</i>	http://www.pilningstation.uk/	One direction only since footbridge demolish'n!
SS		A	❖ Portishead Railway Group	http://www.portisheadrailwaygroup.org/	● Bristol to Portishead
WES			Portland to Weymouth	see Jurassic Coast Railways	
NW			Poulton & Wyre Railway Society	http://www.pwrs.org/	Poulton (Blackpool) to Fleetwood
SS			Radstock to Frome Railway Trust	http://www.radstocktofromerailwaytrust.co.uk/	Radstock to Frome (see also N Somerset Rlwy)
NW		A	❖ <i>Reddish South Station, Friends of</i>	https://friendsofreddishsouthstation.co.uk/	Stockport to Manchester via Reddish South
LSE			Remembrance Line Association	http://www.theremembranceline.org.uk/	Folkestone Central to F. Harbour tram-train
UK			Railfuture (Cic)	http://www.railfuture.org.uk/Missing+Links	Numerous campaigns (see website)
SCO			<i>RailQwest (West of Scotland rail campaign)</i>	E: railqwest@hotmail.co.uk	Glasgow Crossrail and airport link
SCO		A	St Andrews Rail Link (Starlink)	http://www.starlink-campaign.org.uk/	Leuchars to St Andrews (Fife)
SS		A	Saltford Station Campaign	www.saltfordenvironmentgroup.org.uk/station.html	Saltford Stn (Somerset)
WM		A	<i>Shakespeare Line Promotion Group (Avon Rail Link)</i>	http://shakespeareline.com/	Stratford-upon-Avon to Honeybourne
WAL			<i>Shrewsbury to Aberystwyth Rail Passengers' Associatn</i>	http://sarpa.info/	Stations at: Carno, Hanwood and ● Bow Street
WM			<i>Shropshire, Telford and the Marches Strategic Rail Group</i>		Telford to Stafford and Ironbridge branch
NW	YOR	A	Skipton-East Lancashire Railway Action Partnership	http://www.selrap.org.uk/	Colne to Skipton (trans-Pennine route)
SS			Somer-Rail Trust	renamed Radstock to Frome Railway Trust	
SS	WES		Somerset & Dorset Railway, New	https://www.facebook.com/groups/2388023865	Bath to Bournemouth
SS			Somerset District & Circle Line (circular all-stn service)	http://somesetdistrictandcircleline.com/	Website defunct
NE		A	<i>South East Northumberland Rail Users' Group</i>	http://www.senrug.co.uk/	Ashington, Blythe & Tyne line (Northumberland); Belford and Beal Stns (ECML)
WM		A	<i>Stourbridge Line User Group</i>	http://www.stourbridgelineusergroup.info/	Stourbridge to Dudley/Wallsall

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WM		Stratford Worcester Oxford group	http://suawoox.com/index.html	Stratford to Honeybourne, thence Worcr & Oxfd
D&C		Tavistock to Bere Alston	see Kilbride Rail	
SCO		Thornhill Train Station Action Group	F: thornhilltrainstation	Thornhill Stn (Dumfries & Galloway)
SS	A	Trans Wilts Community Rail Partnership	https://transwilts.org/	Wilton Stn
WAL	L	Traws Link Cymru (West Wales Rail Campaign)	http://www.trawslinkcymru.org.uk/	Carmarthen-Aberystwyth & AfonWen-Bangor
YOR	A	Upper Wensleydale Railway Association	https://upperwensleydalerrailway.org.uk/	Hawes to Garsdale (junction on Settle-Carlisle line)
WES		❖Waterside Community Railway	F: WatersideRailwayPassengerService	Southampton-Hythe-(Fawley)
LSE		Wealden Line Campaign	http://www.wealdenline.org.uk/	Lewes to Uckfield
YOR		Wensleydale Railway Association	https://wensleydale-railway.co.uk/	Northallerton to Garsdale
TV		Windsor Link Railway Limited	http://windsorlink.co.uk/	Windsor Riverside to Slough & other new lines
NW	A	<i>Wirral Transport Users' Association (Cheshire)</i>	http://www.wirraltua.org.uk/	Town Meadow Stn (Moreton) on W Kirby line
EA		Wisbech Rail Reopening Campaign	http://wisbechrail.org.uk/	Wisbech to March
TV		Witney-Oxford Transport Group	https://witneyoxfordtransport.wordpress.com/	Witney to Oxford
NW	YOR	Woodhead Line Campaign, Reopen the <i>see also</i> Grand Northern Ltd	http://www.savethewoodheadtunnel.blogspot.com/ https://www.grandnorthern.co.uk/	Hadfield to Penistone (trans-Pennine route)
NW		Wythenshawe Station Campaign	http://www.wythenshawerailway.blogspot.com/	Baguley Stn (Greater Manchester)

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Footnotes:

- 1 In addition to the projects shown above, there are many reopening schemes being promoted by local authorities. Experience shows that residents in favour would be well advised to form a support group, thereby demonstrating community support and involvement.
- 2 Useful information about new/reopened lines and stations can be found on Railfuture's website by following these links:
<https://www.railfuture.org.uk/Missing+Links> <https://www.railfuture.org.uk/New+stations>
- 3 Our 2017 guide *EXPANDING THE RAILWAYS* gives information to help local authorities, developers and community groups develop plans for adding new stations and lines to the network. Includes several case studies. See <http://www.railfuture.org.uk/article1745-Expanding-the-Railways>
- 4 Railfuture's book *BRITAIN'S GROWING RAILWAY* lists stations and routes with rail reopening potential. See www.railfuture.org.uk/shop/books.php.
- 5 A report entitled *Connecting Communities* was published by the Association of Train Operating Companies in June 2009. Read it online here:
<https://www.raildeliverygroup.com/about-us/publications.html?task=file.download&id=469773500>
- 6 For a recent view of rail reopenings from the Conservative think tank, the Bow Group, see their report *Reviving Britain's Railways* published in October 2015: http://www.bowgroup.org/sites/bowgroup.uat.pleasetest.co.uk/files/Bow_Group_Reviving_Railways_V4_0.pdf
- 7 For an interactive map showing heritage railways in the British Isles, see <http://www.heritagerailways.com/>. Many of these lines have the potential for providing a regular passenger service.