

# 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 Not included: groups campaigning to reopen lines as heritage attractions (although some could provide useful transport links); 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 / email	Line or station to open/reopen
NE		Aln Valley Railway Trust	<a href="http://www.alnvalleyrailway.co.uk">www.alnvalleyrailway.co.uk</a>	● Alnwick to Alnmouth
WAL		Anglesey Central Railway Ltd	<a href="http://www.leinamlwch.co.uk/xhtml/index.html">http://www.leinamlwch.co.uk/xhtml/index.html</a>	Gaerwen to Amlwch
LSE		<i>Barking-Gospel Oak Rail User Group</i>	<a href="http://www.barking-gospeloak.org.uk/">http://www.barking-gospeloak.org.uk/</a>	Junction Road (for Tuffnell Park)
D&C		Barnstaple to Braunton	see Combe Rail	
WM		Baschurch Station Group	<a href="http://www.baschurchstation.org.uk/">http://www.baschurchstation.org.uk/</a>	Baschurch Stn nr Shrewsbury
SCO	A	Beattock Station Action Group	<a href="http://www.beattockstationactiongroup.org.uk/">http://www.beattockstationactiongroup.org.uk/</a>	Beattock Stn (Dumfries & Galloway)
NE		Belford Rail Users' Group		Belford Stn (Northumberland)
YOR		Beverley to York	see Minsters Rail Campaign	
SCO		Blackford Railway-station Again, Campaign to Open (COBRA)	email: <a href="mailto:randmcorum@btinternet.com">randmcorum@btinternet.com</a>	Blackford Stn (Perthshire)
NW	A	<i>Blackpool and Fylde Rail Users' Association</i>	<a href="http://www.bafrua.org.uk/">http://www.bafrua.org.uk/</a>	Wrea Green Stn; Poulton-le-Fylde to Fleetwood
LSE		BML2 (Brighton Main Line 2 campaign)	<a href="http://www.bml2.co.uk/">http://www.bml2.co.uk/</a>	Alternative London-Brighton route via Uckfield
SCO		Borders Rail, Campaign for	<a href="http://www.campaignforbordersrail.org/">http://www.campaignforbordersrail.org/</a>	Tweedbank to Hawick and on to Carlisle
YOR	A	<i>Bradford Rail Users' Group</i>	<a href="http://bradfordrail.com/">http://bradfordrail.com/</a>	Low Moor and other stations
LSE	A	Bridge the Gap, Connect East Sussex	<a href="http://www.railfuture.org.uk/Uckfield+Lewes">http://www.railfuture.org.uk/Uckfield+Lewes</a>	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>	<a href="http://www.fosbr.org.uk/">http://www.fosbr.org.uk/</a>	Various stations and lines
D&C			Bude & Holsworthy Rail Action Group	(launched Nov 16)	Okehampton to Bude (after Exeter-Oke'n opens)
EA			Cambridge Connect	<a href="http://www.cambridge-connect.uk/">http://www.cambridge-connect.uk/</a>	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	<a href="http://www.bettertransport.org.uk/re-opening-rail-lines">http://www.bettertransport.org.uk/re-opening-rail-lines</a>	Numerous stations and lines
SCO			<i>Capital Rail Action Group (Edinburgh)</i>	<a href="http://www.capitalrail.org.uk/">http://www.capitalrail.org.uk/</a>	Abbeyhill Stn, Edinburgh Sth Suburban Line etc
LSE			<i>Capital Transport Campaign (London), Friends of the</i>	<a href="http://www.computerate.co.uk/CapitalTransport/">http://www.computerate.co.uk/CapitalTransport/</a>	Various stations and lines
WAL			Carmarthen to Aberystwyth	see Trans Link Cymru	
WAL			Carno Station Action Group	<a href="http://carnostation.org.uk/">http://carnostation.org.uk/</a>	Carno Station (Powys)
LSE		A	<i>Chingford Line Users' Association (Essex)</i>	<a href="http://www.railfuture.org.uk/tiki-index.php?page=CLUA-Introduction">http://www.railfuture.org.uk/tiki-index.php?page=CLUA-Introduction</a>	Hall Farm Curve (Stratford to Chingford)
NE			<i>Coastliners (Sunderland-Hartlepool-Middlesbrough)</i>	<a href="http://www.necoastliners.co.uk">http://www.necoastliners.co.uk</a>	Stations: Horden & University Hospital
D&C		A	Combe Rail (N Devon)	<a href="http://www.combe-rail.org.uk/">http://www.combe-rail.org.uk/</a>	Barnstaple to Braunton light rail
SS			Corsham Station Campaign	<a href="http://corshamrailwaystation.org/">http://corshamrailwaystation.org/</a>	Corsham Station (Wiltshire)
LSE			Cranleigh Railway (Surrey)	<a href="http://www.cranleighrailway.info/">http://www.cranleighrailway.info/</a>	Guildford to Cranleigh
SCO			Cumnock, Reopen	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Reopencumnock/">https://www.facebook.com/Reopencumnock/</a>	Cumnock Station (East Ayrshire)
NW		A	❖ <i>Denton Station, Friends of</i>	<a href="http://www.dentonstation.co.uk/">http://www.dentonstation.co.uk/</a>	Stockport to Manchester via Denton
TV	WES		Didcot, Newbury and Southampton Railway Revival	<a href="http://www.didcotnewburyandsouthamptonrailway.co.uk/">http://www.didcotnewburyandsouthamptonrailway.co.uk/</a>	Didcot to Winchester
YOR			❖Don Valley Railway	<a href="http://donvalleyrailway.org/">http://donvalleyrailway.org/</a>	Stocksbridge to Sheffield (passenger service req'd)
SCO			Dumfries-Stranraer Railway, Reopen the	<a href="https://www.reopenthedumfriesstranraer.com/">@ReopenTheDumfriesStranraerRailway</a>	Dumfries to Stranraer via Castle Douglas
SCO			Dyce to Ellon Railway Campaign	<a href="https://cillrpauljohnston.wordpress.com/">https://cillrpauljohnston.wordpress.com/</a>	14-mile branch off Aberdeen-Inverness line
SCO		A	<i>East of Scotland, Rail Action Group (RAGES)</i>	<a href="http://www.rages.org.uk/">http://www.rages.org.uk/</a>	Haddington branch; ●East Linton & Reston Stns
EA	EM		East West Rail Consortium (ppp)	<a href="http://www.eastwestrail.org.uk/">http://www.eastwestrail.org.uk/</a>	●Oxford to Bedford (and on to Cambridge)
SCO			❖Edinburgh South Suburban Railway	<a href="https://sites.google.com/site/reopenthesouthsub/">https://sites.google.com/site/reopenthesouthsub/</a>	Newcraighall to Haymarket via Morningside
YOR			Elland a Railway Station, Give (GEARS)	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/Give-Elland-a-Railway-Station/765826466810760">https://www.facebook.com/pages/Give-Elland-a-Railway-Station/765826466810760</a>	Elland Stn (W Yorkshire)
LSE			<i>English Regional Transport Association (Beds based)</i>	<a href="https://ertarail.com/">https://ertarail.com/</a>	Northampton to Bedford and various stations
D&C			Exeter & Teign Valley Railway (also Friends of TVR)	<a href="http://www.teignrail.co.uk/index.php">http://www.teignrail.co.uk/index.php</a>	Exeter to Heathfield and Newton Abbott to Chagford
LSE			Folkestone Central to Folkestone Harbour	see Remembrance Line Association	
SCO			Forth Rail Link Campaign	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/forthraillink/">https://www.facebook.com/forthraillink/</a>	Dunfermline to Stirling via Kincardine
NE			Gilsland Station, Campaign to Open (COGS)	<a href="http://www.gilsland-station.org.uk/">http://www.gilsland-station.org.uk/</a>	Gilsland Station between Carlisle and Hexham
YOR			Golcar, Longwood and Milnsbridge Transport Campaign	(GLAM TRaC) See: <a href="http://www.smart-rail.co.uk/">http://www.smart-rail.co.uk/</a>	Golcar & Milnsbridge Stn (Yorksire)
NW	YOR		Hadfield to Penistone	see Woodhead Line Campaign	
YOR		A	<i>Halifax and District Rail Action Group</i>	<a href="https://hadrag.com/">https://hadrag.com/</a>	Elland Stn (W Yorkshire)
YOR		A	<i>Harrogate Line Supporters' Group</i>	<a href="http://harrogateline.org/">http://harrogateline.org/</a>	Leeds-Bradford Airport and Flaxby Moor Stns

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EA		A	Haverhill, Rail (The Rail Haverhill and Cambridge to Colchester Rail Project)	<a href="http://www.railhaverhill.org.uk/">http://www.railhaverhill.org.uk/</a>	Phase 1: Cambridge to Haverhill Phase 2: Haverhill to Sudbury (& Colchester)
LSE			Heathrow Southern Railway (privately funded)	<a href="http://www.heathrowrail.com/">http://www.heathrowrail.com/</a>	Woking to Heathrow & Egham to Heathrow
UK			HighSpeedUK (an alternative vision)	<a href="http://www.highspeeduk.co.uk">www.highspeeduk.co.uk</a>	An integrated high-speed network
WES			Hythe to Southampton	see Waterside Line	
NI			<i>Into The West rail lobby group (Northern Ireland)</i>	<a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/intothewest/">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/intothewest/</a>	Derry (NI) to Donegal and Sligo (Irish Republic)
WES			Jurassic Coast Railways Ltd	<a href="https://sites.google.com/site/jurassiccoastrailways/">https://sites.google.com/site/jurassiccoastrailways/</a>	Maiden Newton to Bridport & Weymouth to Portland
NW			Keswick to Penrith Railway Reopening (CKP Railways, Cic)	<a href="http://www.keswickrailway.com/">http://www.keswickrailway.com/</a>	Keswick to Penrith
D&C			Kilbride Rail (property & infrastructure developer)	<a href="http://kilbridegroup.com/home/railprojects/tavistock/">http://kilbridegroup.com/home/railprojects/tavistock/</a>	Tavistock to Bere Alston (thence to Plymouth)
SS			Langport station	see Somerset District & Circle Line	
YOR			Leeds Northern Rail Reinstatement Group	<a href="http://riponrail.wordpress.com/">http://riponrail.wordpress.com/</a>	Harrogate-Ripon-Northallerton & other lines
WM			Leek to Stoke-on-Trent	see Moorland & City Railways	
SCO		A	LevenMouth Rail Campaign	<a href="http://www.lmrc-action.org.uk/">http://www.lmrc-action.org.uk/</a>	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>	<a href="http://www.lichfieldrailusers.org.uk/">http://www.lichfieldrailusers.org.uk/</a>	Lichfield Trent Valley to Burton-upon-Trent
WAL		A	Magor Action Group on Rail (MAGOR)	<a href="http://magorstation.co.uk/">http://magorstation.co.uk/</a>	Magor Stn (Monmouthshire)
SS			Marlborough Rail Link (Transition Marlborough Transport Group)	<a href="http://www.transitionmarlborough.org/Support+the+Marlborough+Rail+Link">http://www.transitionmarlborough.org/Support+the+Marlborough+Rail+Link</a>	Marlborough branch (joins main line at Savernake, just west of Bedwyn)
TV		A	<i>Marlow-Maidenhead Passengers' Association (MMPA)</i>	<a href="http://www.mmpa.org.uk/">http://www.mmpa.org.uk/</a>	High Wycombe to Bourne End (& on to Maidenhead)
NW			❖ Mid Cheshire Rail Link Campaign (a sub-group of MCRUA)	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/MidCheshireRail/">https://www.facebook.com/MidCheshireRail/</a> (see <a href="http://www.mcrua.org.uk/">http://www.mcrua.org.uk/</a> )	Sandbach to Northwich; new stns at Middlewich and Gadbrook Park
SS		A	Minehead Rail Link Group	<a href="http://www.mineheadrailink.org.uk/">http://www.mineheadrailink.org.uk/</a>	Minehead to Taunton via W Somerset Railway
YOR		A	Minsters Rail Campaign	<a href="http://www.minstersrail.net/">http://www.minstersrail.net/</a>	Beverley - Market Weighton - York
WM			Moorland & City Railways Ltd "Reconnect Leek"	<a href="http://www.mcrailways.co.uk/">http://www.mcrailways.co.uk/</a>	Leek to Leekbrook Jcn, thence to Stoke-on-Trent
LSE			Muswell Hill Metro Group	<a href="http://muswellhillmetrogroup.com/">http://muswellhillmetrogroup.com/</a>	Finsbury Park-Alexandra Palace via Muswell Hill
SCO		A	Newburgh Train Station Campaign	<a href="http://newburghtrainstation.org.uk/">http://newburghtrainstation.org.uk/</a>	Newburgh (in Fife; on the Ladybank-Perth line)
EA			Norfolk Orbital Railway	<a href="http://www.norfolk-orbital-railway.co.uk">http://www.norfolk-orbital-railway.co.uk</a>	Wymondham-Fakenham-Holt-Sheringham
NW		A	<i>North Cheshire Rail Users' Group</i>	<a href="http://www.ncrug.org.uk/">http://www.ncrug.org.uk/</a>	● Halton Curve (for N Wales to Liverpool link)
NW			North Lakes Railway Action Group		New group – objectives unknown
SCO			<i>North Rail Line Action Group (formerly DORLAG)</i>		Tain to Golspie direct
YOR			Northallerton to Garsdale	see Wensleydale Railway	
LSE			Northampton to Bedford	see English Regional Transport Association	
D&C			OkeRAIL cic	<a href="http://okerail.2day.uk/">http://okerail.2day.uk/</a>	Regular service, Exeter to Okehampton
NW		A	<i>Ormskirk, Preston &amp; Southport Travellers' Association</i>	<a href="http://www.opsta.btck.co.uk/">http://www.opsta.btck.co.uk/</a>	Kew (Southport) & Midge Hall Stns; Burscough curves; line to Skelmersdale
TV		A	Oxon & Bucks Rail Action Committee	email: <a href="mailto:ox-cam@railfuture.org.uk">ox-cam@railfuture.org.uk</a>	● Milton Keynes to Oxford & Aylesbury

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D&C			Peninsula Rail Group	<a href="http://prg.2day.uk/">http://prg.2day.uk/</a>	Okehampton to Bere Alston
SS		A	❖Portishead Railway Group	<a href="http://www.portisheadrailwaygroup.org/">http://www.portisheadrailwaygroup.org/</a>	●Bristol to Portishead
WES			Portland to Weymouth	see Jurassic Coast Railways	
NW			Poulton & Wyre Railway Society	<a href="http://www.pwrs.org/">http://www.pwrs.org/</a>	Poulton (Blackpool) to Fleetwood
WES			❖Purbeck Community Rail Partnership (ppp)	<a href="http://www.dorsetforyou.com/purbeckrail">http://www.dorsetforyou.com/purbeckrail</a>	●Wareham to Swanage (Dorset) <i>job done!</i>
SS			Radstock to Frome Railway Trust	<a href="http://www.radstocktofromerailwaytrust.co.uk/">http://www.radstocktofromerailwaytrust.co.uk/</a>	Radstock to Frome
NW		A	❖Reddish South Station, Friends of	<a href="http://reddish.dsracing.me.uk/">http://reddish.dsracing.me.uk/</a>	Stockport to Manchester via Reddish South
LSE			Remembrance Line Association	<a href="http://www.theremembranceline.org.uk/">http://www.theremembranceline.org.uk/</a>	Folkestone Central to F. Harbour tram-train
UK			<b>Railfuture</b> (Cic)	<a href="http://www.railfuture.org.uk/Missing+Links">http://www.railfuture.org.uk/Missing+Links</a>	Numerous campaigns (see website)
SCO		A	St Andrews Rail Link (Starlink)	<a href="http://www.starlink-campaign.org.uk/">http://www.starlink-campaign.org.uk/</a>	Leuchars to St Andrews (Fife)
SS		A	Saltford Station Campaign	<a href="http://www.saltfordenvironmentgroup.org.uk/station.html">www.saltfordenvironmentgroup.org.uk/station.html</a>	Saltford Stn (Somerset)
WM		A	<i>Shakespeare Line Promotion Group</i> (Avon Rail Link)	<a href="http://shakespeareline.com/">http://shakespeareline.com/</a>	Stratford-upon-Avon to Honeybourne
WAL			<i>Shrewsbury to Aberystwyth Rail Passengers' Associatn</i>	<a href="http://sarpa.info/">http://sarpa.info/</a>	Stations at: Carno, Hanwood and ●Bow Street
WM			<i>Shropshire, Telford and the Marches Strategic Rail Group</i>		Telford to Stafford
NW	YOR	A	Skipton-East Lancashire Railway Action Partnership	<a href="http://www.selrap.org.uk/">http://www.selrap.org.uk/</a>	Colne to Skipton (trans-Pennine route)
SS			Somer-Rail Trust	renamed Radstock to Frome Railway Trust	
SS	WES		Somerset & Dorset Railway, New	<a href="http://www.somersetanddorsetrailway.co.uk/">http://www.somersetanddorsetrailway.co.uk/</a>	Bath to Bournemouth
SS			Somerset District & Circle Line (circular all-stn service)	<a href="http://somersetdistrictandcircleline.com/">http://somersetdistrictandcircleline.com/</a>	via reopened stations at Langport & Somerton
NE		A	<i>South East Northumberland Rail Users' Group</i>	<a href="http://www.senrug.co.uk/">http://www.senrug.co.uk/</a>	Ashington, Blythe & Tyne line (Northumberland)
WM			<i>Stourbridge Line User Group</i>	<a href="http://www.stourbridgelineusergroup.info/">http://www.stourbridgelineusergroup.info/</a>	Stourbridge to Dudley/Wallsall
WM			Stratford Worcester Oxford group	<a href="http://suawoox.com/index.html">http://suawoox.com/index.html</a>	Stratford to Honeybourne, thence Worcr & Oxf
WES			Swanage to Wareham	see Purbeck CRP	
D&C			Tavistock to Bere Alston	see Kilbride Rail	
WAL		A	Traws Link Cymru (West Wales Rail Campaign)	<a href="http://www.trawslinkcymru.org.uk/">http://www.trawslinkcymru.org.uk/</a>	Carmarthen-Aberystwyth & AfonWen-Bangor
WES			❖Waterside Community Railway	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/WatersideRailwayPassengerService">https://www.facebook.com/WatersideRailwayPassengerService</a>	Southampton-Hythe-(Fawley)
LSE			Wealden Line Campaign	<a href="http://www.wealdenline.org.uk/">http://www.wealdenline.org.uk/</a>	Lewes to Uckfield
YOR			Wensleydale Railway Association	<a href="http://www.wensleydalerail.com/">http://www.wensleydalerail.com/</a>	Northallerton to Garsdale
TV			Windsor Link Railway Limited	<a href="http://windsorlink.co.uk/">http://windsorlink.co.uk/</a>	Windsor Riverside to Slough & other new lines
EA			Wisbech Rail Reopening Campaign	<a href="http://wisbechrail.org.uk/">http://wisbechrail.org.uk/</a>	Wisbech to March
TV			Witney-Oxford Transport Group	<a href="https://witneyoxfordtransport.wordpress.com/">https://witneyoxfordtransport.wordpress.com/</a>	Witney to Oxford
NW	YOR		Woodhead Line Campaign, Reopen the	<a href="http://www.savethewoodheadtunnel.blogspot.com/">http://www.savethewoodheadtunnel.blogspot.com/</a>	Hadfield to Penistone (trans-Pennine route)
NW			Wythenshawe Station Campaign	<a href="http://www.wythenshawerailway.blogspot.com/">http://www.wythenshawerailway.blogspot.com/</a>	Baguley Stn (Greater Manchester)

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- 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 Our new 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>
- 3 Railfuture's book *BRITAIN'S GROWING RAILWAY* lists stations and routes with rail reopening potential. See [www.railfuture.org.uk/shop/books.php](http://www.railfuture.org.uk/shop/books.php)
- 4 For an industry view of rail reopenings, see report *Connecting Communities* published by the Association of Train Operating Companies in June 2009: [http://www.atoc.org/clientfiles/File/publicationsdocuments/ConnectingCommunitiesReport\\_S10.pdf](http://www.atoc.org/clientfiles/File/publicationsdocuments/ConnectingCommunitiesReport_S10.pdf)
- 5 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](http://www.bowgroup.org/sites/bowgroup.uat.pleasetest.co.uk/files/Bow_Group_Reviving_Railways_V4_0.pdf)
- 6 For a list of heritage railways in the British Isles, see the Heritage Railways Association website <http://www.heritagerailways.com/> (click on "Plan your visit"). Many of these lines have the potential for providing a regular passenger service.