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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **CORBYS RAIL REOPENING INSPIRES CONFERENCE**

The reopening of Corby station has inspired rail experts to gather to find ways of opening other stations and lines. A railway reopenings conference is being held in Corby with the theme "Building on success".

Corby rejoined the rail network in February, giving more than 50,000 people who live there the chance to travel by train from the new station. "This didn't happen by accident. Rail campaigners fought a long battle to bring back the trains." said conference organiser David Fursdon "Now we must build on that success".

The conference is being held at St John the Baptist Church Hall, Corby, on Saturday 14 November and is being organised by the transport pressure group Railfuture. "The successful Corby reopening made it the obvious venue for our conference" he said.

Speakers include the managing director of East Midlands Trains, Tim Shoveller, and Jim Bamford, Rail officer for Nottinghamshire County Council, who will be talking about other rail successes in the East Midlands.

Other speakers include:

Stephen Abbott, Secretary, TravelWatch East Midlands

Topic: The campaign for a better service on the Liverpool-Norwich route Colin Elliff Topic: Woodhead, A total transport solution Plus speakers from Corby Borough Council and the Association of Community Rail Partnerships

Tickets for the event are £20 including a buffet lunch and refreshments.

Booking details can be found at the website [www.railfuture.org.uk](http://www.railfuture.org.uk)

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