

2021 has been a difficult year for all of us and the effects of the **COVID-19 pandemic** on travel have been widespread.

Station patronage levels

Station	2018/19	2019/20	Passenger increase	Percentage increase
Whittlesea	31,986	35,230	3,244	9.2%
March	407,914	385,956	-21,958	-5.6%
Manea	18,950	18,834	-116	-0.6%

STAY AT HOME

PROTECT THE NHS

save lives

Essential travel only

STAY HOME ▶ PROTECT THE NHS ▶ SAVE LIVES

Only travel for work if essential or for other legally permitted reasons



Hands



Face



Space

Travel Messages

Bus replacement services for essential school journeys were introduced.

We also saw **timetable reductions of 55%** of pre-COVID-19 levels. **Passenger numbers fell by 96%** as people across the country stayed at home.

Local advice and information was shared to develop and improve the reduced service timetables.



Welcome to Helen and Joanne

In January of 2021 we said “welcome aboard” to two new members of the team, **Helen and Joanne**.

With the pandemic at its peak, introductions were made remotely via Microsoft Teams.



VOLUNTEERS' WEEK

A time to say thanks

In June 2020 we took part in **National Volunteers' Week** to recognise and say thank you to the millions of volunteers across the UK for their contributions.

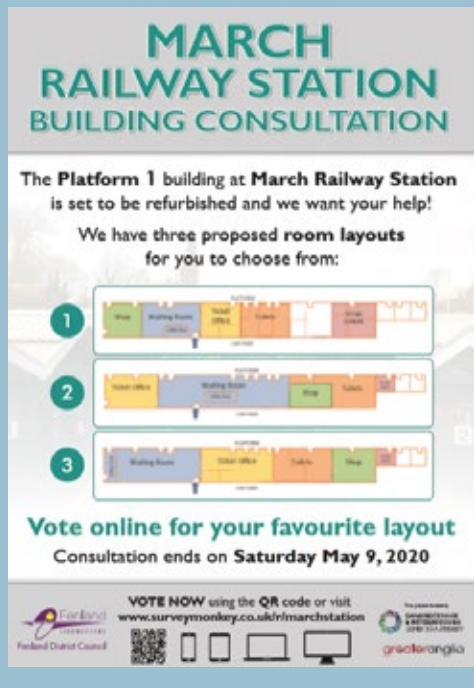
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Hereward CRP Promotion Activities

March Station Consultation April - May 2020



MARCH RAILWAY STATION BUILDING CONSULTATION

The Platform 1 building at March Railway Station is set to be refurbished and we want your help!

We have three proposed room layouts for you to choose from:

- 1
- 2
- 3

Vote online for your favourite layout
Consultation ends on Saturday May 9, 2020

VOTE NOW using the QR code or visit www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/marchstation

Partners: Fenland District Council, Greater Anglia, Hereward Community Rail Partnership

RDG World Cup of Stations - September/October 2020



Website Launch

In May 2020 we launched the new **Hereward Community Rail Partnership website**.

The website gives viewers a chance to 'explore the line', and includes nearby attractions, activities and places to stay to help people plan a trip for when it is safe to travel again.



Visit us at www.herewardcrp.org to learn more.

Here is Hereward CRPs first podcast in Greater Anglia's Lives on the Line series:

[omny.fm/shows/lives-on-the-lines/fens-bears-and-eels-along-the-hereward-line](https://www.omny.fm/shows/lives-on-the-lines/fens-bears-and-eels-along-the-hereward-line)

March Station was featured in an article about **World War 2 Lowestoft Evacuees** in December 2020. Thank you to ITV East Anglia and Community Rail Norfolk.

www.itv.com/news/anglia/2020-12-15/the-story-of-lowestofts-evacuees-told-for-the-first-time

Awards

We received **First place** (in partnership with Greater Anglia and the other CRPs in the Greater Anglia area) for **Best Marketing Campaign** at the **Community Rail Network Annual Community Rail Awards**.

You can view the Hereward CRP online video here: youtu.be/uU08z45iv0g



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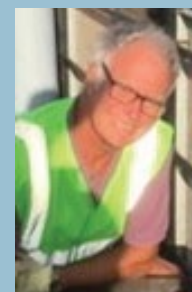
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Our Station Adopters also had success at the Greater Anglia Awards held in October. Manea Station Adopter, **Peter Townrow** won the **Judge's Special Award!**

Congratulations Peter!



CRP Project Delivery

In March 2021 **new seating and planters** were installed at **Whittlesea Station**.

The installation was organised by our Whittlesea Station Adopters, Geoff, Andrew and Suzanne. Funded and supplied by the HCRP Adopter Grant and Greater Anglia.

Elsewhere, new **FOMRS security bars** were installed at **March Station** with funding from the HCRP Adopter Grant.



Find your way... new wayfinding signage to **Manea, March and Whittlesey Stations** was installed across Fenland in December 2020.



In partnership with Community Rail Norfolk, **new poster boards** at **Ely and March** were installed in February 2021 to help promote the Hereward Line and the Community Rail Partnership.



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Additional Services

The Hereward CRP continues to press for more services to stop at our stations.

Manea secured a two hourly Sunday service in May 2020 with thanks to Greater Anglia. From December 2020 Cross Country are now stopping additional services at Manea, giving better direct access to Cambridge.



Network Rail bridge repairs at Manea
July, August and October 2020

Sharing your views about rail in our area

The Hereward Community Rail Partnership responded to the **Network Rail Ely Area Capacity Enhancement round 1 Consultation** in September and October 2020.

The Hereward Community Rail Partnership also responded to the **Greater Anglia Timetable Consultation** in December 2020.

Stakeholder Engagement



A comprehensive new **HCRP Marketing and Tourism Strategy 2021 – 2024** was developed to help to continue to promote the Hereward Line between Ely and Peterborough.



In March 2021, the Hereward CRP met with TOCs and Adopters.

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