

	Cam Valley Community Rail Partnership AGM and Steering Group held at Melbourn Hub	
Date:	21 July 2026 10.30pm	
Item 1	WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES	
	Present:	Apologies
	Susan van de Ven (SvdV) - CRP Chair	Emma Dyer - SCDC officer
	Sarah Grove (SG) - CRP Project Officer	Sasha Howard - Head Teacher, Meldreth Primary School
	Sarah Hatcher (SH) - CCC officer	Brian Milnes - District Councillor for Sawston
	Peter Wakefield (PW) - Railfuture	Kerry Allen - GCP officer
	Roger James (RJ) - Meldreth Parish Council	Sarah Freeman - CCC officer
	Andrew Chillingsworth (AC) - GTR (online)	Malcolm Watson - Great Shelford Parish Council
	Colin Burcombe (CB) - Community Rail Network	Steve Tongish - Foxton Gardens Association
	Alan Neville (AN) - Greater Anglia	Graham Clark - Melbourn PC
	James McCrone (JM) (online)	Paul Webster - CRN
	Phillip Ball (PB) - Shelford Station Adopter (online)	Katie Thornburrow - Cambridge City Councillor, Chair of EWR Mainline Partnership Strategic Board, GCP Assembly Member
	Adam Bostanci (AB) - County Councillor for Melbourn and Bassingbourn/Meldreth Parish Council/Vice Chair of A10 cycle campaign	Lynne Miles - Cambridge City Council officer
	Sallie Bates	Peter McDonald - County Councillor for Duxford
	Brian Clarkstone (BC) - CIC director	
	James Hobro (JH) - District Councillor for Foxton	
	Nigel Strudwick - Whaddon Parish Council	
	Rebecca Willers (RW) - Shepreth Wildlife Park (online)	
	Jim Rickard (JR) Great Shelford Parish Council	

Item 2	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
	Meetings of previous meeting (22 January 2026) can be viewed on the CRP website here :
Item 3	ELECTION OF OFFICERS
	Susan van de Ven was re-elected as Chair of the partnership, Adam Bostanci was elected as vice chair
Item 4	UPDATED TERMS OF REFERENCE
	Draft Terms of Reference were circulated. There are now 4 directors of the Community Interest Company. The CIC will need to change its to Cam Valley CIC for consistency with the CRP. No cost associated with the change.
Item 5	ANNUAL REPORT AND PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR
	SG outlined the main achievements over the last year as well as plans for the upcoming year. These included:
	Updated website
	New maps have been developed
	Recent achievements
	<i>Railway 200</i> Celebration of volunteer work and history of the stations. Developed station timelines on boards at stations. Shepreth version appeared in Shepreth magazine. Meldreth version now in The Hub. Funding available for coming year to develop new timelines for Shelford and Whittlesford stations.
	<i>Cambridge South Opening</i> SG designed a poster for new station. Postcards given out when the Inspiration Train visited in January. Design put on tote bag. Station now open, very initial indications are that it is very successful.
	<i>Ely Destination Showcase</i> Event held at Ely station with other Greater Anglia CRPs. Gave away lots of leaflets eg walk leaflets, activity booklets, pens and pencils
	<i>Tourism Network Field Trip</i> - Held in Ely by the Hereward CRP (Ely to Peterborough) to discover how people promote their different areas. Learnt a lot about promoting an area.
	<i>Cam Valley Gateway</i> a rail-led tourism trail designed to connect visitors and residents to the rural villages, historic sites and natural landscapes of South Cambridgeshire. Funded by Rural England Prosperity Fund. Went out to tender and procured a company called Tessellate Designers to develop website and physical elements such as maps and welcome boards. The website promotes the work of the CRP as well as showcasing the Cam Valley to visitors and residents. There are eight tabs to discover more information, eg cycling and walking routes (6 in total, downloadable). Links to Visit South Cambs website. Action - SH to speak to cycle team to integrate this website with CCC's

	Looking Ahead - next 8 months
	Promote Cam Valley Gateway, go to more events to promote it outside area.
	There was some discussion around integrating visitor transport with local needs and in particular at Duxford where it was suggested that the museum should be doing more to connect to the station.
	At Meldreth station, AB suggested that the ramp should continue to be looked at. SvdV highlighted an issue with the theft of bikes from stands at the end of the path.
	RJ noted that it appeared that to be a good year for grants and questioned what might happen if these dry up. SG gave examples of funds that could be applied for but cautioned against not doing the same one every year. Will be looking at funding from CBC. Most of the project work is grant-dependent so it is part of SG's role to seek out and apply for funding.
Item 6	PARTNER UPDATES
	AN advised that Great British Rail (GBR) is still awaiting Royal Assent and is likely to be operational around 12 months after this is received. Will be known locally as GBR Anglia.
Item 7	QUESTIONS/ANY OTHER BUSINESS
	<i>Book recommendation</i> - JR recommended 'Shelford and the Railways'
	<i>Issues at Shelford Station</i> - As part of construction, footpath and cyclepath was diverted from bridge. Some debate whether will be reinstated. JR to email AN to see how they can help. Northbound at Shelford, screens have been out of action - AN advised engineers were aware. Observation that travelling around within the extended partnership area - eg Shelford-Shepreth prices are different depending on whether you put into national rail website, or split tickets. The resignalling project has moved sensors at Shelford, resulting in lots of unnecessary waiting and frustration.
Item 8	DATE OF NEXT MEETING
	TBA in the autumn and will go through Line Action Plan in detail.