

The u3a Station Adopters Notice Board

This is our way of communicating with station commuters and visitors to the station. It states exactly what plans we have in mind to make visiting the station an interesting and informative experience and, when we have completed a project, it is to provide 'key' information about the project.

Our noticeboard was kindly funded by the *Worcestershire Community Rail Partnership (WCRP)*.



One of the tasks of the *WCRP* is to find adoption groups for all stations, with a view to attracting new passengers and tourism.

The *Wyre Forest & District u3a* agreed to provide a little TLC at Kidderminster Station and this will be an ongoing project for, we hope, many years to come. People of the Kidderminster area '*know*' their town and are best placed to bring their station to life with local information and items of historical interest. We believe we have done just that, by collaborating with local communities, such as the Twinning Association within our town.

Station adoption is part of ***Community Rail***, a growing grass roots movement that spans Britain. It is made up of community rail partnerships, which work along railway lines or across regions, as well as station adoption groups and other local organizations that work to connect communities with their railways.

Our u3a is fully supported by *The Community Rail Network (CRN)* who have always been there to guide us towards our aims and objectives, and in addition, to provide some funding.

They have produced a detailed ***Station Adoption Guide for the Local Community*** which may well be the first port of call of any other u3a or adoption group considering taking up the challenge. *Please follow the link:*

<https://communityrail.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Station-adoption-a-guide-for-the-local-community.pdf>

Paul Webster Regional Support Manager CRN is happy to advise any u3a on the way forward with adoption

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