You recently appealed on BBC Look North West for viewers to share with you their experiences of Northern’s recent shortcomings and I will respond as follows.

I am Chair of an organisation called Lancashire Rail Ramblers. We have been organising guided walks using trains since 1975, initially with British Rail then when it stopped running excursions, organised fortnightly Rail Rambler charter excursion trains to all parts of the UK from the Lancashire towns. These excursions finished in 1990 when B.R ran out of suitable DMU rolling stock. They were extremely popular and profitable. In 1991 we were asked by Lancashire County Council to organise a guided walks’ programme from the summer Sunday Lancashire DalesRail service connecting Blackpool North with Carlisle via the scenic Ribble Valley and Settle-Carlisle Lines. We have organised the programme ever since and a copy of our programme is enclosed. The DalesRail service gives people in Lancashire the opportunity to leave their cars behind and access the Yorkshire Dales National Park and Eden Valley by public transport and is an excellent example of its type. The service is a timetabled one and is part of Northern’s franchise commitment.

As you will appreciate, to produce, organise, recce and lead the programme of walks involves many hours of volunteer time. The service is popular and usually carries between 100 and 150 passengers each Sunday. Our efforts are fully supported by Community Rail Lancashire and to some extent by the relevant Northern managers from whom our leaders receive rail passes. However, it is Northern which is undermining the service.

This year’s DalesRail service should have commenced on Sunday, May 20th but was cancelled due to a lack of traincrew. On Sunday, May 27th the train ran to Carlisle but the return service was cancelled due to a lack of a guard resulting in us having to arrange a replacement bus service for returning passengers with Northern’s York Control. On June 24th the train was cancelled again for lack of traincrew. Likewise on July 8th the train was cancelled at short notice for the same reasons.

The underlying problem, which also caused a couple of cancellations last year, is that only a limited number of guards, who are based at Blackpool North, have the relevant route knowledge and are passed to work the service. I believe that there are around six guards who are passed for the route. If any are ill, on holiday or don’t wish to work the service then it is cancelled. This problem has been developing for a few years but little if anything has been done to address it as far as I know and presumably the number of guards who are ‘passed’ continues to diminish. Last year on one particular Sunday we had the farcical situation of the train leaving Blackpool with a guard ‘passed’ as far as Blackburn. He was replaced there with a Manchester based guard who was ‘passed’ as far as Clitheroe. At Clitheroe the passengers were asked to alight and wait an hour for the replacement buses whilst the train continued on its way as the guard was allowed to man the train without passengers!

The situation is becoming intolerable for our organisation whose leaders turn out on Sunday mornings from all over Lancashire having previously done a recce of their walk only to find the train cancelled at short notice. We are a dedicated and enthusiastic group with much experience and resilience but our patience is being sorely tried and our regular passengers are frustrated and disappointed. The past two years have been the worst in our association with DalesRail and until the underlying problems are addressed things will only continue to deteriorate.
I hope the above information is of interest to you. I have also included our other rail based walks’ programmes which we organise to illustrate the range of our commitment to encouraging walks from public transport.

Yours sincerely,

Craig Ward

August 2018
### DalesRail 2018 - Fares

Starting Sunday 20 May 2018, the Sunday DalesRail services from Blackpool North via the Settle - Carlisle line to Carlisle will resume for the 2018 season.

These services will run every Sunday from 20 May until 9 September 2018.

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**Notes:**
- Fares include a £1.50 booking fee.
- Travelcard holders are entitled to a 10% discount on all services.
- Season tickets for the entire route are available from DalesRail.com (www.dalesrail.com).

### DalesRail 2018 - Timetable

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What is DalesRail?

DalesRail is simply the best way to spend a Sunday! It's a train service linking Lancaster with the scenic Ribble Valley, Yorkshire Dales and Eden Valley aimed at walkers and those wanting a special day out.

There is an extensive programme of guided walks and a monthly series of coach links that extend the number of places you can visit from DalesRail. The guided walks' programme can be found in this leaflet and offers walks to suit all interests and abilities from city strolls to strenuous fell walking. Stewards on the train can offer advice and information about each Sunday's activities whilst further details can be downloaded from our website www.dalesrail.com/downloads.

So sit back and enjoy the best of English countryside from the comfort of the train as you travel along some of the world's most scenic rail routes.

For more information see the useful websites section below.

Sunday service to Hellifield

From Sunday 16 September, a service will link Blackpool North and Preston with Hellifield via Blackburn and the Ribble Valley Line. At Hellifield the service will connect with the train to Carlisle from Leeds and in the afternoon there will be a connection back to Lancaster. The service will run every Sunday through to the beginning of the 2019 DalesRail season thus enabling walkers and others to access stations on the Settle - Carlisle Line. For full details of this service visit:

www.communityraillancashire.co.uk/ribble-valley-rambler

Community Rail Lancashire Guided Walks

The Preston - Clitheroe - Ribblehead Line gives access to some excellent walking country and Lancashire Rail Rambler's provide a regular programme of guided walks from stations along these lines on behalf of the Community Rail Partnerships. The walks are of varying length to suit all capabilities. There are usually three walks on different days each month. Why not take the opportunity to explore your local countryside. You might be surprised by the scenic and historic delights that can be discovered there. Programmes giving details of the dates and walks can be obtained from DalesRail train stewards, named stations or by visiting www.communityraillancashire.co.uk.

Rail Rambler's

Lancashire Rail Rambler's also provide their own regular programme of guided walks on Saturdays throughout the year from stations across the North West of England and Peak District. For details ask the DalesRail train stewards for a Rail Rambler Programme or visit www.railramblers.wordpress.com for detailed information.

Useful websites

www.dalesrail.com giving comprehensive details relating to DalesRail.

www.communityraillancashire.co.uk with lots of information about the activities of our local Community Rail Partnerships.

www.railramblers.wordpress.com details of Saturday guided walks across the north west of England.

www.ribblevalleyrly.co.uk lots of information from a local rail user group.

Mapping information

All the walks on this programme are planned by members of the Lancashire Rail Rambler's Committee and make use of the following Ordnance Survey Explorer Maps:

002 Yorkshire Dales South & West

034 North Pennines

041 Helmets Wall

053 Ribblehead

061 Forest of Bowland & Ribblesdale

064 Lytham

089 Howgill Fells & Upper Eden Valley

108 Yorkshire Dales North

Guided Walks

An extensive programme of guided walks with experienced guides provides a great opportunity to see the best of the Yorkshire Dales, the Eden Valley and the western side of the Northern Pennines. You are most welcome to join any of these guided walks. At all times, safety is your own responsibility. The guides reserve the right to vary walks dependent upon the weather conditions and the capabilities of the walking parties.

The walks are arranged by 'Lancashire Rail Rambler's (Visit their website at www.railramblers.wordpress.com) and are led by volunteers from the Rambler's Association. Each walk is graded to suit yourself. Should you have any doubts about your capabilities contact the leader. Among 'strenuous' graded walks.

Grades of walks

Easy Stroll: Suitable for those not accustomed to walking in the countryside - these are the G and H walks.

Easy: A slower paced walk than for 'Moderately Easy' walks and with short periods of rest. These are normally the F walks.

Moderately Easy: A generally easy walk which may include some short rather steep inclines, normally shown as E walks.

Moderate: A country walk for the average regular walker. These walks may include some climbing clothing and ridge walking, but generally not scrambling. Normally designed for B walks.

Within E and B walks are some guided walks shown as 'Climb a peak slowly where the grades are up to one grade higher than normal, but the length is shorter and the speed of the walk is slower - but you can climb to the highest peaks in the area and feel that extra pleasure of the experience. Many of the lower graded walks are themed 'Flower Walks' or 'History Walks' and 'Map Reading Walks' - all are very popular.

We also have more strenuous walks:

Moderately Strenuous: Walks suitable for the experienced walker, attain at high level and over rough ground. These are the C-graded walks.

Strenuous: These walks may be rough, steep or lengthy and always against the clock - only for experienced and fit hill and mountain walkers - A and B walks.

For all walks you should have strong comfortable non-slip footwear, warm outdoor clothing and outer wind and waterproof if the weather warrants it. On most walks, stops are made, often in the countryside, for lunch and tea, so remember to bring your own food, snacks and a drink, especially when it is hot. Where an additional coach or train journey is required for part of the walk (see walk details - highlighted in yellow), an additional fare will be payable. Details of the walks available each Sunday may be found on the internet at www.dalesrail.com or further detailed information may be had from walks leaders on the Lancaster Dalesrail trains.
**MAY**

**Sunday 20 May 2018**

**B Walk** Steamers - 13 miles / Night and return Ribblehead.
- Ribblehead - Gasserton - Hardly Farm - Haigh Hall - Ribblehead
- Ribblehead - Gasserton - Hardly Farm - Haigh Hall - Ribblehead

**C Walk** Moderately Easy 12 miles / Night and return Ribblehead.
- Ribblehead - Gasserton - Hardly Farm - Haigh Hall - Ribblehead
- Ribblehead - Gasserton - Hardly Farm - Haigh Hall - Ribblehead

**D Walk** Easy 5 miles / Night and return Ribblehead.
- Ribblehead - Gasserton - Hardly Farm - Haigh Hall - Ribblehead
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**JUNE**

**Sunday 3 June 2018**

**B Walk** Very Strenuous 18 miles / Night and return Ribblehead.
- Ribblehead - Gasserton - Hardly Farm - Haigh Hall - Ribblehead
- Ribblehead - Gasserton - Hardly Farm - Haigh Hall - Ribblehead

**C Walk** Moderate 15 miles / Night and return Ribblehead.
- Ribblehead - Gasserton - Hardly Farm - Haigh Hall - Ribblehead
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**D Walk** Easy 2 miles / Night and return Ribblehead.
- Ribblehead - Gasserton - Hardly Farm - Haigh Hall - Ribblehead
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**Sunday 10 June 2018**

**B Walk** Strenuous 16 miles / Night and return Ribblehead.
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**Sunday 27 May 2018**

**B Walk** Strenuous 16 miles / Night and return Ribblehead.
- Bent - Coal Road - Great Wharton Summit - Gasserton - Ribblehead - Steep Bridge
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**C Walk** Moderately Easy 9 miles / Night and return Ribblehead.
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Sunday 17 June 2018

Walk: Torrinside - 12 miles / High and return Ribblehead.
- Descend Ribblehead - Gaythorne - Beckside - Park Fell - Smars Fell - (Cnts Start) -
  Torronsibside summit - Reiding Pot - Green Edge - Rutter Scar - Nurse Halwart's Moss -
  Great Bank Causeway - Sledge Parc Rock - Ribblehead.

C Walk: Ampleforth Farm - 12 miles / High and return Kirkby Stephen.
- Am Fells - Sledgley Fell - Howarth - Roat Hill - Conduit Fells -
  Wetherby - Kirkby Stephen.

D Walk: Moderately Easy - 9 miles / High and return Kirkby Stephen.

F Walk: Easy - 4 miles / High and return Layghead.
- Patch Through the Past: A re-told village, a former church now a converted hall,
  tales of miners and miners, all spinning and singing. 30 tombstones, 9 stones and men
  of the cloth. 20km walking visits Lovers Walk for the Glen Bank's flowers.

Sunday 24 June 2018

Walk: Stonehouse - 10 miles / High and return Dent.
- The Longhirst, Sedbergh - Ribblehead Way - Hawes Bank - Castley - Galleyth Fold -
  Ingleton - Dent - Dent Head - Coach to Askrigg.

J Walk: Moderately Easy - 10 miles / High and return Dent.
- Monkton - Foss - South Lune Lane - Castle Howar - Beck House -
  Monkton - Reiding Pot - Roat Hill - Conduit Fells - Coach to Askrigg.

K Walk: Moderately Easy - 7 miles / High and return Layghead.
- Coach to Egglethorpe - Layghead - Askrigg - Egglethorpe - Ingleton - Upper Reiding Pot -
  Monkton - Coach to Layghead.

F Walk: Easy - 4 miles / High and return Dent.
- Flower Houses - Greenhead Bridge - Winningholme - Rigg End -
  Staindale - Beck - Bridge End - River - Dent - Westhow - Coach to Askrigg.

F Walk: Easy - 5 miles / High and return Dent.
- coach to Southinshower - Coach to Dent.

Alternative walks for those not wishing to use the coach:
- NE Walk: Moderately Easy - 7 miles / High and return Sanquhar.
  - Cockshead - Beck Rigg - Cockshead - The High Way - Thrayam Bridge -
  Faskally - Moorcock Inn - Galleyth Fold.

Sunday 8 July 2018

Walk: Stonehouse - 14 miles / High and return Settle.
- Kirkby - Castleton - Ribblehead - Wensleydale - Swaledale - Reiding Pot -
  Reiding Pot - Hawes - Swaledale - Middlebeck Farm - Reiding Pot -
  Wensleydale.

C Walk: Moderately Easy - 12 miles / High and return Ribblehead.
- Stonehouse - Star Hill - West Bank - Rigg End - Leisterhead.

C Walk: Moderately Easy - 8 miles / High and return Horton in Ribblesdale.
- Ribble Road in Dent - Bridge - Three Peaks Path - Horton in Ribblesdale -
  Horton in Ribblesdale.

C Walk: A Snailpace Stroll - 2 miles (2-3 hours) / High and return Skipton.
- The quiet back streets of Skipton enjoy a very pleasant walk.

Sunday 1 July 2018

Walk: Stonehouse - 14 miles / High and return Settle.
- Park Fell - Smars Fell - Burnt Hill - Long Scar - Brecknock - Wharfe -
  Grosmont Scar - Skipton.

C Walk: Moderately Easy - 12 miles / High and return Ribblehead.
- Holly Blue, Reiding Pot - Horton in Ribblesdale - Horton in Ribblesdale.

C Walk: Easy - 7 miles / High and return Dent.
- Dunblane Way to Skipton and Skipton Bridge.

C Walk: Easy - 4 miles / High and return Layghead.
- Eden Road to Skipton and Skipton Bridge.

C Walk: Easy - 5 miles / High and return Dent.
- Monkton - Foss - South Lune Lane - Castle Howar - Beck House -
  Monkton - Reiding Pot - Roat Hill - Conduit Fells - Coach to Askrigg.

C Walk: Easy - 7 miles / High and return Dent.
- Monkton - Foss - South Lune Lane - Castle Howar - Beck House -
  Monkton - Reiding Pot - Roat Hill - Conduit Fells - Coach to Askrigg.
Sunday 15 July 2018
A Walk: Strenuous 16 miles / Night and return Burton in Kendleshire
- Horton in Kendleshire - Jarrow Lane - Tram - Glos - Cots - David's Garage
- Nether Broughton - Low Brough - Foot Road - Swarth Gill Gate - Horton Moor - Star Lane - Horton in Kendleshire.

C Walk: Moderate to Strenuous 12 miles / Night Carriage return Kibworth Beauchamp
- Cots - Leicestershire - Highwood - Newbold on Avon - Swarkestone - Baddesley Clinton - Brocklesby Park - Thorpe - Whetstone
- Kibworth Beauchamp.

D Walk: Moderate 3 walked night Carriage return Loughborough
- Oak Tree - Ketleywood - Ketleywood Castle - Old Parks - Gainsborough
- Ketleywood Church - Long Lane - Low Sarah's Cottage - Loughborough.

F Walk: Easy 7 miles / Night and return Appleby
- South Lane - St Albans Wood - Langdon - Elrington - Redドレス - Horton - Shoppee's Cottage - Fladbury - Aynhoy.

Sunday 22 July 2018
Swaledale

C Walk: Moderate to Strenuous 10 miles / Night and return Ribblehead

D Walk: Moderate to Strenuous 10 miles / Night and return Ribblehead
- Thornton - Coach to Thornton - Low Store - Coach to Thornton.

E Walk: Moderate to Easy 8 miles / Night and return Ribblehead
- Maker corner via River Skell - High and Low - Coach to Thornton.

Alternative walk for those not wishing to use the coach

G Walk: Easy 6 miles / Night and return Carlton
- Maker corner via River Skell - High and Low - Coach to Thornton.

Sunday 25 July 2018
A Walk: Strenuous 12 miles / Night and return Kibworth Beauchamp
- Horton in Kendleshire - Jarrow Lane - Tram - Glos - Cots - David’s Garage
- Nether Broughton - Low Brough - Foot Road - Swarth Gill Gate - Horton Moor - Star Lane - Horton in Kendleshire.

C Walk: Moderate to Strenuous 9 miles / Night and return Kibworth Beauchamp

D Walk: Moderate 3 walked night Carriage return Loughborough
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F Walk: Easy 7 miles / Night and return Appleby
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**Sunday 12 August 2018**

**A Walk** Very Strenuous 10 miles / Light and return Snettisham.

**C Walk** Moderately Strenuous 8 miles / Light return Houghton House.
- Houghton Hill / Lake Lane - Dyson Green - Audley Care - Audley Care Hill - Milky Way in Birtlesdale.

**DE Walk** Moderately Easy 6 miles / Light return Houghton House return Settle.
- Settle: Smoke / Peel / High Bank House / Fosset / Settle.

**G Walk** Easy 4 miles / Light and return Agglethorpe.
- Agglethorpe Bridge - Netton Moor - Grub - Leakey Hill - Swatts Wood.

**Sunday 19 August 2018**

**B Walk** Moderately Strenuous 13 miles / Light and return Sidley Stephens.
- Christopher Now Top - Ask Fell Edge - Saddle Bridge - Grazeby Carton - Swale Dale Hill - Wharfe - Sidney Stephens Station.

**C Walk** Moderately Strenuous 11 miles / Light and return Garsdale.

**E Walk** Moderate Easy 4 miles / Light return Agglethorpe return Settle.
- Buxton Moor - Chilthorn - Low Lane - Moor Head Lane - Ridehills - Langsett - Settle.

**F Walk** Easy 4 miles / Light and return Carle.

**Sunday 26 August 2018**

**B Walk** Strenuous 13 miles / Light Hothfield return Settle.

**C Walk** Moderately Strenuous 12 miles / Light return Grinstead.

**DE Walk** Moderately Easy 6 miles / Light return Houghton House return Settle.
- Houghton Hill / Lake Lane - Dyson Green - Audley Care - Audley Care Hill - Milky Way in Birtlesdale.

**G Walk** Easy 4 miles / Light and return Agglethorpe.
- Agglethorpe Bridge - Netton Moor - Grub - Leakey Hill - Swatts Wood.

**Sunday 2 September 2018**

**B Walk** Strenuous 14 miles / Light return Houghton House return Birtlesdale.

**C Walk** Moderately Strenuous 13 miles / Light return Birtlesdale.

**C Walk** Moderately Easy 7 miles / Light and return Honeymon.

**G Walk** Easy 5.5 miles / Light and return Carle.

**Sunday 9 September 2018**

**Versleydale**

**B Walk** Strenuous 13 miles / Light and return Ribblehead.

**C Walk** Moderately Strenuous 11 miles / Light and return Ribblehead.

**D Walk** Moderate 10 miles / Light and return Ribblehead.

**E Walk** Moderately Easy 6 miles / Light and return Ribblehead.

**Alternative walks for those not wishing to see the coach**

**B Walk** Moderate 4 miles / Light Ribblehead return Houghton House.

**G Walk** Easy 4 miles / Light and return Carle.
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Community Rail Lancashire

Guided Walks Programme

4 April 2018 to 26 September 2018

Suggested train services

Outwards

Trains depart Preston at 08:00 or 09:00 stopping at all stations to Colne. For journeys from Blackpool please check with National Rail.

Train departs Colne at 09:21 and stops at all stations to Preston.

Train departs Clitheroe at 08:45 or 09:46 and stop at all stations to Colne.

Train departs Manchester Victoria at 08:37 or 09:55 and all stations to Bolton.

The following stations are request stops: Burley, Birkacre, Bank, Moton & Presteigne - speak to the conductor.

Times correct at time of publication. For details of train times from your local station to join our walks see the relevant Northern timetables.

T/T covers York, Blackpool North and Manchester Victoria. TIT covers Preston to Blackpool. TIT covers the Trainline. Timetables are available at staffed stations, Clitheroe & Nelson Interchange, tourist offices and some libraries.

Timetables can also be viewed on-line by visiting www.commuter.com or www.northernrail.co.uk or www.northernrailway.co.uk.

Walks arranged with the cooperation of Lancaster Rail Guides www.lancasterrailguides.wordpress.com.

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**Saturday 14th July 2018 – Worth Valley**

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- **4.30 pm** – Tenterden Railway Society: *Gathered Tram* - 1927 "Stratheden"
- **5.00 pm** – TSWS: *Community Day*
- **6.00 pm** – Worth Valley: *Road Transport Gala*
- **6.30 pm** – LMSR: *Pendennis Castle* - 1947 steam service
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**Saturday 21st October 2018 – Lowther**

**C.W.R.**

- **10.30 am** – Cumbria Preservation Society: *Wensleydale Railway Gala*
- **3.00 pm** – Cumbria: *Lancashire & Morecambe* - 1950 steam service

**E.N.O.C.**

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**Saturday 2nd December 2018 – Laxey**

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LANCASHIRE RAIL RAMBLERS - WHO ARE WE?

We are a group of people who enjoy walking along the railway line in the Lancashire countryside. We meet on the fourth Sunday of each month and cover a variety of routes, from short walks to longer, more challenging hikes. Our walks are led by experienced ramblers and are suitable for all ages and abilities.

- Easy walks: Suitable for beginners or those who prefer a leisurely pace.
- Moderate walks: More challenging, suitable for those with some walking experience.
- Strides: Walks that may require a bit of effort, suitable for those looking for a more challenging experience.

We meet at various locations, usually near railway stations, and our routes vary to suit all levels of fitness and ability.

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If you would like to join us on our next walk, please contact us via our website or social media platforms. Our next walk is scheduled for [date], and we are planning a route that will take us through some of the most beautiful landscapes in the area.

Note on trains: Due to winter weather conditions, some trains may be delayed. Please check our website for up-to-date information.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY INFORMATION:

- Advance tickets are available online or from your local railway station.
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SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2018 - Charlie's Circular Walk

Start: 11 am from Charlie's restaurant.

- Meet at Charlie's restaurant for a circular walk around the beautiful countryside.
- The walk is suitable for all ages and abilities.
- Lunch will be available at Charlie's restaurant.

SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY 2019 - Hohden Bridge Walk

Start: 11 am from [location].

- Meet at Hohden Bridge for a walk along the railway line.
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