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The Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Rail User Group was established two years ago partly in anticipation of the renewal of the First Capital Connect franchise, and has been working hard on a series of campaign issues. It has been rewarded with a number of successes – most recently the abolition of parking charges at Shepreth's 11-space car park and the reduction to £1.50 per day at Meldreth station car park, both in recognition of substantial community input toward the new railway gardens at all three stations.

Now with the end of the franchise on the horizon, the RUG has been approached by prospective new franchisees as it its aspirations. This is an opportunity for us to press with renewed vigour on unresolved issue, such as disabled access at Meldreth Station, a half-hourly service at Meldreth where the footfall justifies it, and badly needed cycle and car parking provision at Foxton.

All in all the formation of a RUG has been a success: access to rail service has been improved in small ways, community interest in our sustainable transport network has been harnessed, and new prospective TOCs are asking to talk with us. We'd like to thank Railfuture for its tremendous continuing support throughout.

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