

Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Rail User Group Annual Report, 2014

- Shepreth Station Poppy Planting scheme: Idea sparked by BBC Radio Cambridgeshire and taken forward by Rob Mungovan, Shepreth resident and South Cambs District Council Ecology Officer. Working group transforms the patch. Thank to generous, unsolicited donations from local businesses to make this possible. BBC Green Spaces Award results, and land (owned by Network Rail) given over to Rail User Group to manage. BBC Radio Cambs Gardeners's Question Time held at Shepreth Summer Fair June 2013 to highlight the project.
- Shepreth Wildlife Park: sustainability award thanks to sustainable transport initiative. Number of visitors to the park arriving very substantial.
- Community Rail Partnership, first in South Cambs: signed October 2013. Thanks to all our parish councils, district and county councils for supporting, and for Brian Barnsley from Association of Community Rail Partnerships for attending. Quarterly meeting with our Liaison officer at Cambs County Council.
- Peter Wakefield awarded Railfuture's Judge's Special Award.
- 'Cycle Links to Foxton Station' - £300K grant via Cycling Ambition Grant scheme to Cambs County Council sees new cycle path south of Foxton Station.
- MSFRUG visit to new Thameslink train, Letchworth. Improvement to disabled access due to reduction of gap between platform and train door.
- Meldreth Manor School complete access audit around Meldreth Station.
- Meldreth Access Campaign: good publicity and small steps to keep project alive ahead of next franchise holder.
- Foxton Level Crossing feasibility study published, now moving to next GRIP stage. Local Project Board agreed by Network Rail, with MSFRUG representation. Feasibility study:
http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/strategies/transportstudies/Foxton_level_crossing.htm
- Shepreth level crossing: new path round the back of the old station house to discourage risk taking.
- Cambs County Council Transport Strategy for Cambridge and South Cambs emphasizes modal shift to rail and cycling, with improved access to Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Stations.
- Continuing strong support for all station gardens – four Duke of Edinburgh student volunteers in 2013, new interest for 2014.