

## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **NEWS FROM THE AWARD WINNING ABBEY LINE COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP**



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### **Prizes Awarded to Abbey Line 'Love your Community Rail' Month Winners!**

**Abbey Line Community Rail Partnership held 'Love your Community Rail Month' in March as part of its ongoing community engagement.**

Primary and secondary school children along the line, which runs from Watford to St Albans, were asked to show how they loved the Abbey Line through an art and photography competition.

The winning entry from eight-year-old Nathan Doggett showed how he and his younger brothers, Seth and Jesse, loved using Park Street station complete with their own specially designed T-shirts!.

Nathan and his school, Park Street CofE Primary, received certificates and prizes from Edna Woname, Abbey Line Community Rail Partnership Officer, and Steve Helfet, Head of West Coast Services for London Midland. The prize won was a 1<sup>st</sup> class family ticket for use on the London Midland network, £15 book tokens and £40 book tokens for his school.

**Nathan's mother, Lorraine Doggett, said: "We are absolutely thrilled by Nathan winning first prize. We as a family are big supporters of the Line."**

**Head teacher of Park Street CofE Primary & Nursery, Mr Simon Horleston said, 'We are delighted that Nathan has won this competition!'**

**Edna Woname, Abbey Line CRP Officer said: "We wanted our Community to capture the Abbey Line through their art and photos. We were delighted by the standard of the entries and Nathan is a very worthy winner. We're grateful for the support of London Midland and the local schools that encouraged their pupils to take part."**

**Steve Helfet, Head of West Coast Services for London Midland, said: "We're delighted to be a part of the Community Rail Partnership and involved in this type of initiative. I loved Nathan's entry and it was great to see how pleased he was when he found out he had won the competition."**

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## **Notes for Editors**

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### **Abbey Line Community Rail Partnership**

The Abbey Line Community Rail Partnership was established in June 2005 and brings together a number of partner organisations with the purpose of increasing usage of the line. It also aims to enhance station environments to make them a more pleasant place and to give the local community the opportunity to become more involved in their local railway line. Through the delivery of improvements to the line, this enables the railway to play a greater part in contributing to the benefits brought by local economic development. Ultimately one of our aims is to bring environmental benefit through increased usage of the Line and reduction in car use. Community Rail Partnership members include;

Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity, Hertfordshire County Council, Watford Borough Council, London Midland, Network Rail, St Albans City & District Council, St Stephens Parish Council and local business representatives.

The Partnership has been set up to act as a bridge between the rail industry and the community to encourage more people to use the train for travel to work, education and leisure, and to share their views and ideas for improving their railway.

The Partnership will be running special events throughout 2017.

Full details of all the Partnership's activities can be found on our website - [www.abbeyline.org.uk](http://www.abbeyline.org.uk)

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