

FENLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

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New signage installed at Fenland railway stations

Fenland's railway stations have welcomed new arrivals to their platforms thanks to community rail funding.

New station nameplates have been installed at March, Manea and Whittlesea stations by the Hereward Community Rail Partnership, with support from train operator Greater Anglia, to help improve their appearance and promote the local area.

The community notice board headers at Manea and Whittlesea were also replaced as part of the signage project, which was funded by the Community Rail Network and the Department for Transport's Community Rail Development Fund.

Cllr Chris Seaton is Portfolio Holder for Transport at Fenland District Council, which manages the Hereward CRP in partnership with train operators, railway user groups, station adoption groups and local residents who all look after the Hereward Line in Fenland.

He said: "We're delighted to have secured funding to upgrade the nameplates at all Fenland stations. It's all part of a wider programme to promote and market rail travel with the Hereward Community Rail Partnership and compliments the other recent and ongoing improvements taking place at the stations as part of our Railway Station Masterplans, funded by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority."

The latest improvements being carried out include a major upgrade at March Railway Station, with a new open-plan ticket hall and waiting area, accessible modern toilet facilities, retail outlets, and an extended car park and bike park at the station, and a new station bike and car park at Manea station. Both projects are due to be finished in early 2022.

Meanwhile, the final sign in a series of wayfinding signs installed at the three stations and around their local areas late last year, has now been installed in Manea.

The signs, which help people find their way between the stations, town centres and local attractions, were funded by the Hereward CRP and installed by Cambridgeshire County Council and Milestone Infrastructure, in conjunction with Greater Anglia.

The final sign had been delayed due to issues caused by the pandemic, but it has now been installed in Manea.

It is hoped that by making it easier to navigate to and from the rail stations, more people will be encouraged to leave their cars at home and travel sustainably, helping to tackle the congestion and pollution caused by road vehicles.

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