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FOREWORD

Neil Fulton,
Chief Executive, BCIMO



We're thrilled to welcome the community for a day filled with celebration, information, and shared experiences. This event brings together families, partners, and rail enthusiasts from across the region to explore the past, present, and future of rail — all while raising vital funds for five incredible charities.

There's something for everyone to enjoy, with a packed programme of activities and experiences — including exclusive rides on the Coventry Very Light Rail (CVLR) vehicle, the chance to step aboard our historic T69 tram, and the chance to try out our state-of-the-art driver simulator. Families can look forward to a wide range of attractions, from fairground rides, model railways, and creative crafts to face painting, family-friendly live shows, and delicious food.

We're proud to be raising funds for five amazing charities: The Kaleidoscope Plus Group, Railway Benefit Fund, 4Louis, Railway Children, and Young Lives vs Cancer. Every ticket, raffle entry, and donation helps support their vital work.

Today also marks our involvement in Railway 200, a national celebration of 200 years of rail. As we reflect on that remarkable legacy, we also look ahead — and BCIMO is proud to be helping shape the next generation of rail innovation and sustainable transport.

A special thank you goes to Coventry City Council, our main event partner, for providing the Coventry Very Light Rail rides that form such a memorable part of today's experience.

We're also incredibly grateful to all our sponsors, whose financial support and in-kind contributions have helped make today possible. Their range of stalls, shows, presentations, and activities has helped create a vibrant and engaging experience for everyone, playing a key role in the success of today's event.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible volunteers helping today, and to the BCIMO team, whose time, energy, creativity, and commitment have been instrumental in bringing this ambitious event to life. Today simply wouldn't have been possible without you.

A special thank you also goes to Pete Waterman OBE — music legend, proud ambassador for Railway 200, and President of the Railway Benefit Fund — for officially opening today's event.

And thank you to the Mayor of Dudley, who will be introducing our charity raffle, which brings the day's programme to a close.

We hope you have a fantastic time.

Coventry VeryLightRail

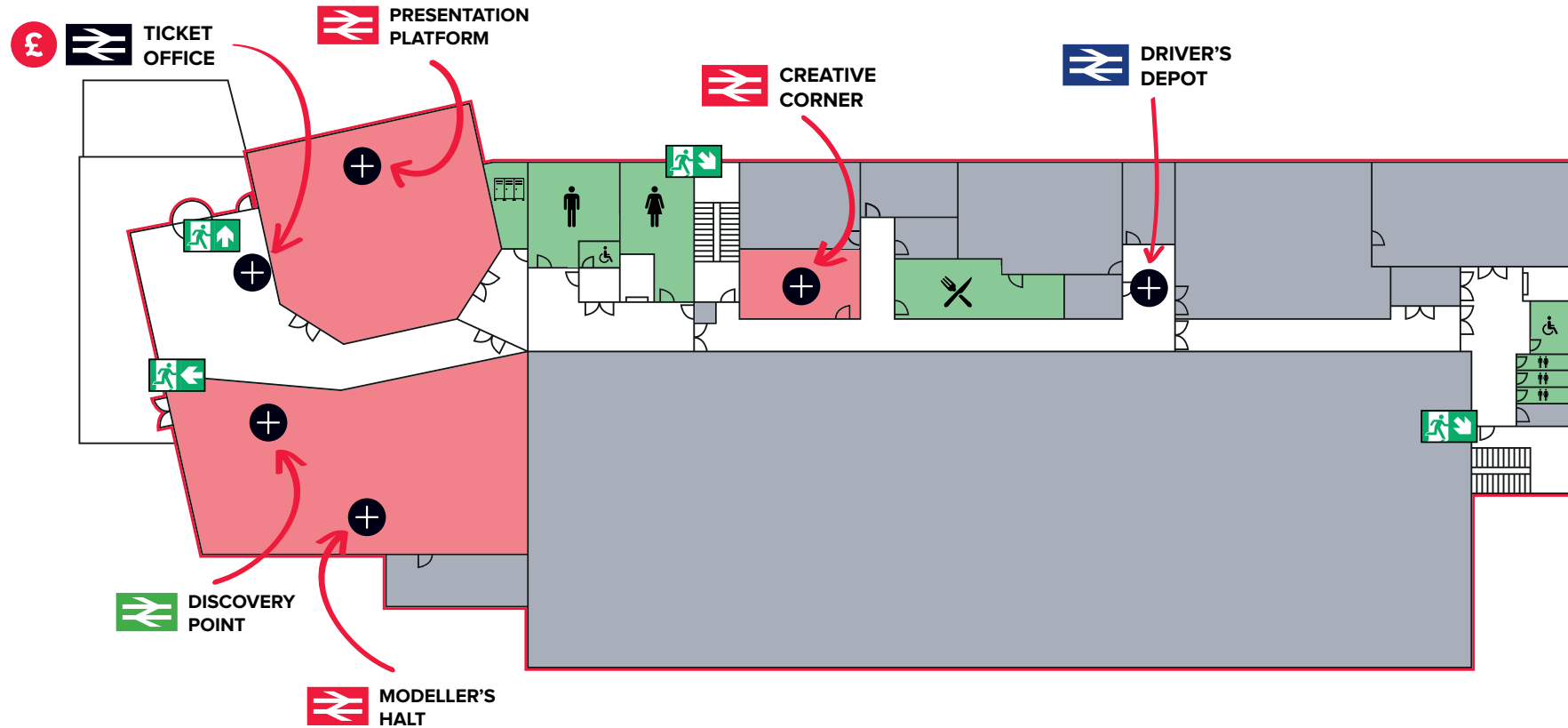


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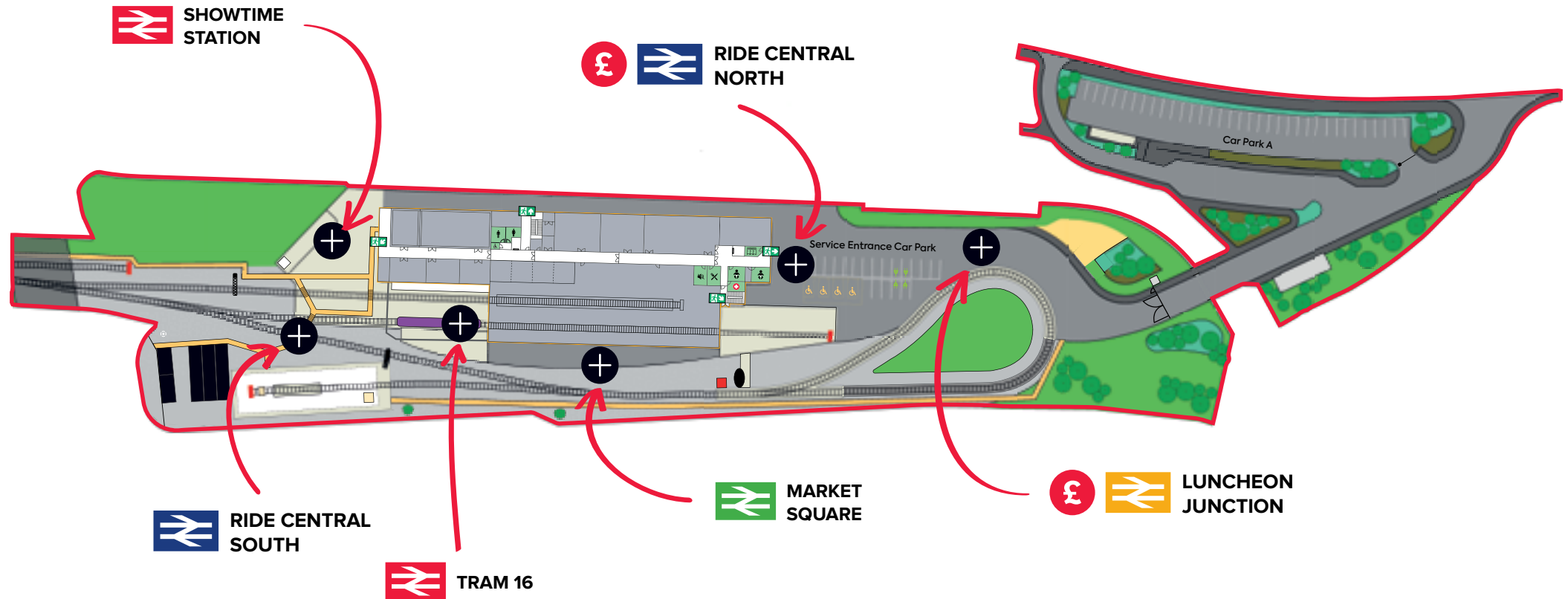
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FAMILY DAY MAP OUTSIDE



Fire Exit



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- 3D-printed railway accessories
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- Plus, grab your raffle tickets and be in with a chance of winning some amazing prizes



Mascots

Get ready to meet some very special guests:

- Thomas the Tank Engine
- The Fat Controller
- Kally the Stigmasaurus
- Gracie the Lion
- Phipps the Fox
- Toby the Dog

Don't forget to take a photo to capture the moment!



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Presentation Agenda

TIME	SESSION	ITEM	WHO
10:00	Event Opens		
10:30	Welcome	Event Welcome Opening Address	Neil Fulton, CEO, BCIMO Pete Waterman OBE, President, RBF
11:30	The History of Rail	The History of Rail Rail in the Black Country Dudley Underground	Lawrie Rose, Lawrie's Mechanical Marvels Ned Williams Anthony Poulton-Smith
12:30	Children's Hour	Welcome by the Mascots Curtain Call Chaos Balloon Modelling Photo Opportunity with the Mascots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thomas the Tank Engine The Fat Controller Kally the Stigmasaurus Gracie the Lion Toby the Dog Tristan Jones-Smith, Wolverhampton Grand Theatre Gemma Biddulph, Splat Attack
13:30	The Future of Rail	Coventry Very Light Rail West Midlands Metro Cirencester Community Railway Clean Futures Innovations 3D Printing in Rail Robot Dog Applications in Rail Stourbridge Lion 2029 Project	Angus Brummitt-Brown, Senior Project Manager (Very Light Rail), Coventry City Council Sophie Alison, MD, West Midlands Metro Richard Gunner, Chair, Cirencester Community Railway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anjali Devadasan, CEO, Treeva Naim Kapadia, Head of Engineering, Grinsty Rail Therese Lord, Director, Construct 3D James Brown, Managing Director, NextGen Ri Ian Flynn, Stourbridge Lion 2029 CIC



Presentation Agenda

TIME	SESSION	ITEM	WHO
14:30	Charity Presentations	The Kaleidoscope Plus Group Railway Benefit Fund 4Louis Railway Children Young Lives Vs Cancer	Callum Nisbet, CEO Pete Waterman OBE, President and Jo Kaye, CEO Victoria Usher, Events and Donations Officer Alex Sperr, Community Engagement Worker Rachel Kelly, Fundraising Engagement Manager
15:30	Raffle Prize Draw	Introduction to Raffle Prize Draw Raffle Prize Draw Closing Remarks	Mayor of Dudley Compere Neil Fulton, CEO, BCIMO
16:00	Event Closes		





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LEVEL 2



DISCOVERY
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Discovery Point

Discover a mix of visitor attractions, including local favourites from Dudley Council's *Discover Dudley*, alongside businesses and organisations from further afield.

Explore offerings from educational providers in the region, Black Country heritage with the Stourbridge Lion and Black Country Society, plus exciting innovations like 3D printing.





SUPPORTING THE UK RAIL INDUSTRY

President of Railway Benefit Fund, Pete Waterman OBE

My love of rail began in 1947, where I was born to the sounds of engines chugging past my cot. The UK railway industry has always been close to my heart, because let's face it railway people are fabulous.

Which is why I am proud of my role as President of RBF, to help raise the profile of the great work we do. The history of the charity is just incredible, some of its patrons in the past have included Charles Dickens. It's rewarding to be a part of a charity which supports railway people facing hardship in the UK.

Who we are

Railway Benefit Fund is a non-membership charity that provides financial support to the railway community and their dependents across the UK.

We have been supporting railway people for over 165 years. Every four minutes somebody reaches out to RBF for help and advice.

How we support you

We offer a range of support services, for the UK rail industry, including confidential advice, online resources, a dedicated legal helpline and financial grants. These support services are designed to help individuals and families navigate life's unexpected challenges.

What you can do to support our railway family?



We rely solely on the generous support of our railway industry to raise vital funds for railway people facing hardships. Thank you.



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WHAT'S ON
LEVEL 2



MODELLER'S
HALL

Cradley Heath Model Railway Club



Blackbrook Halt

Set in the 1960s, this fictional Black Country yard served a ship anchor foundry, with Pannier tanks from Stourbridge and a rarely used halt linking two lines.



Halfpenny Green

Opened in 1925, the Wombourne branch line was intended to reach Bridgnorth but halted at Halfpenny Green.



The Basin

Set in 1920s eastern England, the layout is a snapshot of a post war industrial area, where the railway served the canal and local industries.

West Midlands Narrow Gauge Group



Cwm Hir

Inspired by Welsh narrow-gauge railways, Cwm Hir portrays a rural Powys line from a century ago.

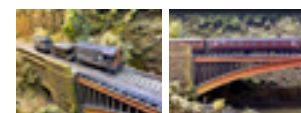
West Midlands N Gauge Club



Gibben Quarry

Gibben Quarry is a fictitious rural station with an off-scene stone quarry, there are sidings for wagons in and out and a tower for loading stone into wagons.

Will Jarman & Son



Victoria Bridge

Victoria Bridge is an N Gauge working diorama of the iconic Severn Valley Railway bridge. Trains range from heritage favourites to modern stock, including luxury dining cars and the Class 139 from Stourbridge.

Birmingham Model Railway Club



Sainte Marie

Built in just a month, this layout began on 27 August 2023 with only an empty baseboard and a vision. Set in 1960s Sainte Marie, a fictional village in southeast France, it can also represent the 1980s with minor changes to vehicles, figures, and details like Le Tour de France.



St Michael's Town

A typical small town in western USA depicting an American narrow-gauge line. The layout was designed by Paul Walton and was built with help from other BMRC members including Andrew Weaver and Therese Weaver.



What's On TV?

A micro layout built inside a vintage TV set with several small modules built by members of the Birmingham model railway club to allow us to (change channel).



Tehachet Butte F&Cry

A HOe American narrow gauge micro layout built on a cake board, built by 009 society and Birmingham model railway club member Paul Walton.



00 Gauge Bicycle Wheel

A unique layout with a loop of 00-gauge track inside a bicycle wheel that allows the weight of the locomotive to turn the wheel.



Yn Nodi Pren

A typical Welsh narrow-gauge railway depicting a small station in a forest with many hidden animals to find. The layout is named in memory of Andrew's late father Mark Weaver, Yn Nodi Pren is the Welsh translation of Marks Wood.

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Take on a challenge?

Whether you're into virtual races, organised runs, skydiving, charity walks, or bike rides, there's an event just for you! By participating, you'll be helping to raise vital funds for bereaved families while achieving something amazing.



Join our volunteers

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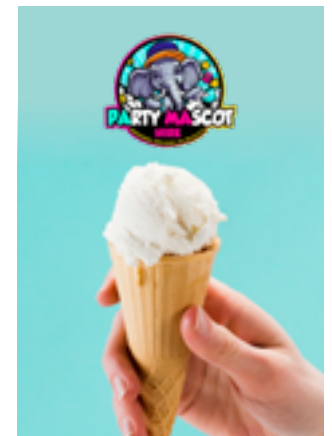
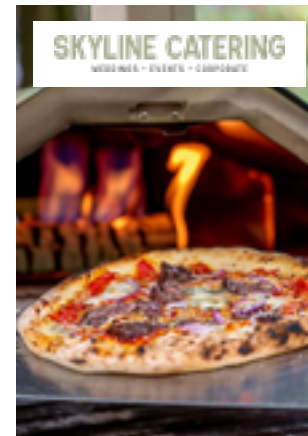


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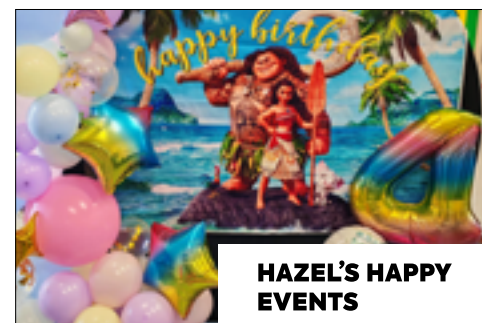
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Market Square

Browse a great mix of family-friendly stalls offering toys, balloons, bubbles, sweets, fudge, books and more — perfect for little shoppers and those with a sweet tooth!

You'll also find a face painting station here, offering the chance to transform into a favourite character or simply add a splash of colour and fun to your day.



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WHAT'S ON
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TRAM 16

TRAM 16

Step aboard the last T69 tram to be driven before the fleet's retirement in 2015 and discover how this iconic vehicle is now helping to shape the future of rail. Donated to BCIMO by UK Tram, it's currently being refurbished and used as a test vehicle for innovative rail technologies.

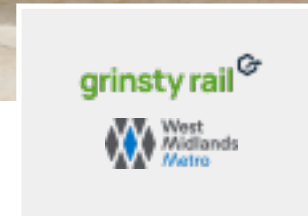
You'll even meet some of its original drivers, ready to share stories from its past and explain its new role in the world of rail innovation!



BEFORE



AFTER



Ride Central South

Experience the star attraction of the day with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to ride on the Coventry Very Light Rail (CVLR) vehicle at the BCIMO facility. The exclusive journey takes you along the full test route, through the tunnel, and around the purpose-built 15m radius loop.

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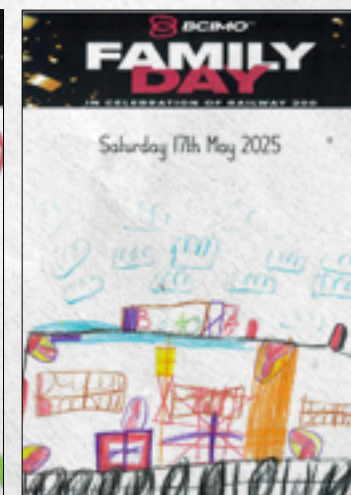
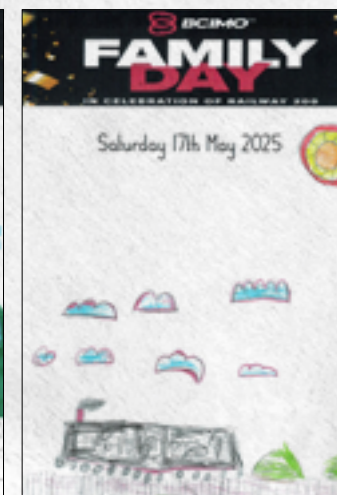
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Performance Schedule

TIME	ITEM	PERFORMER
10:00	Event Opens	
10:30	Tae Kwon Do Demonstration	West Midlands TAGB Taekwondo
11:00	Meet the Mascots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas the Tank Engine • Fat Controller • Phipps the Fox • Gracie the Lion • Toby the Dog • Kally the Stigmasaurus
11:30	Acrobatic & Lollipop Routines	The Jewels Academy
12:00	Dance Performance	Amour Dance Studio
12:30	The Lost Baggage Porters'	Curious Cargo
13:00	Robot Dogs	NextGenRi
13:30	Dance Performance	Next Level Dance Academy
14:00	Marching Drill Demonstration	Dudley Sea Cadets
14:30	Live Music Performance	Buskerteers
15:00	Big Brass Sounds	Black Country Brass
16:00	Event Closes	



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