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Safety on Field Trips arranged by the Cumbrian Railways Association.

The Association draws the attention of any Field Trip attendee to the Health & Safety Policy of the CRA and the requirements of section 27 of its constitution "Liability".

Field trips are arranged to :

- Enable members to further their understanding of the railways of Cumbria by examining anything from relics 'on the ground' to current operational installations.
- Enable the Association to further the collective knowledge of an area of Cumbrian Railway history by studying a location of known previous railway activity.

These trips may be :

- organised and led directly by the CRA
- organised by the CRA, but led by a recognised expert in that particular area
- organised and led by any other body deemed suitable for that area, with CRA members attending by invitation
- organised by the CRA with all attendees contributing their knowledge to aid collective understanding.
- arranged by the CRA, but organised and led by a commercial body, such as Network Rail, or a land/installation owner.

These trips will be open to any adult who wishes to attend, but if they are not a CRA member, then they will be required to join as a 'Day Member' in order to come under the CRA Public Liability requirements. Children may only attend, provided they are in the charge of a suitable adult (as specified in 27.3 of the CRA Constitution) who will be responsible for ensuring that they adhere to all safety requirements.

It is expected that all attendees behave in a responsible manner, having respect for the safety and property of themselves, other attendees and the landowners/installation owners. In particular, it is expected that all attendees will adhere to the Countryside Code when in open land.

When visiting an operational installation, it is imperative that attendees do not touch any part of that installation unless under the direct supervision and instruction of the owner.

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These trips will be in the outdoors and possibly industrial locations. As such, attendees should wear clothing suitable for the location and potential weather, and be aware that there is the probability of uneven ground and possible voids and should walk with care. If specific advice is provided for that trip, then that must be adhered to. In outdoor locations of redundant and possibly demolished installations, there may be a need to cross fences and hedges. Where possible gates and stiles should be used, but if there are none available, then due caution must be exercised to avoid damage to the fence, hedge or attendee.

If the terrain is more challenging than just farm land or moorland, then advice will be given in advance as to the degree of challenge faced, and it will be for attendees to decide if they are able to manage the trip. No responsibility can be taken for attendees finding the trip is beyond them, providing advice has been given in advance.

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