



More wildlife at Levisham

Wych elm ☐☐

My wood is strong and was once used for making furniture and boat parts. My leaves are rough to touch and pointy and my seeds (samaras) are designed to fly on the winds, unless the birds find them first!

Roe deer ☐☐

The edges of the woods and fields are our place to be. We are as tall as you but great at hiding. Look for us peeking above the grass or our white bottoms as we bound away. Males are called bucks, females hinds and our kids are called... kids!



More wildlife at Goathland

House martin ☐☐

You will see us zooming around the station with our friends the swallows, catching insects to feed our chicks. Many people get us confused as we look similar, but pay attention and you will see our white rump - the swallows don't have that.

Common lizard ☐☐

We move fast amongst the walls and heath. Like our adder and slow-worm friends, we need the sun to warm up and we like to sit on the walls. We can hear and feel you coming so approach slowly and don't blink or you will miss us!



NEWTON DALE HALT

3rd stop!

Buzzard ☐☐

You might hear me before you see me, a loud mewing pi-jaaa! I soar high, high, high, in the sky using the warm air (called thermals) to help me. I can see for miles up here. I see you now!

Adder ☐☐

We love living here. There are lots of tussock grasses and places to hide and hardly anyone bothers us. Our red eyes look scary, but watch us from a distance and you will see how beautiful our diamond-backed patterns are.

Get your boots on, backpack, packed lunch and maps. Newton Dale Halt is a woodland wonderland stop (you have to ask to get off here or else the train won't stop). You can walk back to Levisham Station to roam the woods and moors. There is so much wildlife around here. Use all your senses - look up and look down. Enjoy!



GROSMONT

5th stop!

Treecreeper ☐☐

Take some time to sit in the picnic area by the MPD (engine sheds) and enjoy the river and the woodlands. Look out for me as I bob up the trees, perfectly adapted to catch insects on the bark for tea.

Otter ☐☐

Quietly, in the still of night, I belly slide into the water. Not a splash! My only trace are my footprints in the mud and spraints (poo) on the rocks. Look out for those and I might not be far away.

Oxeye daisy ☐☐

Bright and bobbing and glowing in the light, my flowers have been called many things and are said to bring luck. My nectar and pollen are a favourite with many insects and bugs, they certainly like me!



GOATHLAND

4th stop!

Pipistrelle bats ☐☐

You probably won't see us, unless you explore at dusk, but here we are, under the roof tiles snug in our roost. You might see our tiny, black droppings on the windows! When the sun goes down, we take over the insect chase, it is our turn to dart and dance in the skies.



Slow-worm ☐☐

I look like a snake but really I am a harmless, legless lizard! We like to stay under cover in the compost, but you might spot us amongst the flower beds or on the walls, shining in the sun, warming up to start the day.



Gorse ☐☐

Bright against the blue sky our deep yellow, coconut-smelling flowers give nectar to many small flying friends. Some people even add our blooms to their teas or salads! Enjoy us and say hello, but watch out for our spiky leaves!



Barn owl ☐☐

My wings make no sounds as I fly, talons ready to surprise my prey. Watch out for me on fence posts looking out over the fields or as I swoop silently along the roadside.



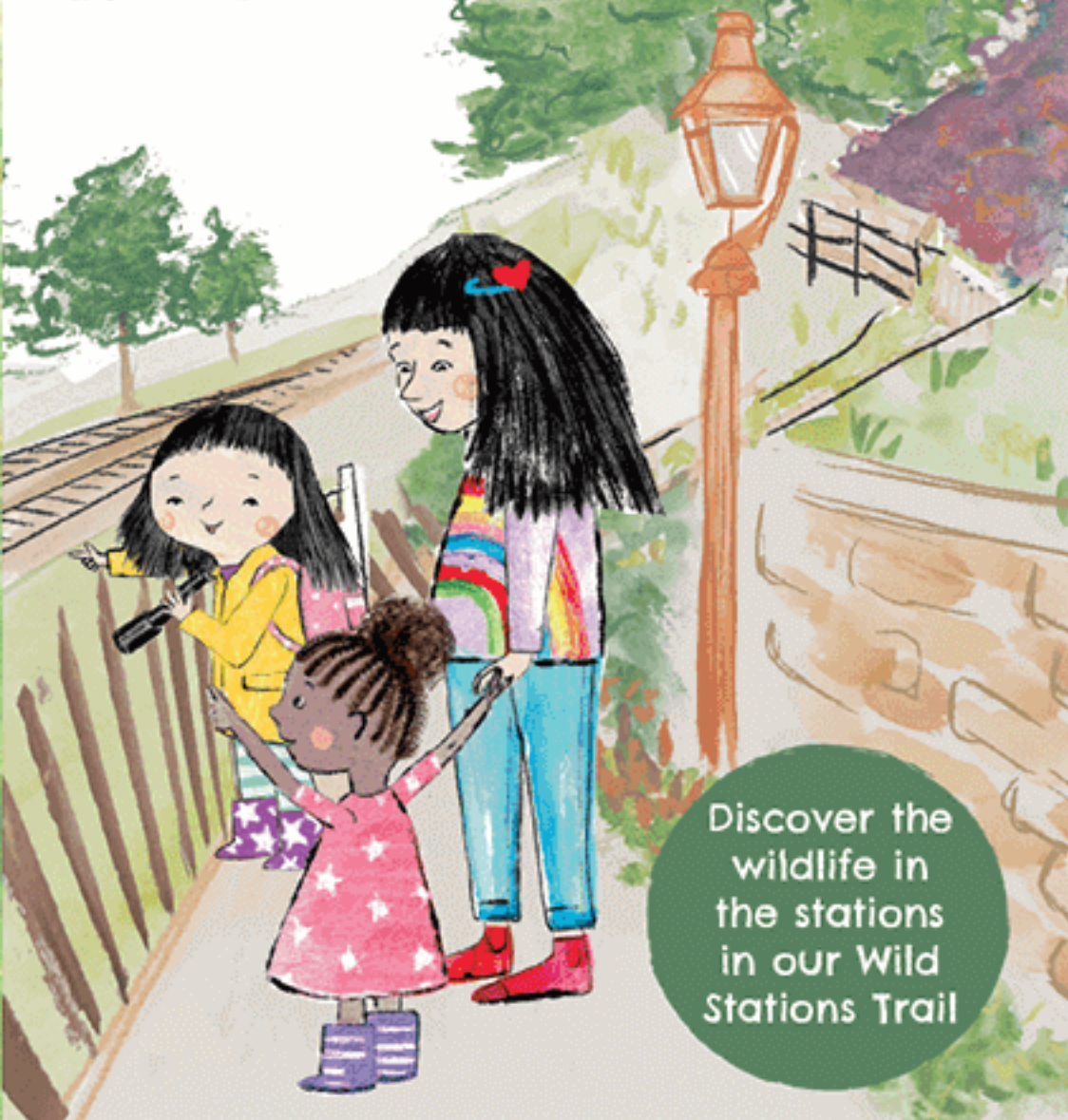
Rowan ☐☐

My blossoms are favourites with the bees and my bright red berries make a fine jelly jam. It is said that cutting down a rowan tree is bad luck as my wood will protect you from enchantment and evil spells.



Grosmont is our last Wild Stations Stop, but you can keep going to visit Whitby and the wonderful seaside wildlife there.

Wild Stations Trail



Discover the wildlife in the stations in our Wild Stations Trail

----- Welcome -----
to the Wild Stations Trail.

As we steam along on our railway, there are incredible plants and animals to explore around the stations.



We can help guide you to find the best wildlife-watching spots.

Find the wildlife boards around each station. They are where you are most likely to see the real thing. Use all of your senses and tell us which is your favourite.

PICKERING

1st stop!

Treecreeper ☐

Look closely and you will see us. Tucked in close to the trunks of the trees, we hop upwards into the tops. Our curved feet cling on tight and our curved beaks are just right for picking out insects amongst the tree bark. Yum!



Robin ☐

I like people and am always hanging around the gardeners in the station in case they dig up a juicy grub or worm for me! Watch me, watching you on the garden bird feeders or as I busily bob up and down.



Brown trout ☐

Not many people know I am here. In the cool waters of the beck, you must be patient to see me. Look and listen. Can you spot my spots as I hang still in the water or hear the SPLASH as I jump out to catch a mayfly for tea?



Tick one box when you see the animal sign at the stations and one box when you see it in real life.



Brimstone ☐

Big and bright and yellow-green, you can spot us chasing one another and dancing through the gardens. But once we are resting in the trees, good luck, we look just like leaves!



Blue tit ☐

I am a tiny, colourful acrobat weaving through the trees. With my yellow breast and blue cap no one looks quite like me! I use the nest boxes to make my nest. Spot me hanging upside down in the trees, grabbing a caterpillar to eat!



Alder ☐

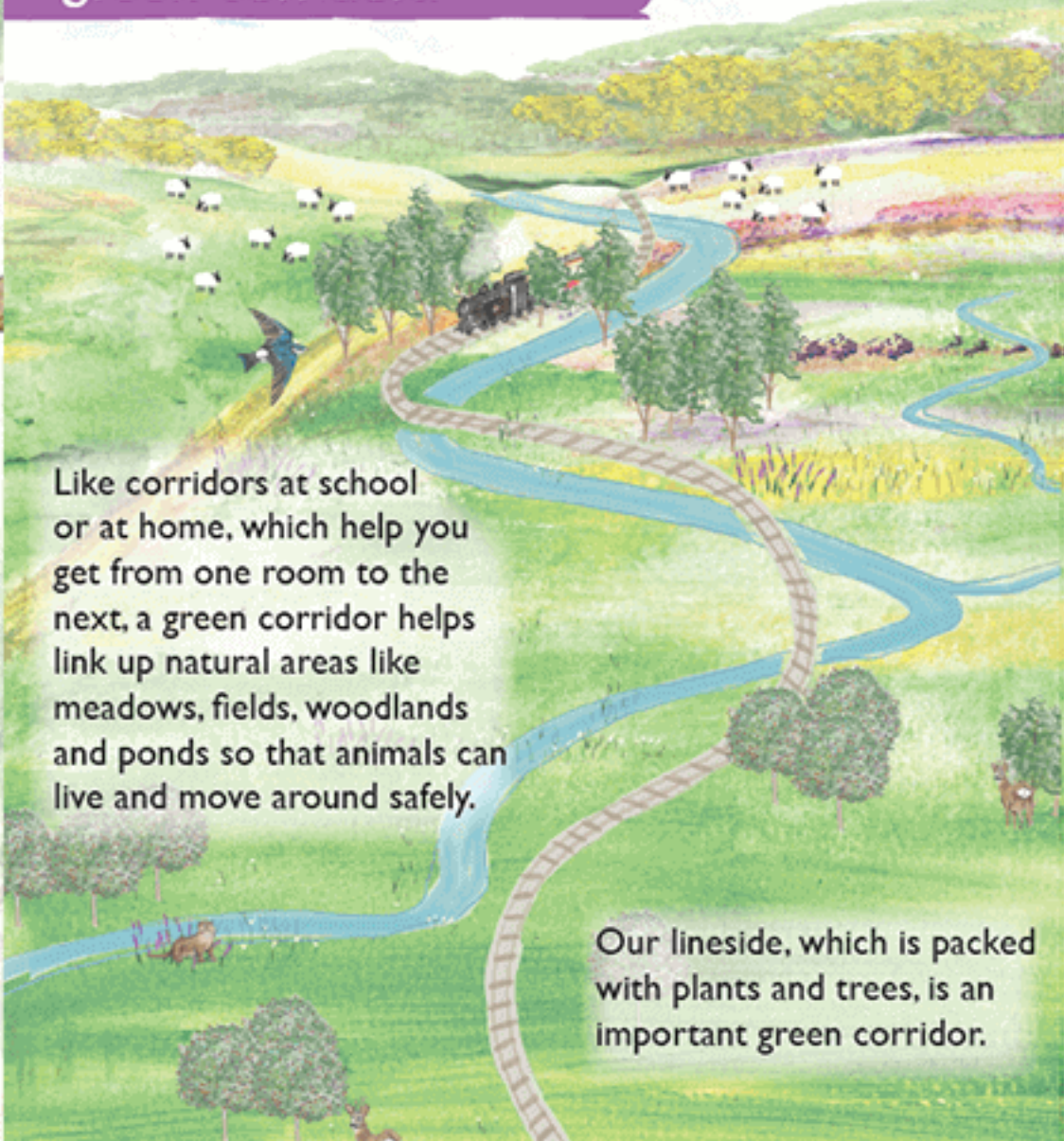
My roots love to paddle in the water so you will find me by rivers. My roots make a safe home for little fish to hide while kingfishers watch from my branches. When I am older, I will be home to many mosses and lichens.



LEVISHAM

2nd stop!

Railways are great green corridors.



Like corridors at school or at home, which help you get from one room to the next, a green corridor helps link up natural areas like meadows, fields, woodlands and ponds so that animals can live and move around safely.

Our lineside, which is packed with plants and trees, is an important green corridor.

Word search

Find the list of words in the grid. Tick each one you have seen on your journey!

- ☐ Boots
- ☐ Map
- ☐ Footprints
- ☐ Pond
- ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Backpack
- ☐ Platform
- ☐ Station
- ☐ Steam
- ☐ Ticket
- ☐ Conductor
- ☐ Woodland
- ☐ Passenger
- ☐ Train
- ☐ River

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Kingfisher ☐

A high-pitched call and a blue and orange blur is all most people hear and see of me! Blink and you will miss me, as I speed by to the deep pools in the river for fishing, but sit quietly and you might just spot me on an overhanging branch.



House martin ☐

See our mud-made nests on the walls of the buildings with just enough of a gap to swish in and out. We are very good fliers, catching insects in flight. Soon our long migration to Africa will begin. See you next summer!



Adder ☐

Amongst the grasses and banks, I bathe in the sun. Look out for our diamond-backed, slender bodies curled up or sliding away into the undergrowth. People think we are scary, but in fact we are quite shy and quite rare these days.



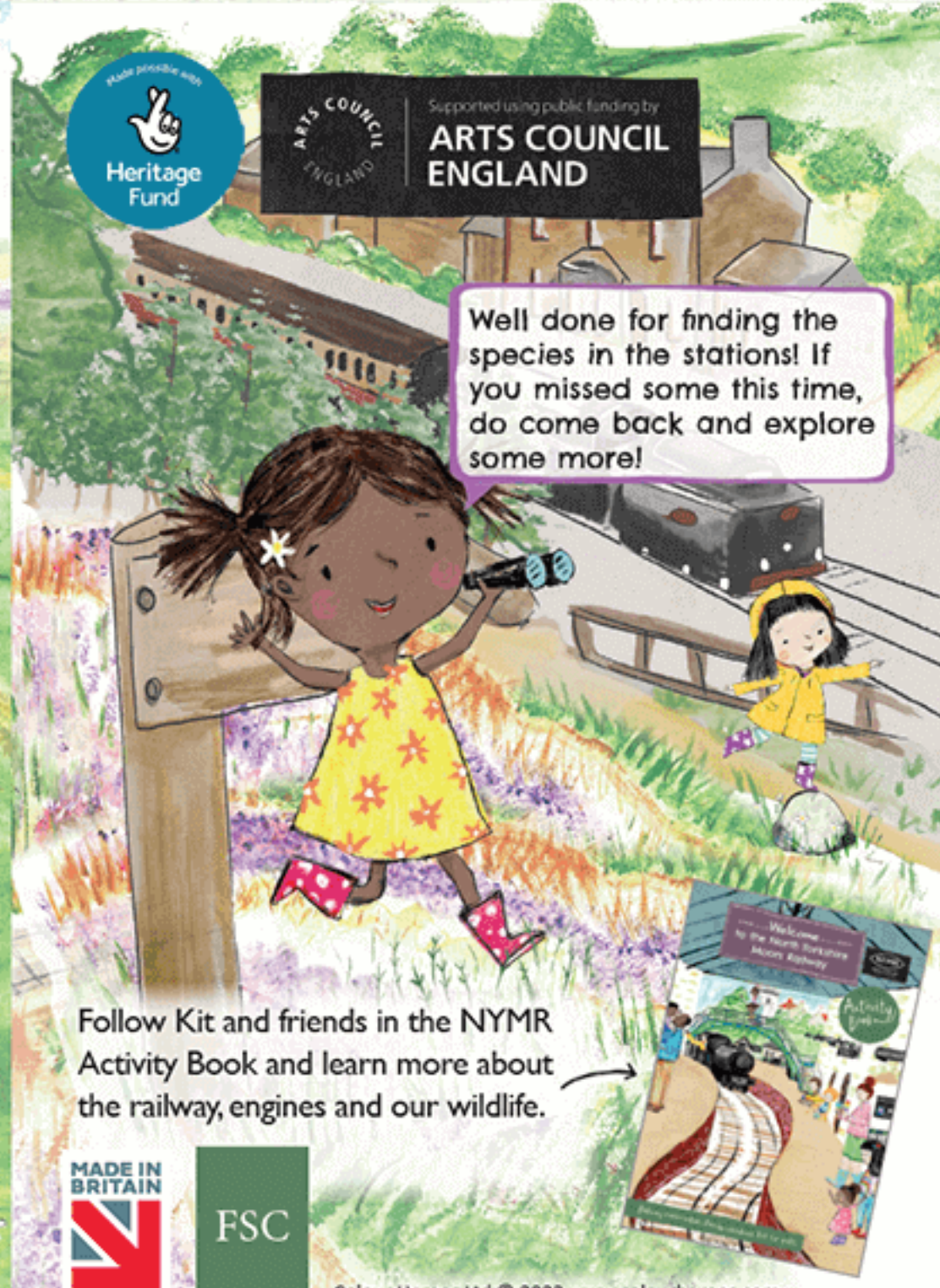
Turn over for more at Levisham

To find out even more about our railway, stations and the wild animals that live here, pick up an activity book in the shops.



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Well done for finding the species in the stations! If you missed some this time, do come back and explore some more!



Follow Kit and friends in the NYMR Activity Book and learn more about the railway, engines and our wildlife.

