Junior Volunteers Week 2025

Junior Volunteers Week ran from Monday 21 to Friday 25 July 2025. During the week, 32 JVs took part, together with 38 Supervisors and 9 Assistant Supervisors. A brief summary follows.

Summary

1. JV Week 2025 ran smoothly, with only a little rain to interrupt activities on the Tuesday.

2. During the week the JVs were able to take part in a range of activities which included:

   - Cleaning several locomotives.
   - Helping with maintenance tasks at the MPD.
   - Taking part in steam loco preparation, firing and driving experience with Lucie at the Carriage Stable.
   - Taking part in a brake van ride from Pickering Station to the carriage stable and return.
   - Learning about the guard's duties when shunting stock in the carriage stable.
   - Solving shunting puzzles in the Learning Centre.
   - Learning about the role of the TTI then helping check tickets.
   - Removing a damaged wall section and gate pillar at the S&T compound at the Trout Farm.
   - Casting two concrete location cabinet support pillars at the S&T compound at the Trout Farm.
   - Selling Guides to the Line and children's activity booklets onboard trains.
   - Dismantling then rebuilding and painting a fence at Goathland Station.
   - Completing the safe walking route to the tank house at Goathland Station.
   - Painting two good lengths of trackside fence at Goathland Station
   - Grass cutting, platform tidying and bin emptying at Newtondale Halt.
   - Refurbishing two platform trolleys at Levisham Station, which are now on display on the UP platform.
   - Carrying out maintenance tasks at Levisham Station.
   - Setting up for the barbeque on the Thursday, then dismantling and putting away the tents and equipment on the Friday.

3. We also enjoyed two social activities:

   - Brake van rides from Pickering Station to the new Carriage Shed and return.
   - A railway quiz followed by a barbeque at Levisham Station.

4. Our activities were supported by Assistant Supervisors, adult Supervisors, volunteers and paid staff. We could not put on a program of this sort without everyone's help for which we are very grateful. The Supervisors and the Assistant Supervisors especially must take an enormous amount of credit for all the hours of hard work and dedication to the task. Thank you one and all!