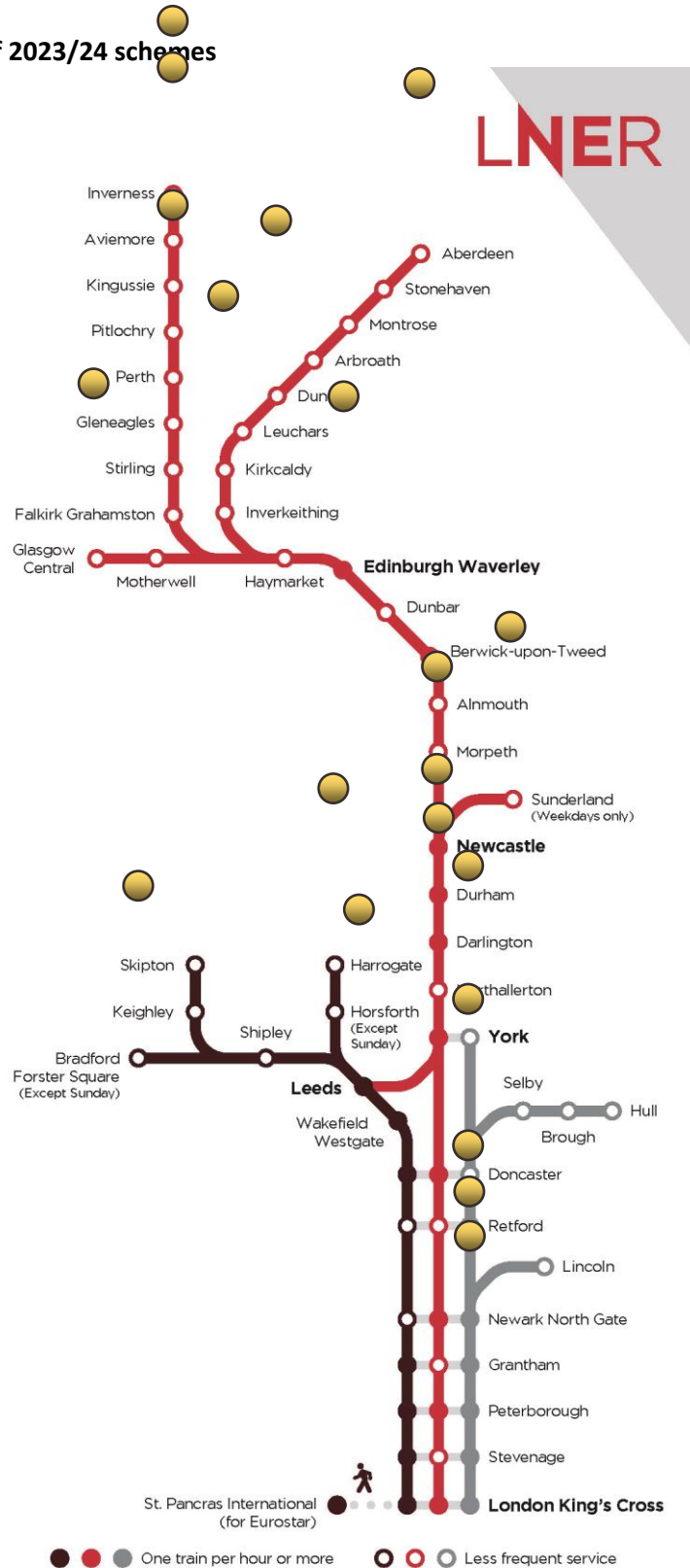


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Geographic spread of 2023/24 schemes



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This paper provides details on the schemes proposed to be delivered in the 2023/24 funding round. The funding pot is made up of projects aligned to LNER's community investment priorities:

Mental Health

	CCIF Scheme	Details of specific issues	Regions
When You Wish Upon a Star	The gift of memory making through a child's magical Wish	<p>This project will support Wish families from across the UK where a child may live with a life-threatening illness, going through treatments, and for some families with a child receiving end of life palliative care.</p> <p>This would be achieved by inviting families to enjoy much needed holidays across the UK, meeting their heroes or even seeing their favourite musical in London. This will create memories and make a real difference to the lives of the children and their families.</p>	Edinburgh Waverley

Samaritans	Community Outreach	Samaritans outreach projects target specific communities known to be at highest risk of suicide, isolation and poor mental health. They provide support which gives individuals a unique opportunity to be heard and explore their feelings, often at a point of personal crisis.	Aberdeen, Ashington, Bradford, Harrogate, Hull, Darlington, Doncaster, Dundee, Grantham, Inverness, Kirkcaldy, Leeds, Leyton, Lincoln, London, Perth Mansfield, Northallerton, Peterborough, Redbridge, Sunderland
RASASH	Outreach Support for Survivors of Sexual Violence	<p>Specialist outreach support and group workshops to help survivors of sexual violence overcome the emotional and mental harm caused by abuse. This project would increase access to in-person support for survivors who are unable to travel to sessions.</p> <p>One to one support and group-based work will help survivors to: understand their experiences; build self-esteem, develop tools to cope with the impacts of abuse; and improve their overall wellbeing.</p>	Inverness
Autism Initiative (UK)	One Stop Shop Mental Wellbeing Project	This will improve beneficiaries' resilience by drawing on their own strengths e.g. self-motivation to improve decision-making skills; improving nutrition and exercise to increase energy levels; and will utilise peer-to-peer support to improve social connectedness. The project will bring autistic people together and create a culture of positive mental health.	Edinburgh Waverley

Place2Be	Place2Be and LNER – supporting children’s mental health in Aberdeen	This project involves embedding mental health support services in up to 15 primary schools across Aberdeen. These include one to one counselling, group therapy, a lunchtime drop-in service and parenting courses. This activity will improve children’s mental health and wellbeing, boost emotional resilience and create mentally healthy schools focused on prevention and early intervention.	Aberdeen
Care for Carers	Day Trips and Outings for Carers	This will deliver a range of events including trips to museums, galleries and the zoo for unpaid carers living in Edinburgh and the surrounding areas. It will allow carers to create social networks and take part in activities they would not be able to access otherwise. Some events will be open to both the carers and the cared-for person. This will allow them to enjoy experiences together away from home.	Edinburgh Waverley
Befriend A Child	Community Befriending Project	Befriend a Child has seen an increase in demand for services, particularly in areas of Aberdeen. With our support, the befriender and child would meet up every two weeks spending time together, taking part in various activities in the community based on the children’s interests. The aim is to develop trust, friendship and introduce the child to new social experiences, so they can explore what life has to offer.	Aberdeen

Education and Employability Skills

	CCIF Scheme	Details of specific issues	Regions
Dundee FC Community Trust	Tactics 4 Life	This will support children impacted by poverty or other disadvantages within Dundee. It consists of a 12-week dual-method approach using classroom-based activities and outdoor education to enhance both practical and soft skills required for future success. The outdoor lessons will also allow young people to improve both physical and mental health.	Dundee
The Wilberforce Trust	Club Wilber bounces back	This project will support families with disabled children and young people aged three to 25 who have sight loss and additional disabilities, by bringing together communities of people who understand what it is like to live without sight. Specially trained staff will work as a pillar of support with the children and young people, to improve their physical and mental well-being through a programme of tailored activities.	York
Ambitious about Autism	Saplings Horticulture Project	This project will develop a Forest School for children and young people aged five to nineteen who have autism and complex needs. It will offer social enterprise opportunities to improve the young people's mental health, understanding of nature and vocational skills, whilst providing opportunities to be active in the local community.	London King's Cross
Prisoners' Education Trust	Reducing Reoffending and Increasing Employment Opportunities: Education for Prisoners in South Yorkshire, North Yorkshire and the Northeast	This will provide vital educational opportunities to 45 individuals who are held in prisons in South/North Yorkshire and the Northeast. Funding would provide distance learning courses, and advice and guidance. This will empower people in prison, to gain the skills and qualifications they need for a successful reintegration back into society.	Doncaster

Diversity & Inclusion

	CCIF Scheme	Details of specific issues	Regions
Next Door But One CIC	A Rehearsal for Life: Forum Theatre for Young Adults with Disabilities	This grant will be spent on contracting artist/facilitators in inclusive arts engagement, to produce workshops for Forum Theatre, an arts intervention tool providing a `rehearsal for life`. Based on real-life experiences, participants are presented with challenging scenarios which they are asked to improve or give advice on, stepping into the drama themselves to practice those interactions and embed that learning in their own daily experiences.	York
Henshaws	MultiSensory at Henshaws Arts & Crafts Centre	Our funding will transform the centre's multi-sensory facilities and equipment. This will make the centre more inclusive for the Art Makers, allowing opportunities for sensory regulation, achieving targets, social communication and quality leisure time that they do not have access to anywhere else.	Harrogate
The Hut York	Food Glorious Food @ The Hut York	This project will provide cooking/food skills session for adults with learning disabilities and/or mental health challenges. To achieve this, a mobile cooking workstation would be purchased, that is accessible all members to use. Ingredients would also be purchased for the sessions.	York
The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association	Active Vision	This will support 80 people living with sight loss along the LNER rail route. Participants will be assisted to leave their homes and get back out into their community, through the help of a volunteer sighted guide. Friends and family of those with sight loss will also be trained in sighted guiding techniques to enable them to have the skills and confidence to support their loved ones.	Leeds

Vision Care for Homeless People	Volunteer run opticians service for homeless people in Leeds	Around a third of homeless people have never had an eye test and another third have not had one in the last ten years. Volunteer optometrists, dispensing opticians and clinic assistants will run an optician's service for homeless in Leeds. The service will provide a full eye examination, glasses when needed and referral to secondary care if required.	Leeds
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Environment & Sustainability

	CCIF Scheme	Details of specific issues	Regions
Dales and Bowland Community Interest Company	Wensleydale Bus Service	The project will support the continued operation of Wensleydale Flyer bus service 856, which is rural bus service linking Northallerton, Leeming Bar, Bedale, Leyburn and Hawes in Wensleydale in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. It links the county town and railhead at Northallerton with tourist attractions such as Wensleydale Railway and is highly valued by the local community and visitors.	Northallerton
Findhorn, Nairn, and Lossie Rivers Trust	Gathering ecological baseline data & fostering river stewardship in the Upper Findhorn Watershed	This project will establish a suite of biological baseline data for the upper river Findhorn and its tributaries, which will create a record of the current ecological status of the river and its surrounding ecosystem and enable change to be monitored as a wider multi-year landscape-scale nature restoration initiative is developed. This will help to mitigate the climate change effects of increasing temperature on the watercourses and improve biodiversity within the Glen.	Aviemore