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SHEPPEY LIGHT RAILWAY GREENWAY

NEW MEMBERSHIP SCHEME LAUNCHED

THE Sheppey Light Railway Greenway Project is going from strength to strength.

The committee steering the project has launched a Membership Scheme, and you are invited to join for as little as £10 per year.

Your subscription will help fund the project, including the cost of administering funding bids to outside funding organisations.

In return, you will receive a quarterly newsletter, keeping you up to date with the project and its progress in delivering a safe walking and cycling route across the Island.

We will send you invites to our volunteering days, giving you the opportunity to be a part of creating and maintaining this historic and unique asset for Sheppey's residents and for the thousands of visitors that come to enjoy the Island every year.

We will invite you to our meetings, which are held each month either virtually on line or in person at various locations across Sheppey.

You will be invited to our Annual General Meeting where you can stand for election to our committee and cast your vote in those elections.

What we will not do is share your details with anyone else. We will only use your name and email address for the purposes of sending you our newsletters, invitations to meetings and volunteer days, and, of course, Membership renewals.

SWALE COUNCIL CONSULTATION

Swale Council is running consultation that will hopefully see the Sheppey Light Railway Greenway (SLRG) route firmly embedded into The Swale Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP), a key policy to help ensure future funding.

You can help by completing the consultation document which can be found at <https://swale.gov.uk/your-council/consultations/swale-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-lcwip>. The consultation closes on 26 October 2025.

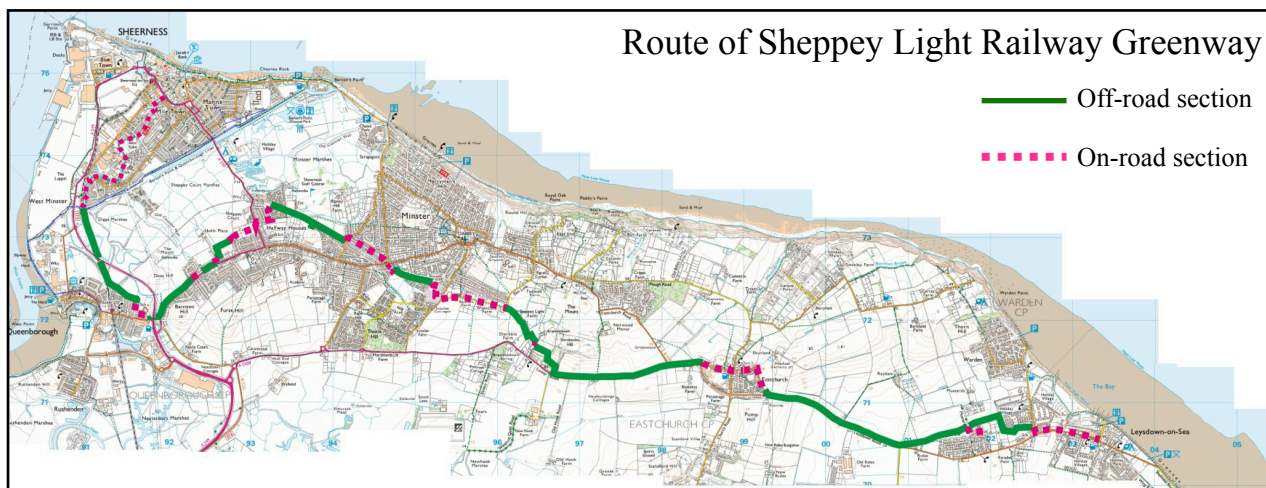
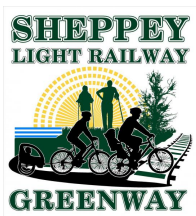
Councillors voted in July to include the SLRG route in the consultation, but it will only make the cut if we get enough positive responses.

There are no safe walking and cycling routes from the main towns and transport connections in the west of the Island to the holiday centres in the east. In the past 30 years, various government-funded studies have been carried out, but no safe route has been identified or agreed.

In the late 19th Century, a light railway was built to connect Queenborough mainline rail station in the west to Leysdown in the east, via Halfway, Minster and Eastchurch.

The SLRG Project was formed five years ago to transform the route of the old railway line into a safe, DDI-compliant walking and cycling route and bridleway, achieving something previous studies have failed to achieve.

KCC recently awarded Swale Council £35,000 to pay for design work along our route, cementing the County Council's support for the project.



Route of Sheppey Light Railway Greenway

— Off-road section

- - - On-road section

Benefits of Joining the Sheppey Light Railway Greenway

1. Shape the Future of the Island

Be part of a legacy project that improves the island's connectivity and sustainability for generations to come.

2. Promote Healthy Lifestyles

Encourage walking, cycling, and outdoor activity as a fun and accessible way for everyone to stay fit and healthy.

3. Protect the Environment

Support a low-impact, eco-friendly alternative to car travel that reduces emissions and fosters a love for nature.

4. Build Community Pride

Help create a shared space that brings people together—neighbours, families, tourists, ramblers, cyclists and horse riders — connecting the whole island.

5. Gain Practical Experience

Contribute to real-world planning, fundraising, design, and advocacy efforts—great for resumes and personal development.

6. Organise Events & Rides

Help plan fun activities like bike rides, clean-up days, nature walks, and awareness campaigns.

7. Collaborate with Local Stakeholders

Work with local government, businesses, and environmental groups to make the path a reality and secure funding.

8. Leave a Legacy

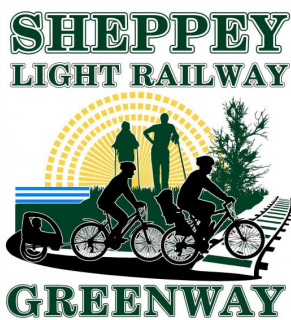
Be remembered as part of the team that made a transformative, sustainable project happen on the island.

9. Enjoy Nature Firsthand

Spend time outdoors, explore beautiful routes, and discover parts of the island few people ever see.

10. Be a Voice for Positive Change

Join a movement that puts people, health, and nature first—while making the island safer and more connected.



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TO JOIN BY EMAIL, and pay by Bank Transfer or Standing Order:

Please email your full name and postcode to: treasurer@slrgreenway.org, with the subject line "Membership", and send your membership fee with your *surname* as a reference to:

Account name: SLR Greenway. Account number: 25977368. Sort Code: 80-22-60.

* You can use the same details to set up a monthly or annual *Standing Order*.

TO JOIN BY POST, please complete the form below:

Name

Postcode

Email

I enclose my Annual Membership Fee (minimum £10) - please tick the amount below:

☐ £10 ☐ £15 ☐ £20 ☐ £25 ☐ £50 ☐ OTHER AMOUNT £.....

Please send your completed form and cheque, payable to "SLRGreenway", to:

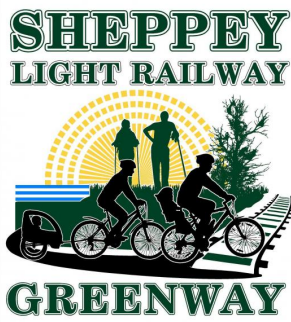
SLGR Treasurer, 9 Wards Hill Road, Minster-on-Sea, ME12 2LL

☐ (please tick) I agree to my details being held by the Sheppey Light Railway Greenway Project for the purposes of contacting me about meetings and events related to the Project.
I understand my details will not be shared with any third party.

Signed

Details of our Data Protection Policies can be found at slrgreenway.org/data_protection

For more about the work of the Sheppey Light Railway Greenway Project see slrgreenway.org



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The aims of the Sheppey Light Railway Greenway Project (SLRG) project are supported in Kent County Council's recently adopted Local Transport Plan 5, and are included in Swale Borough Council's Local Cycling and Walking and Infrastructure Plan.

The Isle of Sheppey lies in the Thames Estuary on the north coast of Kent. It has a population of some 40,000. It is a popular holiday destination, and the population doubles to some 80,000 in the summer months.

There are no safe walking and cycling routes from the main towns, schools and transport connections in the west of the Island, to the holiday centres in the east. In the past 30 years, various government-funded studies have been carried out, but no safe route has been identified or agreed.

In the late 19th Century, a light railway was built to connect Queenborough mainline rail station in the west to Leysdown in the east. The 8.8 mile-long line had stations at Halfway, Minster and Eastchurch.

The line closed in the 1950s, and while parts of the track bed are still accessible, much has been built over or lost to agriculture.

The SLRG was formed five years ago to transform the route of the old railway line into a safe, DDI-compliant walking and cycling route for future generation to enjoy, achieving something previous studies have failed to achieve.

You can get involved as a volunteer and by joining as a Member to help create this much-needed resource for the Isle of Sheppey.

