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## Photography hotspot adopted by charity volunteers

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Volunteers will work hand-in-hand with Northern to create a sense of community at a station popular with railway photographers and enthusiasts.

Newcastle-based charity St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) has adopted the city's Manors train station – which sits on the East Coast Main Line.

The organisation supports vulnerable people across the country and worldwide.

- Northern employee saves school trip after heatwave cancellation
- Northern teams-up with Blackpool Transport to offer rail passengers 'through tickets' onto seaside resort's bus and tram network
- Northern staff being trained to spot vulnerable passengers and have confidence to intervene

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Volunteers are a vital link across the trains operator's network to local communities and hundreds of station adopters are already active, working with Northern to keep stations tidy and well presented.

Kerry Peters, regional director at Northern, said: "Station adopters provide a vital link between Northern and the communities we serve, and they all do fantastic work at our stations, providing the best possible environment for our customers and local people alike.

"We're very fortunate in the North to have so many people who care so deeply about the railway and I'm incredibly grateful for all the time they donate and all the hard work that makes such a difference to the station environment."

Dr Megan Nottingham, SVP wellbeing co-ordinator, said: "This initiative is a lovely way to extend our influence beyond the walls of our building. In line with a flipped model of charity, we are very excited to encourage the creativity we know exists in our community that will contribute towards making a change at Manors and its immediate surroundings."

To find out more visit **northernrailway.co.uk/community** or email **adopters@northernrailway.co.uk** To find out more about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, visit **svp.org.uk**, **SVP Newcastle** or visit their social media channels for the **latest news and updates**.