

Windermere station celebrates railway's 175 years

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Northern and the railway community has marked 175 years since opening of the Furness and Lakes Line Railway at a special event at Windermere station today.

The Furness Railway and Lakes Line opened in 1846, transforming the way goods and passengers were transported in the county.

It was then extended through Burneside and Staveley to Windermere in 1847.

One of Northern's Class 195 trains, which was renamed Pride of Cumbria, proudly displayed its new nameplate at the occasion.

The train's new name was unveiled at a ceremony at Barrow-in-Furness station last year, with other events taking place in Oxenholme, Burnside and Staveley.

Chris Jackson, regional director at **Northern**, said: "A huge thank you to everyone who's been involved in making today happen, including Community Rail Cumbria and the 175 Committees, who are our fantastic

volunteers.”

“The commemorations, and community events would not have been possible but for the fantastic contributions from our volunteers, aided by the robust support from community stakeholders and the rail industry.

“**Northern** is proud to be a part of such rich heritage and community and as we look back on 175 years of progress, we also look forward to delivering further improvements in the area to continue to make a positive impact for the North.”

Ian Conway, chair of the Lakes Line 175 committee: “I have been delighted to welcome guests to the finale event of our 175 anniversary celebrations at Windermere station.

The past two years have seen a tremendous number of hours and effort put in by an amazing array of station volunteers, community organisations and rail industry colleagues. Their passion, enthusiasm and collaboration has brought about a wonderful year of celebrations for both the Lakes line and Furness Railway.

“I look forward to building on the successful joint working with the Furness 175 Committee and, despite the extraordinary challenges of covid, I am proud that we have been able to revive our railway history, reconnect communities and inspire rail travellers to return to the railway.”