

# Feel Good Field Trips

How did Coventry Benefit?



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"The concept of the "Feel good trips" is exceptional. It has provided our children with a truly unique experience that I know they will remember for a long time to come. The vast majority of our children will never get the opportunity to ride on a train and particularly with their peers. I can't praise Avanti enough for this innovative project. Well done Avanti!"

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# OUTCOMES

Community Rail Lancashire were delighted we were able to deliver over 200 trips for 5289 students surpassing the target of 5000 set at the beginning of the project. 105 different schools benefited from trips during this project. Dave Savage attended 120 of these trips with other community rail officers of Avanti West Coast staff attending a further 40 trips.

Feel Good Field Trip facts January 2023 – January 2025

**5289** students been on a Feel Good Field Trip

**877** staff to support the students

**215** trips at **45** different venues

**455** Avanti West Coast train journeys

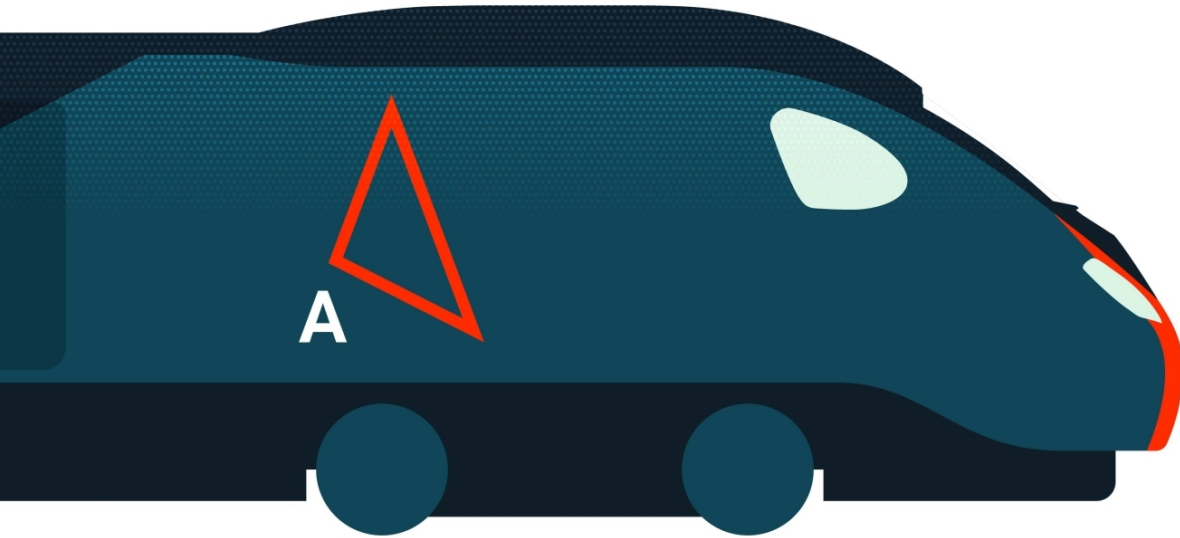
**50,000+** miles covered on the WCML



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# How many Coventry Students Benefited from FGFT's?



**364 is 6.88% of the total number of students, so for a small city Coventry really punched well above its weight when receiving benefits from this project.**

| School                    | Dpt Station | Arr Station   | Number of students |
|---------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Finham Park 2             | Coventry    | London Euston | 30                 |
| Finham Park 2             | Coventry    | London        | 24                 |
| Finham Park 2             | Coventry    | London        | 24                 |
| Finham Park 2             | Coventry    | London Euston | 36                 |
| Finham Park 2             | Coventry    | London Euston | 20                 |
| Moat House Primary School | Coventry    | London Euston | 20                 |
| Finham Park 2             | Coventry    | London Euston | 30                 |
| Barrs Hill                | Coventry    | London Euston | 24                 |
| Finham Park 2             | Coventry    | London Euston | 11                 |
| Finham Park 2             | Coventry    | London Euston | 30                 |
| Meadow Park               | Coventry    | Wolverhampton | 15                 |
| Finham Park               | Coventry    | London Euston | 30                 |
| West Coventry Academy     | Coventry    | London Euston | 30                 |
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| West Coventry Academy     | Coventry    | London Euston | 10                 |
|                           |             |               | <b>364</b>         |



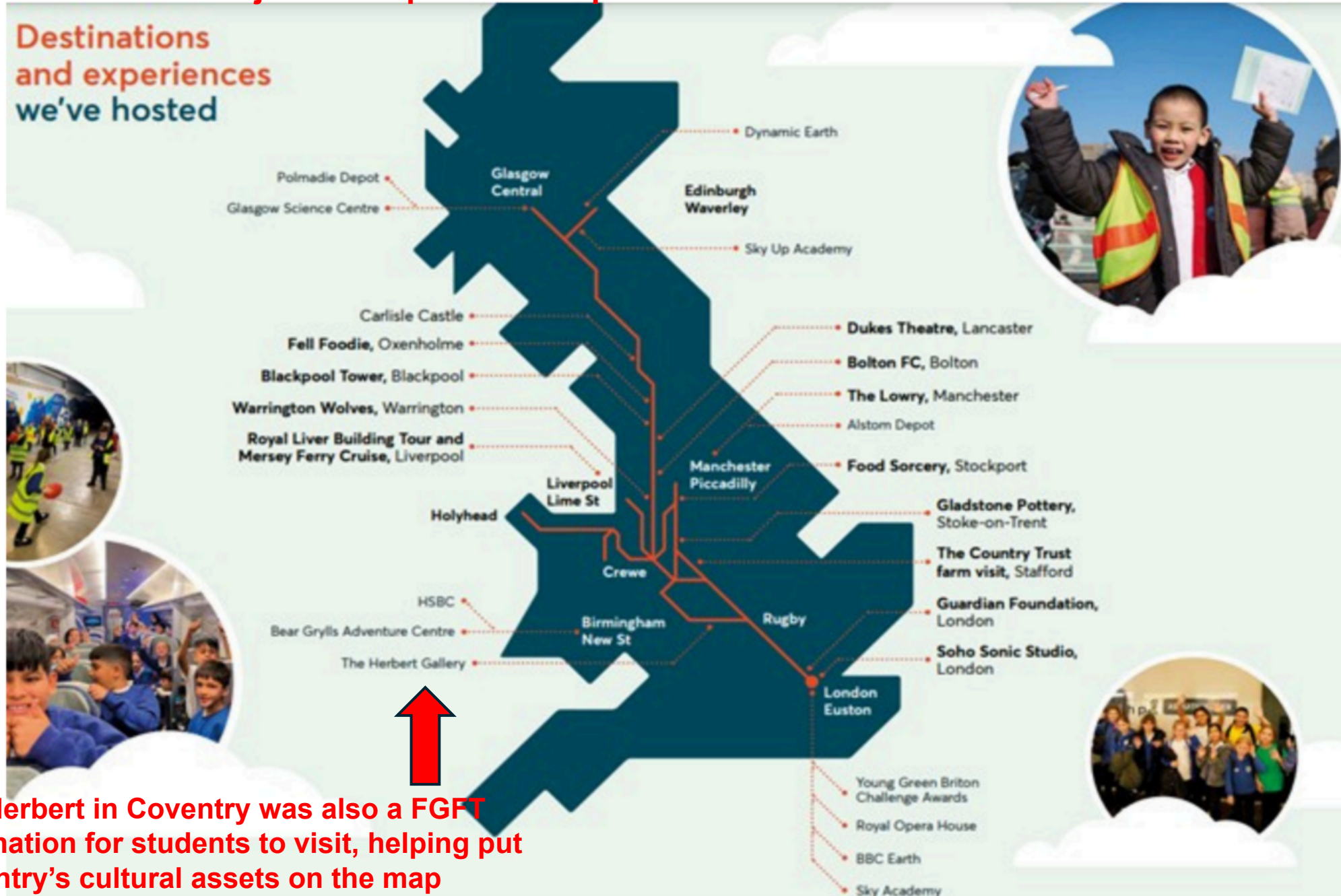
In June 2024 Meadow Park School in Coventry got to experience a day at Oxley Depot, interacting with engineers, apprenticeships and undertaking a huge range of STEM activities.

This video shows how they got on

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2L914cLE0iU>

These are just a couple of the trips that were available to students!

## Destinations and experiences we've hosted



The Herbert in Coventry was also a FGFT destination for students to visit, helping put Coventry's cultural assets on the map

One of the many trips from Coventry (and the wider West Midlands) that were supported by Heart of England Community Rail Partnership! We were proud to work on a project that made such a big impression on local students, giving them opportunities to join activity and travel the country.

I really enjoyed today  
My favourite thing was  
going on the train. It was  
my first time going to  
Manchester.



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EXPRESS  
MISS CARTWRIGHT  
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It was so fun thank you so much I am  
SO GRATEFUL  
from Harvey





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"I think is a really good initiative for schools, especially for those in deprived areas as it gives young people an opportunity to not only visit places that may be too far for them normally, but also experience using a train which may encourage them to use this mode of greener transport in the future."

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The Heart of England CRP were honoured to be invited to the celebration reception of the Feel Good Field Trips project, at the House of Parliament in January 2025. As shown in the video above.

We hope we can continue to bring similar benefits to Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire on future projects.