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SENUG MEETINGS IN MORPETH AND BERWICK

SENUG – the pro-rail voluntary group that campaigns for better rail services in Northumberland and beyond – is holding two public meetings for people both north and south of the county.

At the first meeting, which is at 19:30 on Tuesday 8th July at Morpeth Town Hall, SENUG will be welcoming guest speaker Simon Walton, former Chair of the Borders Rail Campaign, which successfully saw passenger trains restored between Edinburgh and Tweedbank. Simon and SENUG Chair Dennis Fancett are both previous winners of the Best Rail Campaigner award from the national pro-rail group Railfuture, so it is particularly appropriate for SENUG to welcome Simon as a guest speaker for its summer meeting.

After Simon's talk, there will be opportunity to ask Simon questions about his campaigning experience and the lessons we can learn here in Northumberland, as SENUG seeks to build on the success of its Northumberland Line campaign with more new rail services across the county.

Just less than a week after the Morpeth meeting on Monday 14th July, SENUG will be holding a further meeting, this time in Berwick-Upon-Tweed and in conjunction with the Town Council. Starting at the earlier time of 18:00 and to be held in the Town Council's offices at 82 - 88 Marygate, this meeting will look at how rail campaigners from various local groups are working to secure improved rail services for Berwick. SENUG will be joined by speakers from RAGES (Rail Action East of Scotland) who will cover services north of Berwick, and Railfuture who will comment on the national picture.

SENUG Chair Dennis Fancett commented, "It's a busy time for us, but we are aware that as pro-rail campaigners there is still so much we need to do. These meetings are open to anyone, you don't have to be a member to come, but we very much hope those who agree with our objectives will join their local campaign group. After all, the more people we speak for, the louder our voice is heard".

More information at www.senrug.co.uk.

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