

PRESS RELEASE

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Chiltern Railways announces 2018 charity partnership

Chiltern Railways is proud to announce that mental health charity, Mind has been chosen as 2018's charity of the year.

Each year, the train operator and its staff work with a different charity to raise funds and awareness, partnering to support them with events and social media campaigns. In 2017, Chiltern worked with both Bowel Cancer UK and Brake, the road safety charity, where they helped raise over £24,000.

Dave Penney, Chiltern Railways Managing Director said:

"We are pleased to welcome Mind as our charity of the year. The decision is taken by our employees and we were inundated with suggestions of causes that people felt passionately about. In this year's vote, Mind was the clear winner and we are looking forward to working with them to fundraise and raise awareness throughout the coming year."

Kathleen Miles, Director of Fundraising at Mind said:

"We are delighted that Chiltern Railways has chosen to support Mind for 2018. Their support over the course of this partnership will allow us to continue to be there for people who need it, when they need it the most and to fight to make sure that everyone with a mental health problem gets the support and respect they deserve. We look forward to working with Chiltern Railways to ensure that everyone experiencing a mental health problem gets both the support and respect they deserve."

Chiltern will support Mind in all their campaigns throughout 2018 and will provide mental health awareness training for their staff.

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Chiltern Railways is part of the [Arriva group](#), one of the leading providers of passenger transport in Europe. Arriva employs more than 60,000 people and delivers over 2 billion passenger journeys across 14 European countries each year.

Editors notes:

About Mind

- Mind, the mental health charity provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem. They campaign to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding and

won't give up until everyone experiencing a mental health problem gets both support and respect.

www.mind.org.uk

- Please note that Mind is not an acronym and should be set in title case.
- Mind has a confidential information and support line, Mind Infoline, available on 0300 123 3393 (lines open 9am - 6pm, Monday - Friday)
- Please contact the Mind Media Team for interviews or further information on 02085221743. For out of hours support please call 07850788514 or email the media team on media@mind.org.uk.
- For access to a range of free images to accompany mental health news stories please visit: <http://www.time-to-change.org.uk/getthepicture>. These images have been developed by the anti-stigma campaign Time to Change, run by the charities Mind and Rethink Mental Illness, and funded by the Department of Health, Comic Relief and the Big Lottery Fund.