

Bedlington Place Programme Board Member Pen Portrait



**Dennis Fancett
Chair**

SENUG (South East Northumberland Rail User Group)

I moved to Northumberland in 2003, and to Bedlington in 2004. My professional background is as a senior manager for a large multi-national company (as Head of International Customer Services and Head of Customer Project Management).

I have held voluntary roles in my local church and in rail campaign organisations, including SENUG (South East Northumberland Rail User Group). I have been Chair of SENUG since 2006 and I have helped to turn the group into a respected campaign-based organisation that has helped to secure the re-opening of passenger services in Northumberland (now called the Northumberland Line). I was awarded Railfuture National Campaigner of the Year Award in 2021.

I am also a founder member of County Church (now known as Hope Church Bedlington). I led a team of volunteers running the Community Help Hub on Bedlington Front Street. This drop-in/help point provided assistance to people looking for work, applying for benefits, or seeking to resolve issues with statutory organisations or utility companies. During its nine years of operation the Hub assisted over 21,000 drop-in visitors.

I was a member of the Bedlington Forum and helped to draft its constitution.