

Crescar Newsletter

Summer 2026



It has been a dynamic and exciting first half of 2026 at Crescar. As we firmly move into the summer months, our team continues to support clients across global projects, work on exciting partnerships, and develop new initiatives.

From supporting major global projects to opening a new office in Stockport, UK, and launching our new Crescar Lens Podcast series, 2026 continues to reflect the ambition, pace, and creativity that defines our team.

As we pass the midpoint of a fast-moving year, we are tracking well against our performance targets and look forward to a strong second half. This edition brings together the key highlights from the year so far, plus a preview of the projects, milestones, and challenges ahead.

Russell Watmore

**Co-founder | Business Operations
and Sales Performance**

Have You Met the Team?

Since our inception, we've expanded in people, reach, and the scale of our projects – yet the exceptional individuals behind that growth rarely take centre stage. We felt it was time to change that.

Across every level – from company directors to new graduates – we're highlighting the talented people who drive Crescar forward.

The series so far has featured our Founders and Directors, so if you've ever been curious about how Crescar came to be, or what life outside of work looks like for our team members, catch up on the series now.



[Read the full interviews here](#)



The Crescar Perspective

Crescar Lens

Matt Winnie shared his thoughts in our Crescar Lens article, "Putting the Customer at the Heart of Rail". Matt explored the latest developments in the rail sector and why a customer-first approach has never been more important.

Matt wrote: "The future of rail depends on a customer-first mindset, supported by innovation and sustainability. Government, operators, regulators, and technology partners must collaborate to create a railway that is fit for the 2030s and beyond".

[Read the full article on our website](#)



Crescar Lens Podcasts

The Crescar Lens Podcast is a bite-sized series of interviews and insights. Neil Micklethwaite, Director of Strategic Development at Crescar, sits down with industry colleagues to explore a broad range of topics across the transport sector.

So far, we've heard from Alison Smith, Head of Accessibility and Inclusion at Network Rail, who shared valuable insights on what GBR has been doing and how industry-wide plans are progressively shaping accessibility.

We also heard from Crescar team members, as we discussed bus franchising and the importance of supporting accessible, connected transport.

In our most recent episodes, Phil Hibberd, Group Director of Safety, Security and Sustainability at Transport UK, discusses the impact of new technology on the sector, while Graham Moore of Mind the AI Gap takes the conversation further, exploring the case for sensible, strategic integration of AI into rail systems and processes.



[Catch up with the podcasts here](#)

Railway Study Network Event – A Fireside Chat with Thomas Ableman

In February, Miles Evans and Jacinta Alexander, part of Crescar's global PMO team, attended the Railway Study Network Fireside Chat event in London with Thomas Ableman.

Miles shared his key takeaways from the evening:

"Thomas shared that GBR is still in a transformational phase, making it fertile ground for learning and innovation. One of the strongest ideas to emerge was the importance of creating an early culture of innovation at GBR. He emphasised that his own lived experience at Chiltern Railways proves an innovative culture can exist within rail companies, where ideas can surface, be tested and refined, and introduced into live railway operations".



[Read the full article here](#)

Crescar Grows North

Crescar continues to grow, not only in the markets we support, but also in the work we deliver and the team behind it. Expanding out of our UK base in London, we've headed north to Stockport.

Sitting in Greater Manchester, this town hosts our new office in a region that continues to grow and

demonstrate successful, integrated transport solutions, such as the Manchester Bee Network.

This move sits at the centre of a wider period of purposeful change at Crescar, as we've restructured teams and resources to create a stronger foundation for the next phase of the company's ambitions.

