

SCRP Environmental Policy Report Review Progress on work on our own estate June 2022-June 2023

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<p><i>Governance</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This environmental policy will be publicly available on our webpage and will be made available to all staff, board members and volunteers. This is a live policy, and all staff will be encouraged to contribute new ideas that will have an environmental benefit. 2. We will designate an Environmental Champion within the staff team who is responsible for ensuring all staff and volunteers are aware of their environmental duties within SCRП and that appropriate monitoring is undertaken. Our present environmental champion for the CIC Board is Director Mike Goodman. Sara Grisewood has volunteered to be the Staff lead on this going forward. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (i) Updated policy placed on website, with staff contributions, and examples of good work provided for consideration for Board. (ii) Climate change targets are identified as part of the SCRП Strategic and Management Risk Register (Item 13) Valuable contacts have been forged with Network Rail Sustainability Team. The result has been diversity improvements at Robertsbridge and Etchingham. The establishment of good working relationships will enable further projects across the SCRП network.
<p><i>Our buildings and operations</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All staff will be responsible for ensuring that energy and water are used efficiently in SCRП buildings. This will include ensuring that lights and equipment are turned off when not in use. 2. We will conduct a yearly environmental audit of our offices and will identify energy and water saving measures which can be installed. This could include energy efficient lighting, heating, and cooling controls, 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A recent audit of office space has prompted a review of how space is used and maintained. Re-cycling and waste disposal systems in place. 2. As above. IT equipment has been upgraded and new equipment purchased. Line officer based at Lewes takes responsibility for making sure standby mode is not used. Virtual meetings have encouraged more people to working from screens. However, this is balanced with ensuring

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<p>modernising IT equipment, water efficiency measures, such as water saving taps.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. We will significantly reduce our use of printed materials. We will ensure that all paper used is recycled. Printers will be set to black and white printing as standard. 4. We will recycle all paper and where practicable, all other office waste products, including ink/toner cartridges, mobile phones, and other office equipment. 5. We will endeavour to stop using all single use plastic products (such as plastic cups) within our offices. 	<p>everyone is able to participate and paper copies may be the preferred option for some people.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Significant reduction in printing – from £300 in 2021-22 to less than £200 in 2022-23. However, recycled paper is not always available & is more expensive. Black and white printing as appropriate. Annual Review print run reduced, educational resources laminated as appropriate and balanced against re-printing. 4. Recycling system set up. Need to gather old phones and re-cycle. 5. Staff tend to use reusable cups and sustainable water bottles. Meetings at Lewes and refreshments could be better organised but access to washing up facilities can be an issue especially with the potential for attracting mice.
<p><i>Staff travel</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We will strongly encourage the use of public transport and low or zero emission travel by staff wherever practicable. 2. We will offer incentives for staff to travel in sustainable ways including participation in the tax-free bike scheme supporting Active Access for Growth and other initiatives. 3. We will reduce the need to travel by using virtual meeting technologies such as Teams & Zoom where appropriate 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Predominate travel is by train use of car now notified in advance on most occasions – usually only if transporting heavy materials or if there are significant gaps in service. Increased service disruption has increased private mileage especially with the delivery of the education programme. 2. Line officer Windsor to Reading organising bike repair workshops at Wokingham and Winnersh. With My Journey Team, supporting wellbeing cycle rides and looking into health walks in the area. 3. Zoom licence renewed and extended, attendance at meetings has risen and many steering groups opting to alternate between in person and meeting via Teams/Zoom. Equipment installed at Lewes Station to facilitate virtual meetings. The camera & speaker equipment is now taken on location to

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	facilitate hybrid meetings for steering group & Board meetings where the Wi-Fi access is good.
<p><i>Events</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We will take reasonable steps that the environmental impacts of our events are as low as possible. 2. We will limit the use of single use plastics at our events. 3. We will ensure that wherever possible all food and drink that are served at events include vegetarian, fair trade and where possible be locally sourced and seasonal. 4. Wherever possible we will ensure that waste produced from our events will be re-used or recycled. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Venues chosen to ensure accessible by active travel modes and follow up on environmental themes. Examples include Garden event at Farnborough North planned to encouraging people to limit car journeys; steering group meeting took place at Rye Harbour NNR. Venue for Arun Valley meeting took into account hybrid meeting facilities and ability to access venue by connecting bus from Crawley. Venue for Sussex Downs Line AGM at Lewes Railway Land 2. Plastic giveaways no longer in use, replaced by two children's books and paper based activity packs. Very grateful to GWR for adding to supply of child friendly materials 3. We source local produce and support local businesses eg Folkington juices, independent coffee carts at events 4. We now have access to the recycling points at Lewes and Rye stations. Waste recycled or taken home for recycling from meetings/events

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Our work with railway station enhancements and renovations

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<p>We will seek work our station partners to ensure that where possible, building materials used for station enhancement and/or renovations are recycled materials.</p>	<p>Lewes</p> <p>Bishopstone</p> <p>Rye/Ham St Ore</p> <p>Eridge</p> <p>Lancing Sussex Coast Angmering</p> <p>Farnborough North</p> <p>Reading</p>	<p>Recycled bee hive as a bug hotel (donated by the Bee Friendly Trust) at Lewes and Newhaven Harbour</p> <p>Renovations of the building include retention of original doors/woodwork etc.</p> <p>Recycled wood planters created by Men in Sheds. Old planters renovated for reuse.</p> <p>Waiting room furnishings sources from local hospice furniture restoration project.</p> <p>Men's shed re-use materials form community garden. Remembrance Poppies made from recycled materials. Valentine's Day Hearts made from re-cycled materials</p> <p>100 pallets up-cycled into benches, tables and fencing. Volunteers used recycled materials and locally sources drought resistant plants and peat free compost. Peat free compost, drought tolerant planting, encourage bee friendly wildflower planting and rewilding of areas for example in station car parks with reduced mowing</p>

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Any new materials should be responsibly sourced.	<p>Staines</p> <p>Oxted</p> <p>Eridge</p> <p>Etchingam,</p> <p>Chilworth</p>	<p>Sipple Hydration Station installed in the Station waiting room. Water refills use zero packaging which means zero waste to dispose of. Use of New community garden area at Staines Station will use reclaimed / recycled materials for planters. Looking to install bee and bug hotels in area.</p> <p>cups and sustainable water bottles.</p> <p>Men in sheds produced Planters from recycled material</p> <p>Planters made by local charity from repurposed wood.</p> <p>GWR has stopped the use of railway sleepers and packing cases for planters, so other reuse wood being sourced for replacements</p>
Waste materials produced from railway renovations will be re-used or recycled where possible.	<p>Bishopstone</p> <p>Dorking/Deepdene/Farnborough North</p> <p>North Camp</p> <p>Redhill</p> <p>Buxted</p> <p>East Grinstead</p>	<p>Materials reused in renovation</p> <p>Planters were made of recycled materials</p> <p>Planters made of old Sleepers and local re-chipped wood</p> <p>YMCA re use plastic art project. Planters made from re-cycled materials</p> <p>Platform planters made from left over drainage pipe via NR</p> <p>Repurposed wood planters – men in sheds</p>

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	<p>Buxted</p> <p>Hastings, St Warrior square, West St Leonards</p>	<p>Old station sink = planter</p> <p>Planters made by a member of staff from upcycled materials</p>
<p>We will prioritise use of materials from local providers to minimise the impact of transportation.</p>	<p>Rye/Ham St Ore/Rye/Appledore/Robertsbridge/London Rd/Lewes/Bishopstone/Seaford Farnborough North Uckfield/East Grinstead line AfA events</p> <p>Staines, Ascot, Windsor</p>	<p>Local Men in Sheds group used to build planters. Local nurseries used to source plants.</p> <p>Local supplier donated disused planters to make planters, benches, fencing – material miles – 50 yards</p> <p>Catering sourced from local suppliers. Paper cups and plates. All catering for Coronation event served in biodegradable boxes, bamboo cutlery, recycled material paper plates and cups.</p>
<p>We will encourage planting of shrubs at stations to sequester carbon and improve local air quality.</p>	<p>Battle/Wadhurst/High Brooms/ St Leonards/Rye/Winchlesea</p> <p>St Leonards Warrior Square</p> <p>Staines</p> <p>Longcross, Earley</p>	<p>Peat free compost, drought tolerant planting, encourage bee friendly wildflower planting and rewilding of areas for example in station car parks with reduce mowing,</p> <p>no mow signs installed to prevent strimming Biodiversity and species advice taken from High Weald AONB, Sussex Wildlife Trust and ‘Wild about....’ Groups</p> <p>Community garden planting of shrubs and vegetables</p> <p>Project underway to sow wild flower seeds on green verges alongside platforms</p>

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	<p>Windsor</p> <p>Hastings</p>	<p>Planters in place, maintained regularly by Optalis</p> <p>A joint project with a newly forming Friends of Hastings Station is looking to use planting to enhance the front of the Station and certain points within it. As a welcoming gateway to Hastings it can emphasise the importance of the green agenda of SCRIP and the TOC. Upcycled materials have been used to make new planters for the station by GTR platform staff member Stephen...</p>
<p>We will work with station partners so that vegetation planted will be able to adapt to a changing climate and will be drought tolerant.</p>	<p>Seaford/Bishopstone/Newhaven Harbour/Lewes/London Road/Crowhurst/Robertsbridge/Battle/Apple dore/Winchelsea/Ore</p> <p>Ore</p> <p>Rye</p> <p>Ore Station</p> <p>Farnborough North & Wanborough</p>	<p>Station partners funded and assisted to source drought tolerant plants from local nurseries. Alternatively wild species tolerant species used</p> <p>Community garden for wildlife is in planning with ESCC Ore Campus</p> <p>The volunteer gardeners are very aware of the need for drought tolerant plants, wildflower planting and the symbiosis with wildlife at Railway Stations. This is especially apparent in the well-tended Pugwash Garden adjacent to the Station.</p> <p>A community garden area is being planned in collaboration with ESCG Ore Campus students and local residents. The planters on the Station are looked after by Ore Transport Group are planted with wildlife and drought in mind.</p>

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<p>Water Butts introduced at stations where appropriate with cycle stands that can take gutters</p>	<p>Ton – Reigate Angmering and West Worthing</p> <p>All</p> <p>North Camp, Dorking Deepdene Coming in Chilworth</p>	<p>Some areas left to re-wild, Biodiversity project at Wanborough. Plants chosen to be tolerant of drought. Partnership with Southern Water installation of water butts with Southern and Network Rail. Attend rail industry conferences and workshops , encourage rail companies to highlight work of volunteers.</p> <p>GWR funded where appropriate positions found</p>
<p>Seaford to Brighton Marshlink 1066 Hastings to Tonbridge, North Downs Line/SWR, Sussex Coast, Arun Valley, Uckfield- East Grinstead, Ton-Reigate Windsor to Reading</p>		

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