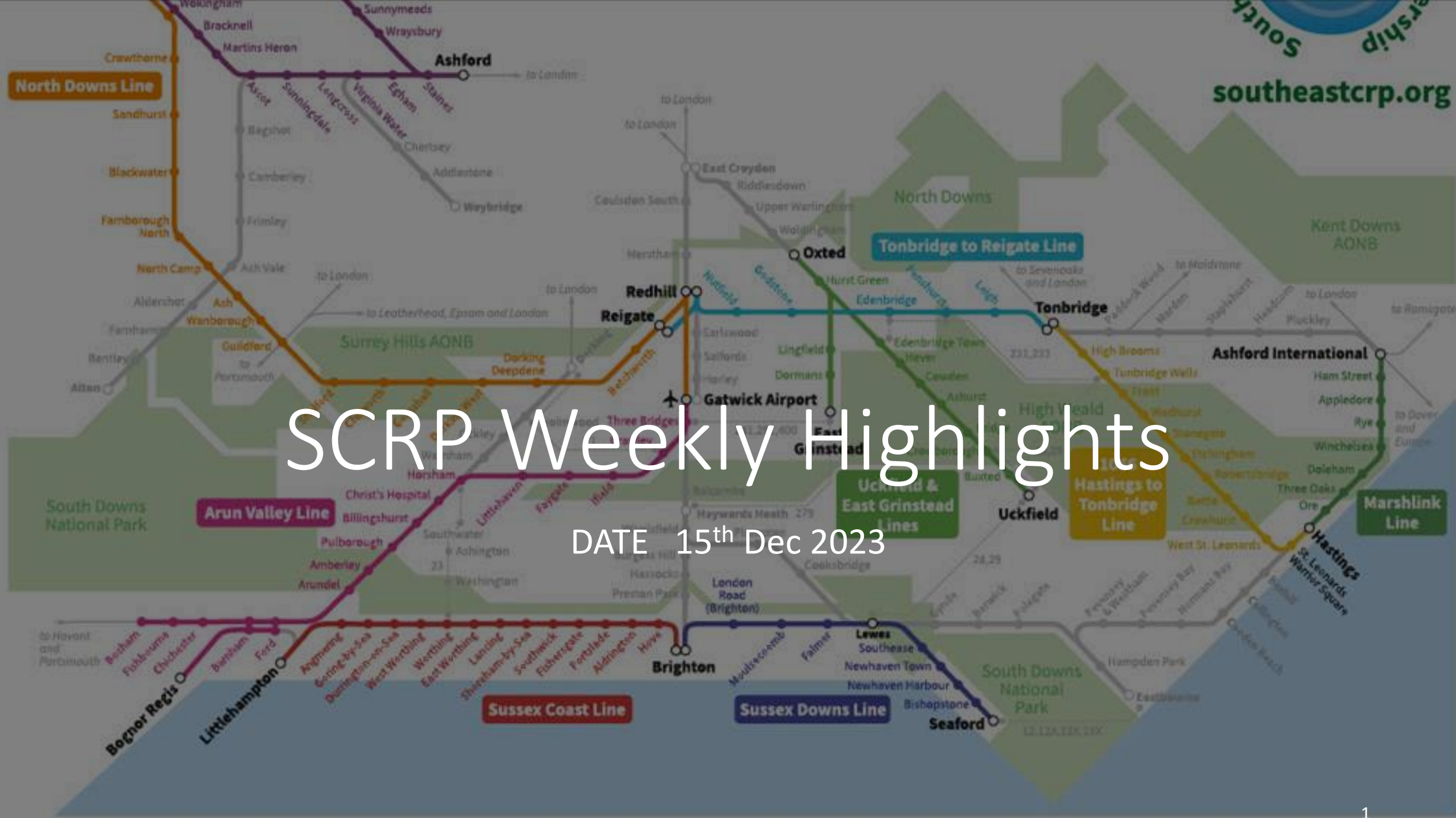


# SCRIP Weekly Highlights

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1066 Line: Hastings to  
Tonbridge

Andy Pope, Line Officer

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- A festive start to the Christmas period
- The decorations by Jamie at Battle station raising funds for local charities.
- The SER Staff led Christmas cake sale at Hastings for St Michaels hospice. "Magic Paul" Bromley and the Dickensian Carol signers.
- I have been busy with Fiona talking to all the SCRП line officers about the business objectives for next year.





Marketing and Communications  
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Publicity and promotion for six shortlisted projects in Community Rail Awards.

[News story](#) on website, press release issued and lots of social media posts

# Arun Valley Line: Gatwick Airport to Bosham

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Articles submitted to Network Rail Stakeholder newsletter – Gatwick historic timeline project, and Greening Arundel.

Following the GTR stakeholder event in London last week, some extremely useful discussions with transport planning and a helpful response sent to me to share with Christ's Hospital School, to the request to charter a train for their Founders' Day event.

Assisted with presentation slides for new Area Station Manager's induction

Received confirmation of funding from Shared Prosperity Fund, to go towards Arun Valley Line discover destinations app (possibly Window Seater)

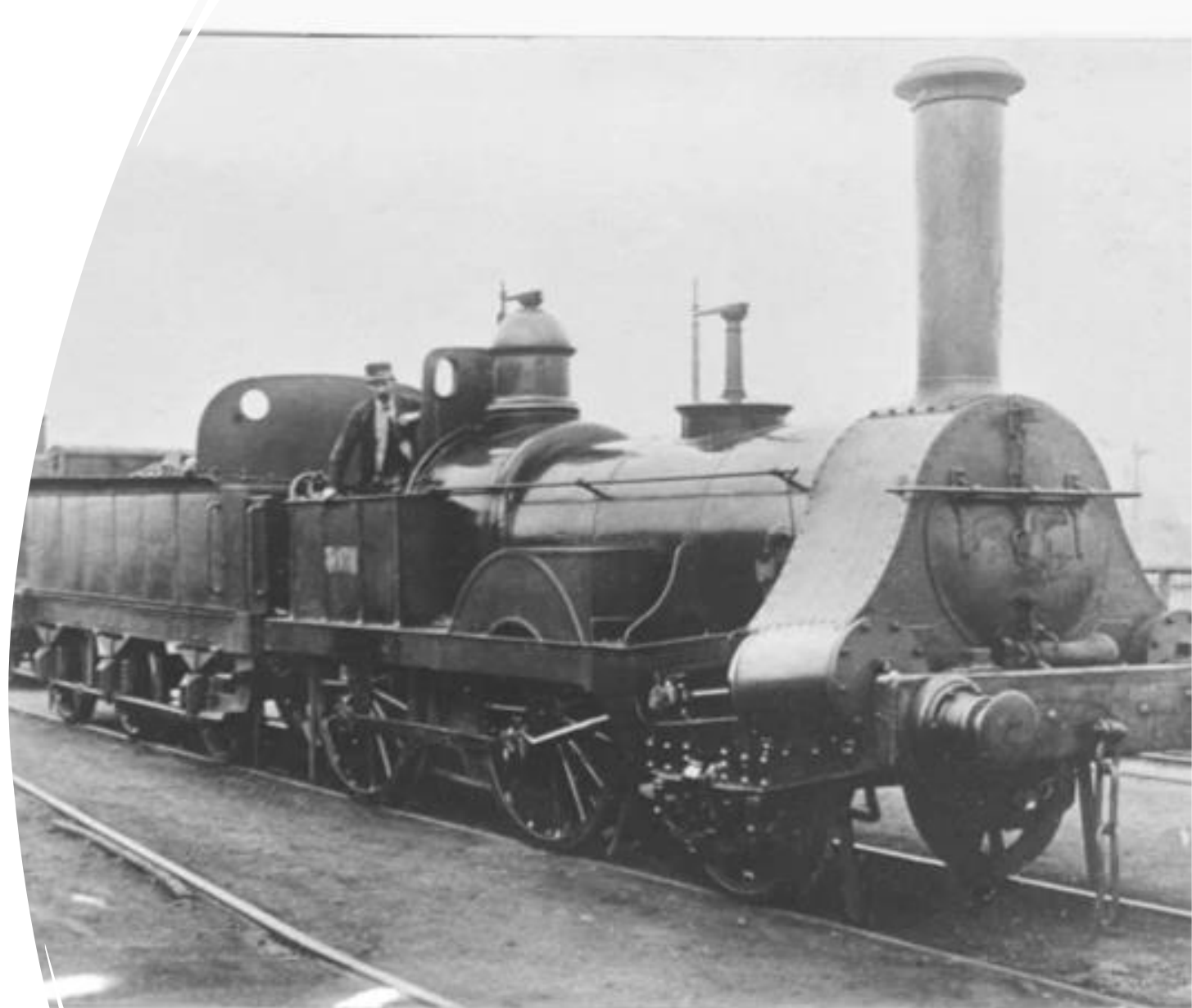
And ... A shortlisted entry for the Community Rail Network Awards, commemorating the life of a former Arun Valley vice-chair.





Hounslow to Richmond  
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- It's been a week of chasing up emails!
  - The water and Steam Museum in Kew Bridge are eager to work with us to develop links with local communities on the Richmond and Hounslow loop
  - Feltham History Group unearthed an image from 1848 for their timeline



*London and North Western  
1848*

# Marshlink Line Hastings - Ashford International

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A meeting at Hastings Station with Catherine Bell from Hastings College together with Matt Fraser and Southeastern facilities manager Steve Martin, brings the vision of an organic mural over the glass windows at the gateline nearer to a reality. Marianne North, (1830-1890) born in Hastings, was a Victorian biologist and botanical illustrator who documented plant life with scientific accuracy. The North Gallery at Kew Gardens is devoted to her work. Catherine has been using her as inspiration for art students with projects planned around the town. At the station, large vinyls on the glass windows will show contemporary interpretations of her work and highlight the importance of a green agenda for the town.



Sussex Coast Line Hove to Littlehampton  
Rowena Tyler Line Officer  
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Visited stations on the line to meet up with volunteers and staff, before Christmas

Cycle audit for Sustrans

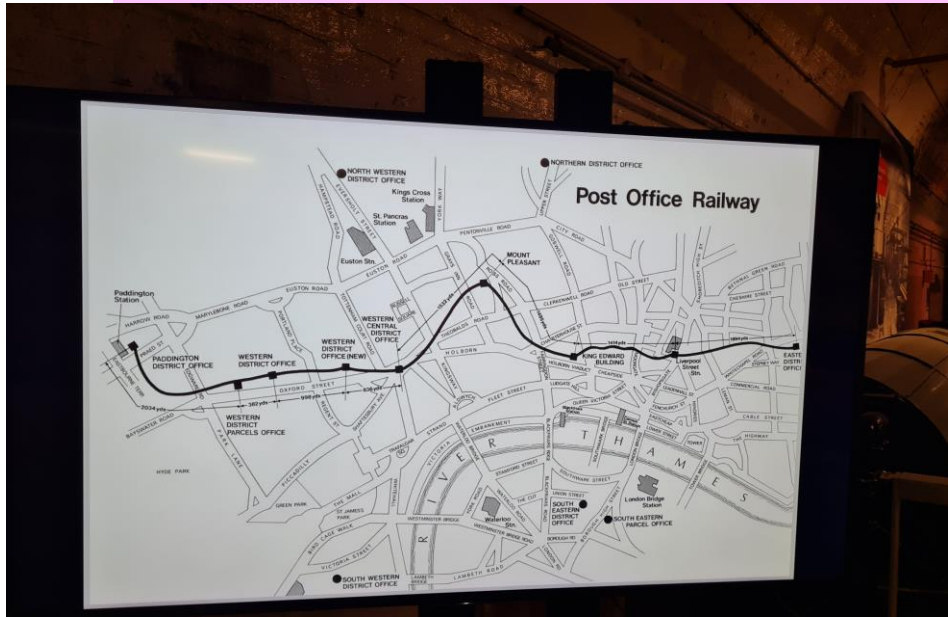
Confirming projects planned for next year, such as the mural and artwork sessions for Littlehampton

Deadline this week for GTR grant fund, brought some last minute requests from applicants for photos, words and figures

Attended SCRIP Christmas social and business planning event in Lewes



Go Learn Education  
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Education Team Christmas visit to the London Postal museum. It was great to see the development of the postal service and get to ride on the postal train under London.

Attended SCRP Christmas social and business planning event in Lewes



Sussex Downs Line Seaford to Brighton  
Paul Bromley Line Officer  
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Most of this week has been spent adding a sparkle of magic to festive events including supporting the SER Christmas event at Hastings station with Andy Pope. Elsewhere, Bishopstone station now proudly displays its Highly Commended certificate from the National Railway Heritage Awards as the Old Lobby room is officially handed over for community use.



North Downs Line Officer Gatwick- Redhill- Reading  
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From the North Downs to the South Downs, I made a visit with Mike Knott and Steve Gotting, co-chairs of the Farnborough Street Residents Association, to Bishopstone Station on the Sussex Downs line to meet Barbara Mine who has done so much with Friends of Bishopstone Station to revitalise the 1930s building. The community hub was packed out for Meet up Monday; providing good inspiration for the Stationmaster's House at Farnborough North. Thank you to Barbara for making us feel so welcome.





Uckfield - East Grinstead -  
Oxted  
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Buxted station welcomed members of the local community who had participated in a recent project to a bit of Christmas cheer by serving coffee and minced pies.

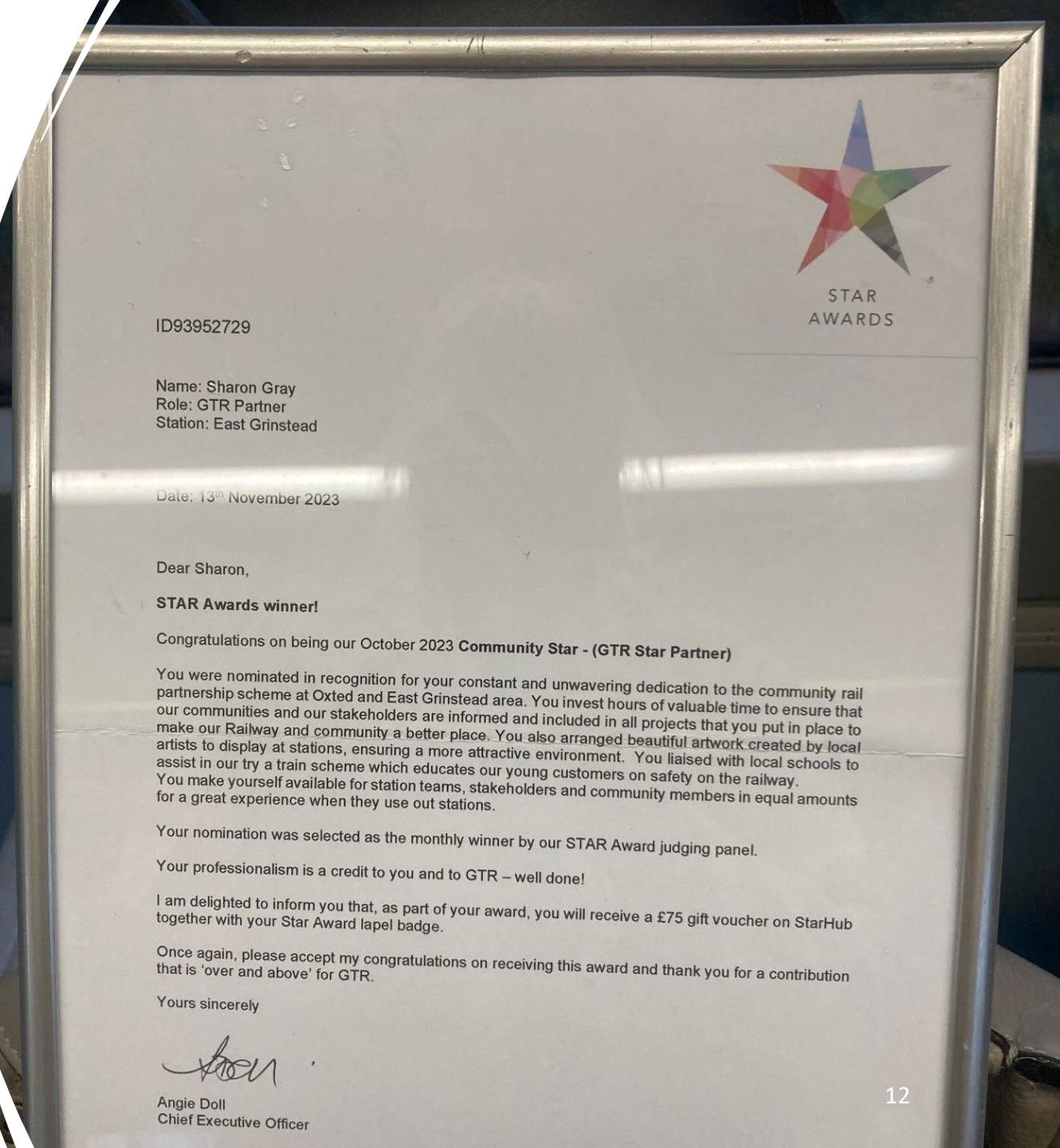
GTR gave permission for the eye-catching display within the ticket hall. A collection of photographs all made available by local residents that celebrate their village. A wide variety of images were used to create a bright, colourful collage - People, Places, Past and Present – images from the Victorian era through to the present day.

The project was funded by a grant from Buxted Parish Council, we thank them for their support.

We were also able to display for the first time, a newly designed, easy to read, local connective bus timetable provided by Lewes Community Transport. A service that connects Buxted to both Uckfield and several of the outlying villages.

Ton- Reigate Line  
Sharon Gray Line Officer  
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- Very proud to share that I have been awarded a GTR star award. Presented to me by Southern's Stephen McCullough in recognition of my work supporting both GTR and the local communities.





Windsor to Reading Line  
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- Wonderful to see the stunning Christmas display at Reading Station this week.
- Had a superb brain-storming session with SWR, GWR, Network Rail, Brighter Futures Reading, Southeast Communities Rail Partnership, British Transport Police and Hampshire CRP with regard to planning the activities for our Family Fun Day in February 2024.
- So many ideas brought to the table, think we will have to schedule more dates in the diary!







Go Train GWR Education  
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- Photos are from the Education Team's Xmas Trip to the Postal Museum in London last Friday. We travelled on the Mail Rail train!
- Try a Train trip for Gosden House School, 10 x Year 10 students travelled from Shalford to Redhill
- Try a Train trip for Newbury College, 4 x students travelled from Newbury to Reading
- Planning meeting at Reading station with other CRPs to plan the Family Fun Day in February 2024.







SCRP CIC News  
Fiona Morton CEO &  
Trevor Field Finance  
Officer

We had the SCRP Board Meeting followed by the Staff & Directors get together in Lewes Town Hall. Paul Goddard pictured far left, with Stephen his Guide Dog, has agreed to become an SCRP Director. We used the opportunity to look forward to next year and prioritise some projects. We are looking further to 2025 to play a part in Railway 200 celebrations.