

Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

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1066: Hastings to Tonbridge
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- Attended the CRP/GTR catch up. Lots of great constructive discussion.
- Line officer recruitment in Lewes with a positive outcome
- Continued the line officer 1-2-1s with Fiona.
- Photos from the second Aspens “try a train trip” to Battle. Lots of new experiences for the attendees.

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Join the Freddie Mercury & Brian May Tour

12 June 2024

On the day:

- Take part in a tour of both band members Feltham homes
- Listen to a talk from World Zoroastrian Organisation
- Join a Queen themed silent disco at Waterloo Station

Scan the QR code for more information and essential booking details.

This event is a collaboration between South Western Railway, Hounslow and Richmond Community Rail Partnership, and Friends of Feltham Green.



Old Masters and modern music! It's been a very cultural week.

I've promoted the Freddie Mercury SWR event on our social media channels with lots of opportunities to shoehorn Queen lyrics into the posts!

Plus publicity for the Southern 'Artful Journeys' including Rembrandt at the Brighton Museum.



Arun Valley: Gatwick
Airport to Bosham
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Rowena is on annual leave
this week.



Hounslow to Richmond
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- I spent a great day with the year 3 classes at Thomson House Primary School where we started our drawing project. The children are making a picture of the high street to decorate the footbridge at Mortlake station.
 - Meetings about our Freddie Mercury event at Feltham/Waterloo stations, we now have 40 tickets booked and still with 3 weeks to go!





Marshlink Line Hastings -
Ashford International
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I had a meeting with Catherine Bell at Hastings College and Matt Fraser, SER, to discuss the vinyl project for Hastings Station. Catherine's initial designs look amazing. College students will work on a project about Marianne North, the Hastings-born biologist who has an entire gallery devoted to her work at Kew Gardens. The college is contributing funding for up to 9 panels, but we will need to find additional funds to really make an impact. The design would be an exciting depiction of the organic, creative spirit of Hastings and also provide some sun-screen for staff at the gateline.

Image shows a mock up of possible vinyl design for Hastings Station by Catherine Bell at ESCG

North Downs Line Gatwick- Redhill- Reading
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I joined a GWR CRP catch up which was a hybrid event and heard lots of news regarding customer service, and new projects including Project Churchward...

Thanks to Matt Knight SWR at Guildford Station for installing a new poster frame for Community Rail use outside the main entrance. We have popped the new Surrey Hills poster in there which looks great.

I have been planning for Community Rail Week next week; and also having discussions with Mike Knott and Network Rail, re trees at Farnborough North; there is so much work going on there to create a welcoming Community Hub, bit by bit.

Due to a line side fire and delays I happened to meet Dean, GWR customer services, at Crowthorne Station who runs a very small ticket office through this tiny



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Sussex Downs Line Seaford to Brighton

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A very successful week with progress to report on several longstanding issues.

A new bookcase was installed by Lewes Men's Shed in the waiting room on Platform 3 at Lewes station last Friday. It was last May that the station manager mentioned to me that the old bookcase was a bit neglected. It has taken a lot of work behind the scenes to bring various people and groups together to take on the task. Thanks to Lewes Men's Shed, Lewes town councillor Dr Wendy Maples and Southern station managers Jim Crawford and Charlotte Raeburn for getting us to the finish line. Formal press launch to be arranged.

More good news this week with GTR confirming that the cycle hub at Lewes will be upgraded from its current keycard access system to the more secure fob arrangement used elsewhere on the network. SCRП first raised the concerns of the Cycle Lewes group with GTR two years ago.

Moral of these two stories: it takes patience, persistence and partnership to make progress within Community Rail.



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Oxted
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- Aside from the usual projects – this week's highlight was meeting Michael Portillo who was interviewing Bruce Healey at Gatwick station (I did manage to hand over an SCRП annual report).



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- Not wishing to repeat myself but I have long been a fan.
- Michael Portillo who was interviewing Bruce Healey. Featuring the Gatwick station history display.
- Met with Tonbridge station mgr and Area mgr re forthcoming project at Tonbridge station.



Windsor to Reading
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- This week I have been discussing ideas for Community Rail week. I plan to run a social media campaign throughout next week to highlight stations and nearby attractions on my line.
- Enjoyed our steering group meeting, with good discussions around the action plan and deas for 200.
- Working on an article for South Western Railway newsletter.

A woman in a light-colored blazer and blue jeans stands in a classroom, her arms raised in a celebratory gesture. She is smiling broadly, and several sheets of paper are flying through the air around her. In the background, a green chalkboard is visible with some faint, illegible markings. The overall atmosphere is one of joy and achievement.

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On leave

Go Train GWR Education
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What a lovely morning we had! Thank you for getting across your message in a way the students could understand and engaging them so effectively in the session. They thoroughly enjoyed it and recognized that they had learned from it. As their teacher, it was a joy to behold. Now everyone is looking forward to Friday week, when they will meet you again and share the journey to Guildford.

Teacher – Papillon House School

- Attended GWR catch up meeting
- Try a Train workshops and train trips with three classes from The Castle School, Newbury. Travelled from Newbury to Reading. 23 x pupils over 3 days.
- Try a Train trip for Papillon House School. Travelled from Dorking Deepdene to Guildford with 7 x students.

SCRP CIC News

Fiona Morton CEO & Trevor Field Finance Officer

- Attended Windsor to Reading Steering Group Meeting - moved on-line due to a trackside fire at Winnersh. Thanks to Reading Buses who hosted. Feedback from successful Try a Bus and a Train project. Link below:
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f64RZ_v18TQ&feature=youtu.be
- GTR CRPs catch up at Monument
- Bike marking event at Chichester
- Recruited for Sussex Coast Line
- Attended GWR catch up- a very valuable insight into latest DFT settlements and what GBR may look like
- Post project reports for Heritage Lottery Fund and Lost Railway project.

