

# Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

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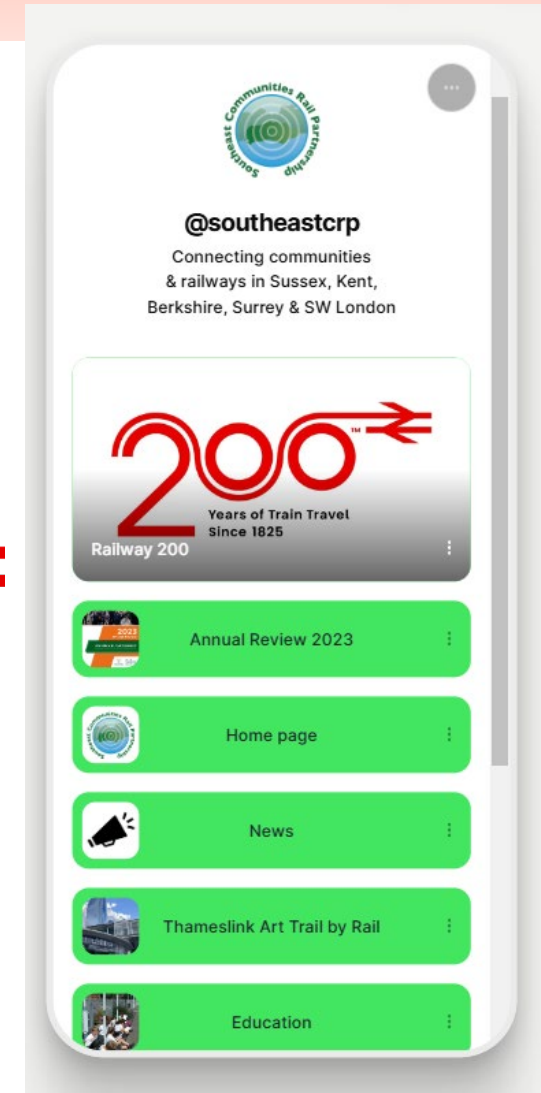
1066: Hastings to Tonbridge  
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- Staff 1-2-1s.
- R200 research
- Culture shift open event at Bexhill museum.
- Staff meeting to explore Capcut video production website

Marketing and Communications  
Paul Bromley Comms Officer  
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- Updated all social media passwords as part of regular housekeeping on accounts
- Updated Linktree admin settings to add Railway 200 and make it featured item
- Initial preparation and early designs for Railway 200 marketing campaign to be launched in new year



Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham  
Rowena Tyler, Line Officer  
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- As the Station Management team is a bit short-staffed, diary commitments discussion with the area manager took place.
- Worked with GTR CSR team on the Site Access Permits and Station Adoption booklet, with input from all GTR CRPs.
- Arundel station partners once again, suffered from careless strimming, resulting in plants being destroyed. NR and GTR looking into this, as no-mow/strimming signs are prominent.
- Thanks to everyone who has completed the on-line survey, for the Southampton University Community Rail project. We are now setting up interviews for those who prefer face-to-face.



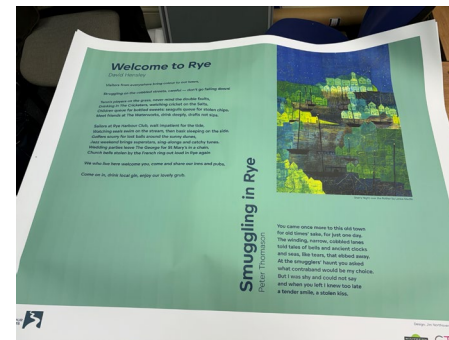
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- I met up with the Feltham Local history Group at their monthly meeting and did a presentation about Railway 200 asking for their involvement in the Blue Plaque project.
- Met up with Isleworth stations newly formed gardening group (L to R) Violetta Blanche, Anna Stearman, Julian Joyce and station manager Jonathan Layokun to talk about plans for the future of the station.
- 'Capcut' training session at the Lewes office with Andy Pope.
- Finalised images for the Barnes Station mural with Sidonie Forest-Brown and Barnes High Street Manager, Emma Robinson.



# Marshlink Hastings-Ashford International Paul Bromley Line Officer [paul@southeastcrp.org](mailto:paul@southeastcrp.org)

- Good to be back out on the line after the two-week closure for Ore tunnel repairs
- I travelled through the tunnel (strange to think I was standing inside a few days before) to Rye
- Press coverage of tunnel visit in Rye News
- Carried out some Railway 200 research in the office at Rye station
- Checked the next set of posters to be installed in the waiting room
- Posters to be put in place next week with the Rye Harbour Writers



## RYE NEWS

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### Tunnel vision

By James Stewart · October 31, 2024

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Repairs to the Ore Tunnel are due to finish this weekend, with the rail line between Rye and Hastings re-opening on Monday, November 4. The line has been shut for two weeks with buses replacing trains and a shuttle service during the day between Rye and Ashford.

Pictures taken during a community visit show the scale of the repairs to the tunnel.



Representatives from the Marshlink Community Rail Partnership were escorted through the tunnel by Network Rail on Friday, October 25. Suzanne Horgan from the Friends of Ore Station and John Spencer from the Friends of Winchelsea Station joined Marshlink line chair Kevin Boorman, Marshlink line officer Paul Bromley, and 1066 line officer Andy Pope.

As well as repairs to the 1,402-yard-long tunnel, work has also included replacing 700 yards of track, repairs to culverts and drains, and survey work to prevent landslips.

North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading  
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I visited Dorking Deepdene, Dorking West and Betchworth Stations to check on locations for way markers for Surrey Hills National Landscape Rail to Ramble routes. Also met Liam contracted by GWR to install some new planters at Dorking Deepdene now that the step repairs are finished.

Had a productive meeting at Farnborough North Sixth Form College with Nikki, head of Careers and Emma, Assistant Principal for Partnership and Progression. We are planning possible workshops with Network Rail and GWR for Railway 200 about working on the railway. We also discussed an art project for Farnborough North Station; alongside ideas for Earth Day next year and other ways to engage students with active and integrated travel.



# Sussex Coast Line Hove to Littlehampton Lynda Spain Line Officer [lynda@southeastcrp.org](mailto:lynda@southeastcrp.org)

- Sunday was a delightful visit to Angmering with the Friends of Angmering Station to decorate for Remembrance Day
- I had a great meeting with Jo Williams from Experience Sussex to talk about Railway 200. Some great ideas for marketing the events and blue plaque trail. [Experience West Sussex | Inspiration For Holidays & Short Breaks](#)
- Meeting with Friends of Southwick Station and Shoreham Port Authority representatives to discuss bids to the GTR fund.
- Meeting with Portsmouth University to talk about commemorating those involved in rail related accidents for the blue plaque trail.
- Team session on using CapCut Video Editing software





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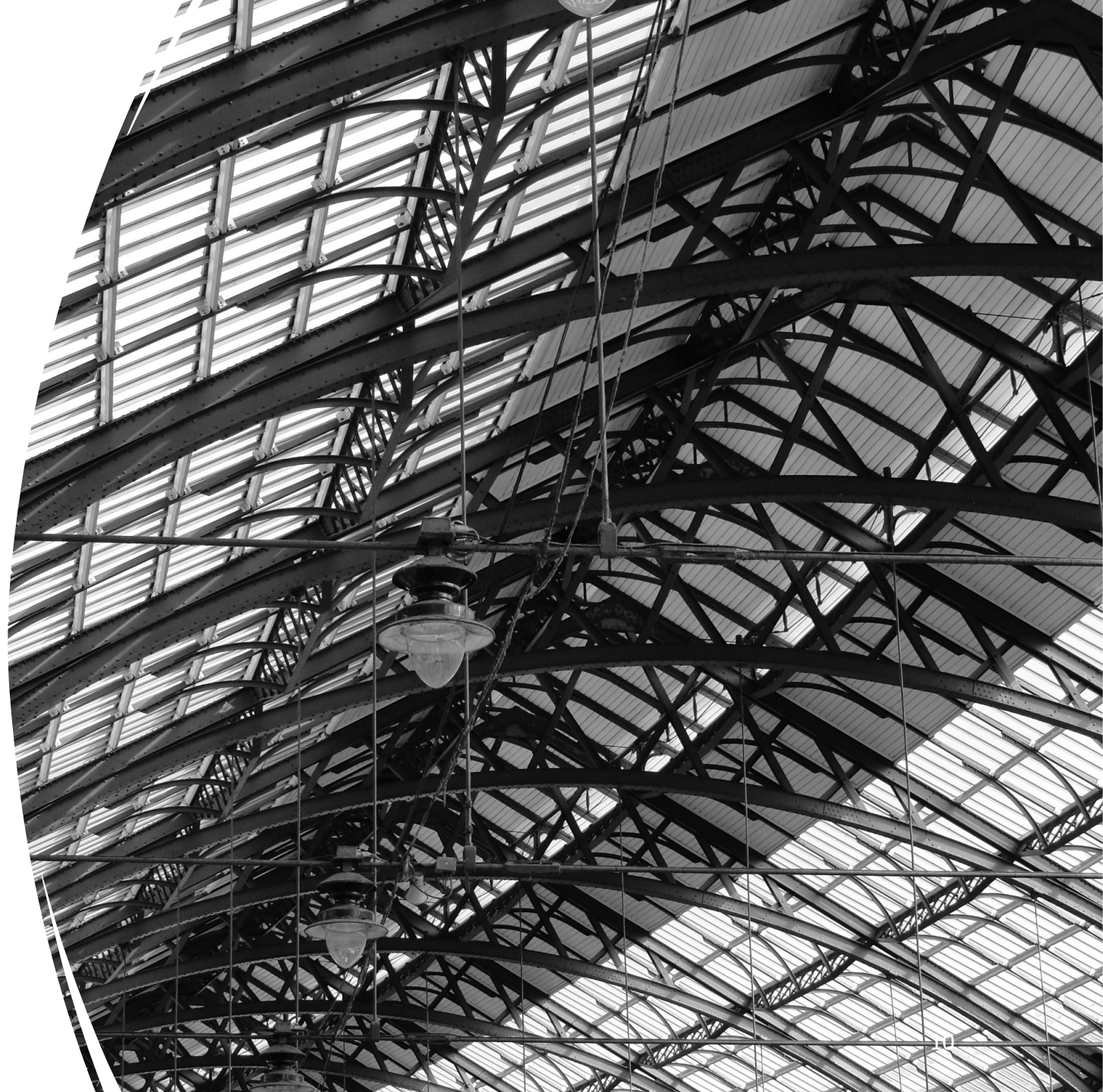


- Remembrance poppies for Eridge station.
- Started the Christmas tree conversation with the various stations.
- The Vanguard Way have now plans to adapt their artwork suitable for various access stations.
- On-going conversation with GTR re promotion of voluntary services at various stations.

Sussex Downs Line Seaford to  
Brighton  
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- Returned from leave and responded to emails and caught up on admin tasks.
- Researching stories for Railway 200 on historical website signposted by local historian/author.
- Catch up with Communities Engagement Officer at GTR re criteria for funding bids.
- Photo: Brighton Train Station



Ton- Reigate  
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- Railway 200 and Remembrance Sunday have been high on the list this week. Including a remembrance garden installation for railway soldiers.
  - Poster frames obtained for a school project for Penshurst station. This will coincide with their forthcoming train trip with the education team.



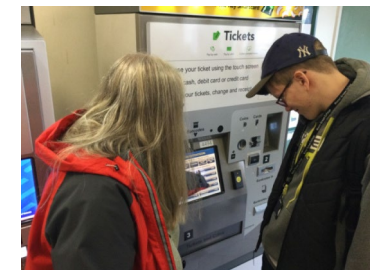
Windsor to Reading  
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- Visited Ascot Railway Station to see the newly installed Remembrance day display of artwork by local schools.
- Steering group meeting at Egham Museum. Also started talks with the team there regarding research for Railway 200 from their archives.
- Meeting with Martin from Friends of Honiton station who have completed some brilliant projects. Gave me lots of good advice and tips.
- CapCut video editing session.
- Helped two station adoption groups with funding applications.

Go Learn Education  
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- Planning a Journey workshops and Try a Train from Ifield to Horsham with 14 students from Manor Green College in Ifield
- Rail safety workshop with 2 classes of 30 Year 6 pupils from The Gatwick School.
- Guiding Training with Berkshire Vision at Reading. Practiced guiding and being guided.



Go Train GWR Education  
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- Try a Train trip for Woodfield School in Merstham. Travelled from Redhill to Guildford. 7 x young people.
- Guiding Training with Berkshire Vision – see photo. Learned a lot. Practiced guiding and being guided. Tackled stairs and busy roads. Got a tiny bit of understanding of what it's like to have no sight.
- 'Sustainable and Healthy Travel' workshops x 2 at Westende School, Wokingham. 60 x Year 6 pupils.
- Try a Train trip for HALOW in Guildford. Travelled from Guildford to Redhill. 8 x young people.

# SCRP CIC News

## Fiona Morton CEO & Trevor Field Finance Officer

- First Meeting of Motability delivery partners with news that CRN have appointed a project coordinator
- Notifications received about project funding from SER
- Received Network Rail support for Greening Arundel Project
- Interest in Railway 200 growing with many museums joining blue plaque project

