



Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

DATE 4th April 2025

1066: Hastings to Tonbridge Andy Pope, Line Officer andy@southeastcrp.org



- Visited a great couple of projects at Moulscombe on the Sussex Downs line with Michael and Lucy
- Joined the East Sussex Health Walk in Hastings Old Town.
- CRN Project Planning and Management Training.
- Completed the new line officer induction planning
- Install of the “A town explores a book” project at Warrior Square.
- The Lottery commissioner visited to evaluate the project.
- Next week I start my new role, staff 1-2-1s, Sussex Coast steering group, possible Southern CRP Meeting in London

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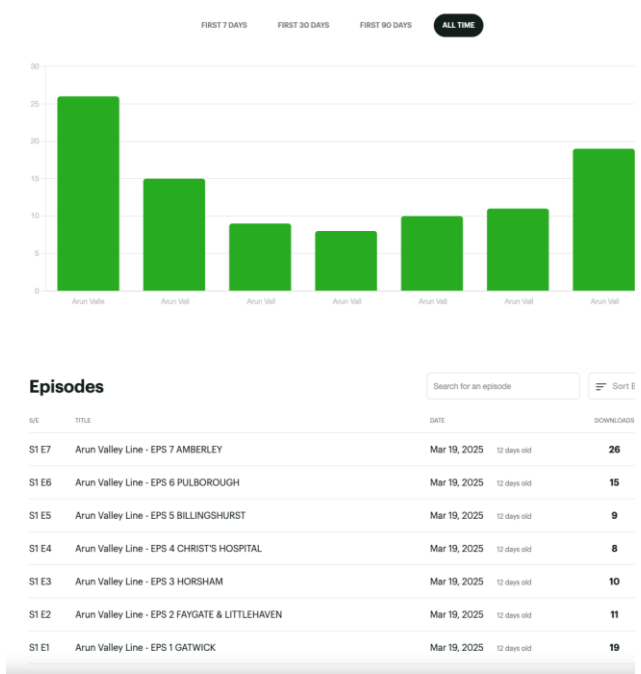
News from SCRP and communities around the railway lines in Sussex, Surrey and Kent.



- Collated year-end figures and data on social media and website use for inclusion in Annual Review
- Circulated figures to all SCRP staff and directors
- Updated Annual Review document with revisions from staff feedback – publication still on schedule
- Edited and promoted SCRP director Kevin Boorman's BBC Radio Sussex interview about Railway 200 exhibition in Hastings
- <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/19aRRdnVhs/>
- Next week: hoping to circulate final draft of Annual Review



All time of the last 7 episodes



Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham

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- Discussions with SWR, GTR and station partners about the new Stations in Bloom category, sponsored by SWR (photo top L, features Katrina Murray, Arundel Green Team, with the daffodils at the station garden)
- Station gardeners helping each other: Aldingbourne Trust repurposed four planters with much needed soil, from Chichester to West Worthing station partners' garden on the Sussex Coast Line. It was a morning's work for four of us, so thanks to Roland and John for taking the time and a good result for everyone. (Barbara Hine, Friends of West Worthing, directs Roland and John from the Aldingbourne Trust)
- Out of the sunshine and back in the office, WhistlestopArts have shared the first stats for the podcasts of 'Arun Valley Line – Beyond the Rails' Please sit back, listen and share with your contacts [ARUN VALLEY LINE | Whistlestoparts](#) (early stats, top right)
- Lynda and I had a meeting with Harriet Coombs, Arun District Council, to discuss expanding the podcasts across the 6 West Coastway stations in Arun DC
- Action Plan for 2024/2025 complete and sent to Chair for signing off. Drafting 2025/26 Action Plan, lots of exciting projects already lined up.



Hounslow to Richmond
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- Spring is beginning to make itself felt in the Bee Friendly planters at Feltham Railway station
- A short film about the Feltham Rocket is now on the Railway 200 website
<https://youtu.be/F0luwfgPwoc>
- Awaiting the outcome of our CCIF funding bids from SWR. In total there has been a little over £7million in requested funding from almost 200 bids so, competition is fierce.

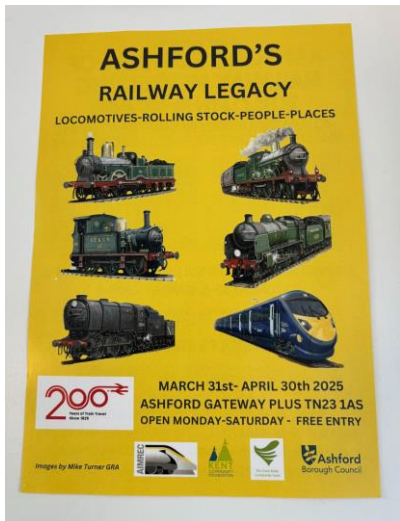


Marshlink Hastings-Ashford International Paul Bromley Line Officer paul@southeastcrp.org

Attended launch of Ashford's railway legacy exhibition with line chair – I'm also going to be at forthcoming Festival of Modelling in Ashford.

Shared publicity for exhibition which runs for a month and is linked to Railway 200.

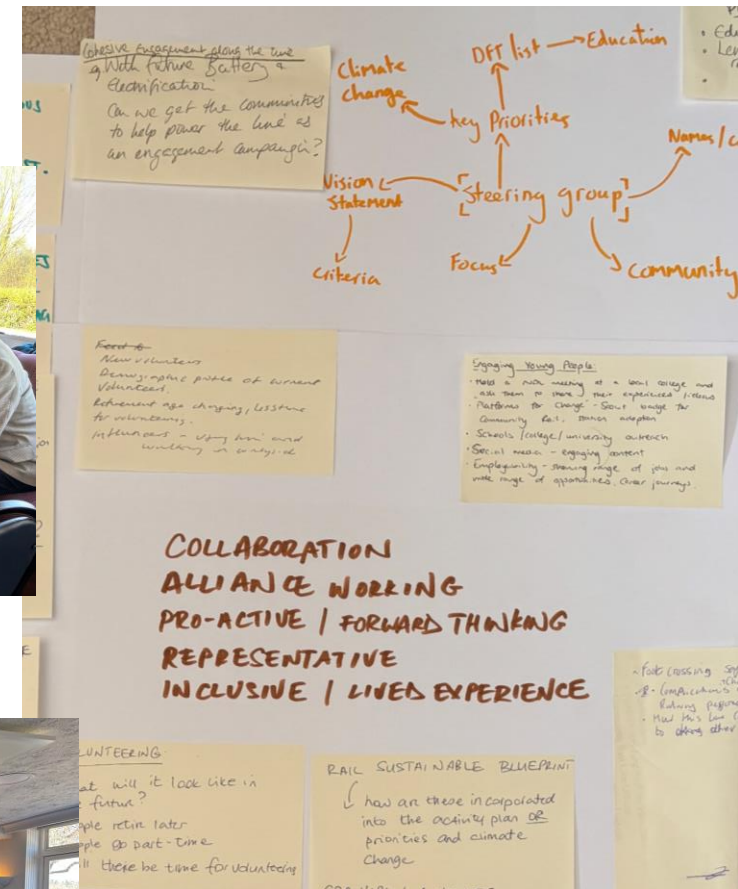
At the other end of the line, I attended a meeting of Hastings Sustainable Transport Forum. Held initial discussion with Stagecoach buses over timings for train/bus connections at Rye for Rye Harbour Nature Reserve ahead of a meeting there next week.



North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading Line Officers:

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- With less than a month to go, we are having weekly meetings with Network Rail and FoGs (Friends of Guildford Station) for the Guildford Station 180 event. I also had a meeting with the developers at Guildford, Solum, who are helping us fund the display on Platform 2.
- Our Steering Group meeting at Shalford Village Hall included a very constructive workshop on what makes an effective Steering Group; the results will help us work towards creating a mission statement for the North Downs Line.
- The sun kept shining for our our poster launch at North Camp Station. The Explore Nature by Train poster is now installed along the line and getting very positive feedback.
- Photo: Steering Group workshop, Shalford Village Hall



Sussex Coast
Line Hove to Littlehampton
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- Rowena and I met Harriet Coombs, EDO from Arun District Council to talk about extending the Whistlestop Arts podcast series to include the 6 Arun stations.
- Work on finalising the 2024/25 Action Plan and sent that off to Line Chair for final sign off. Also started working on the 2025/26 Action Plan.
- Meeting with Supajam College about their photography project and potential bid to CRN to extend this to include film and podcasts.
- Finalised the marketing plan for the Littlehampton Blue Plaque Trail with Littlehampton Museum and Arun District Council. A press release is drafted and will be issued before the launch on 5th May.
- Gorgeous new mosaic installed by GTR at Angmering Station (see photo).



Sussex Downs Line Seaford to Brighton

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- I had my first meeting with Lucy Lisle, Sustainability & Travel Manager for Brighton University and vice chair of Sussex Downs CRP
- Popped into the Wild Forest Garden Project at Moulsecoomb Station (see photo)
- I've made appointments to visit many of the volunteers and groups that sustain Sussex Downs CRP





Uckfield - East Grinstead -
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- Attended the Wealden Volunteer Bureau event at the Victoria Pavilion, a stunning venue. Gave a short update on the progress of the Crowborough Community Hub and the planned event with the Bridge Cottage – both received a great deal of interest.
- GTR given initial permission to double sign Crowborough station for 'Sir Arthur Conan Doyle' just need to finalise the details with them.
- Met some very interesting people representing a variety of volunteering organisations.
- Uckfield TC have given me permission to decorate the signal box to publicise the event on the proviso that the new tenants haven't taken up residence.

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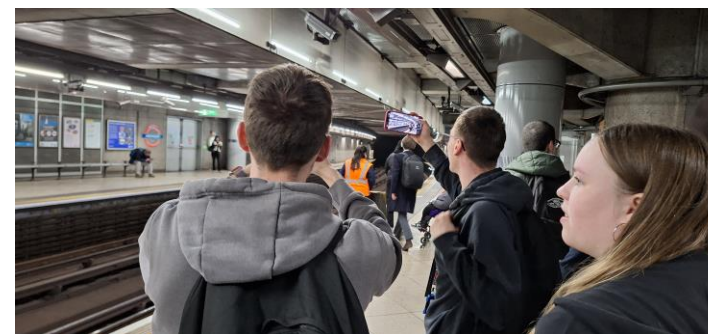
- Planning discussion with Station Manager and members of team regarding the R200/185 birthday display at Tonbridge station. Good news is that SER have agreed to fund the re-painting of the original mural
- Have applied for an NR team of volunteers to decorate the foot tunnel at Redhill station. The condition of the tunnel has caused a fair amount of interest from the community, it is not part of the station but is used by many for access.
- Nutfield SP's are so pleased with their planters they are applying to install two more.



Go Learn Education

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- Met with Maddy and Philip for an Education team meeting.
- Two trips to London on the Travelling with Confidence Programme . I took 24 students from Northbrook college up to London. With the help of the team from TfL we travelled by bus to Trafalgar Square , walked down past the London Eye and took the Underground back to Victoria. For some of these students it was their first trip to London and we saw first hand the difficulties faced by a wheelchair user on the tube.
- Ran a workshop for TwC for Students at Brighton Forward planning a trip to Arundel using Apps
- Ran a workshop and Try a Train to Brighton for students from Woodlands Meed Special School in Burgess Hill



Go Train GWR Education Maddy Mills Education Officer maddy@southeastcrp.org



- Delivered the last Platforms for Change Scouts project station visit to Guildford with Cath – see photos. Took the group over the new footbridge at Farnborough North. Great view of Reg's Garden from the bridge!
- Try a Train trip for Addington School. 6 x students travelled from Wokingham to Guildford
- Two station visits to Reading for Westende School, 65 x Year 6 pupils over two days, with travel from Wokingham
- Attended Council for Learning Outside the Classrooms' webinar on 'Dealing with a critical incident'
- Been working through the NSPCC online Safeguarding course
- 'Planning your Journey & Staying Safe' workshops x 3 at Geoffrey Field School, Reading. 60 x Year 6 pupils

SCRP CIC News

Fiona Morton CEO & Trevor Field Finance Officer

- Processing 2024-2025 Financial Year End payments for HMRC, pension & process many other transactions.
- More 2025-2026 planning & budget preparation.
- Arrange replacement for failing IT equipment for the SCRП Education team.
- Good to get out from Gatwick to Shalford (below) & attend Sara's excellent North Downs Line Steering Group meeting at Shalford Village Hall.

