

Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

OATE 18th July 2025

1066: Hastings to Tonbridge Kanna Ingleson, Line Officer kanna@southeastcrp.org

- It was a big week for me which started with a reception hosted by local MP Helena Dollimore at the houses of parliament in Westminster.
- This was swiftly followed by my first ever Steering Group meeting at a unique and vibrant community venue in St Leonards.
- On both occasions it was good to meet colleagues and supporters for the first time and to renew connections with others.
- Altogether 20 people participated in the steering group meeting. It ended up being a lively discussion about recent achievements, future plans and a couple of hot potatoes! It was especially good to see a contingent of young people in attendance.
- A special highlight of the meeting was the unveiling of the 10 Blue Plaques associated with the 1066 line.





Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham Rowena Tyler, Line Officer rowena@southeastcrp.org

- I travelled up to Westminster with 3
 volunteers from Greening Arundel. Flis and I
 attended the CRN Parliamentary Reception,
 and Katrina and Claude visited <u>The Museum</u> <u>Garden Museum</u> to research ideas for
 Arundel. GTR kindly covered the cost of travel
 for Flis, pictured in the Great Hall,
 Westminster. It was a good opportunity to
 network and renew acquaintance with like minded individuals.
- The rest of the week was busy with admin tasks and catching up with station partners' queries – lots about Railway200 events which they want to host or attend.













Hounslow to Richmond Michael Olden Line Officer michael@southeastcrp.org

 The Friends of Feltham station have been so impressed with our Railway 200 project that they ordered extra copies to display for the individuals that did the initial research for each plaque.



North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading Line Officer:

Sara Grisewood sara@southeastcrp.org

This week I finally got to meet Kathy Atherton at Dorking Museum who helped with initial research for our NDL 'Blue Plaques' and we discussed a walk I am leading about Dorking's railways as part of a walking festival in September.

I started putting up posters in Lewes for our Rail Fair 200.

Plenty of sunshine for our Try a Train Trip with the Nepalese Association from Camberley to Chilworth together with Surrey Hills Society Growing Together Project; and a Rail to Ramble walk to Shalford with cooling drinks for all at the end. Thanks to GWR for tickets!!

Next week I am looking forward to a week off before our Steering Group meeting on the 24th, followed by the Lewes event on 1st August.

 Photo: Kathy Atherton author, local historian and exhibition curator Dorking Museum



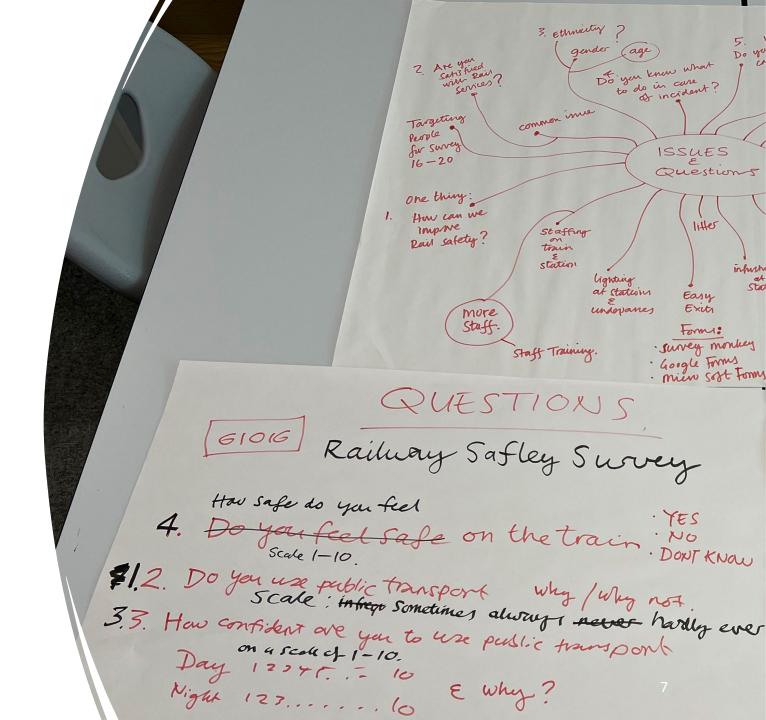
Sussex Coast Line Hove to Littlehampton Lynda Spain Line Officer lynda@southeastcrp.org

- This week Michael and I have been at BHASVIC College in Brighton for the college's skills week.
- 10 students have been with us talking about issues around rail travel safety, with an emphasis on the particular issues faced by women, girls and vulnerable people.
- The students have created a survey to carry out with their peers, and we are looking forward to seeing the results!



Sussex Downs Line Seaford to Brighton Michael Olden Line Officer michael@southeastcrp.org

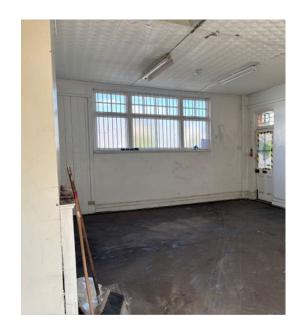
 This week was skills week for students at BAHSVIC college in Brighton. Lynda Spain and I spent a day working with students talking about the CRP and designing a rail safety survey. The students are targeting the views of 16 to 18-year-olds. Results are due back tomorrow!











Uckfield - East Grinstead -Oxted Sharon Gray Line Officer sharon@southeastcrp.org

- Crowborough station has taken most of my time this week.
 The photos may not look great at first, but they now show a wonderful, clear empty space after removal of rubbish and debris. Also, the run of planters that bound the car-park have been upgraded/rebuilt by the station partners. All this has been achieved by grants from Community Rail Network.
- Look out for the new dual signage.
- I am planning before/after display for the event.

Ton- Reigate Sharon Gray Line Officer sharon@southeastcrp.org

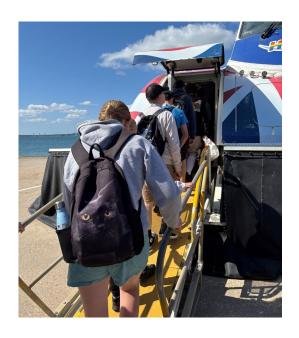
- Found this photo of an old Network Day poster hidden away in my archive.
- Discussions between ESAS
 members of the planned
 installation at Reigate station will
 include local student's artwork.
- Yet another project with the Oaks planning for September return after the Summer break.



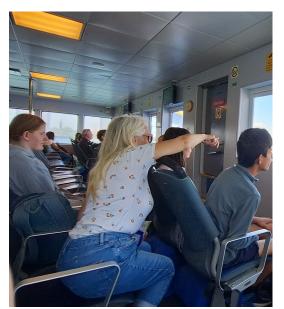
Windsor to Reading Sandy Mahon, Line Officer sandy@southeastcrp.org

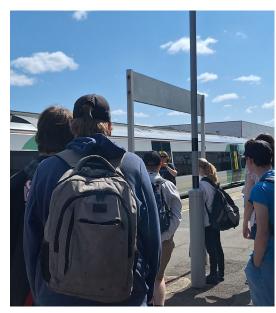
- This week some fantastic new artwork has been installed at Bracknell Station.
- The work has been created by Garth Hill College and celebrates the rich history of the railways.
- Updating and collating papers for the upcoming Windsor to Reading steering group meeting.
- Updating forward plan.
- Catching up on administration and liaising with station partners.











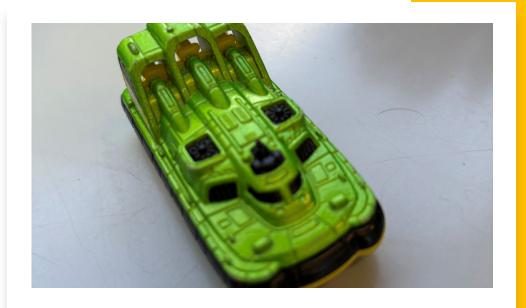
Go Learn Education Cath Reed Education Officer <u>cathreed@southeastcrp.org</u>

- Ran a Go Learn Planning a Journey workshop followed by a Try a Train from Littlehaven to Horsham station for 30 Year 6 pupils from St Roberts Southwell Primary school in Horsham.
- Ran a TwC trip with Year 10 pupils from St Anthony's school in Chichester. We managed an impressive 4 different forms of transport to get us to the Isle of Wight and back. The train, the bus, the hovercraft and the catamaran. It was a very successful and very impressive journey and is lovely to see the students growing in confidence using multiple forms of transport.
- Had a planning session with the teachers at St Anthony's to plan sessions for next year- was so lovely to receive a gift from them.

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

- Attended Travelling with Confidence Motability 6-month review and catch-up meetings
- Shadowed Cath on Travelling with Confidence trip to IoW on the Hovercraft – see photos. Great to see how she collects feedback from the young people.
- 'Planning your Journey & Staying Safe' workshops at Hawthorns School in Wokingham. 60 x Year 6 pupils in 2 workshops
- Two station visits to Reading for Emmbrook School, travel from Wokingham. 66 x Year 6 pupils over two days





SCRP CIC News Fiona Morton CEO, Trevor Field Finance Officer, Andy Pope Line Officer Team Manager

Highlight of the week was CRN's Parliamentary Reception hosted by local MP Helena Dollimore. Lord Hendy Rail Minister, introduced by Tim Barkley, gave voice to continued support for community rail.

Next week we have SER conference and a briefing for our stallholders in preparation for our Rail Fair on 1st Aug at Lewes Town Hall.

 Pictures, Lord Hendy Rail Minister, Helena Dollimore MP with members of SCRP



