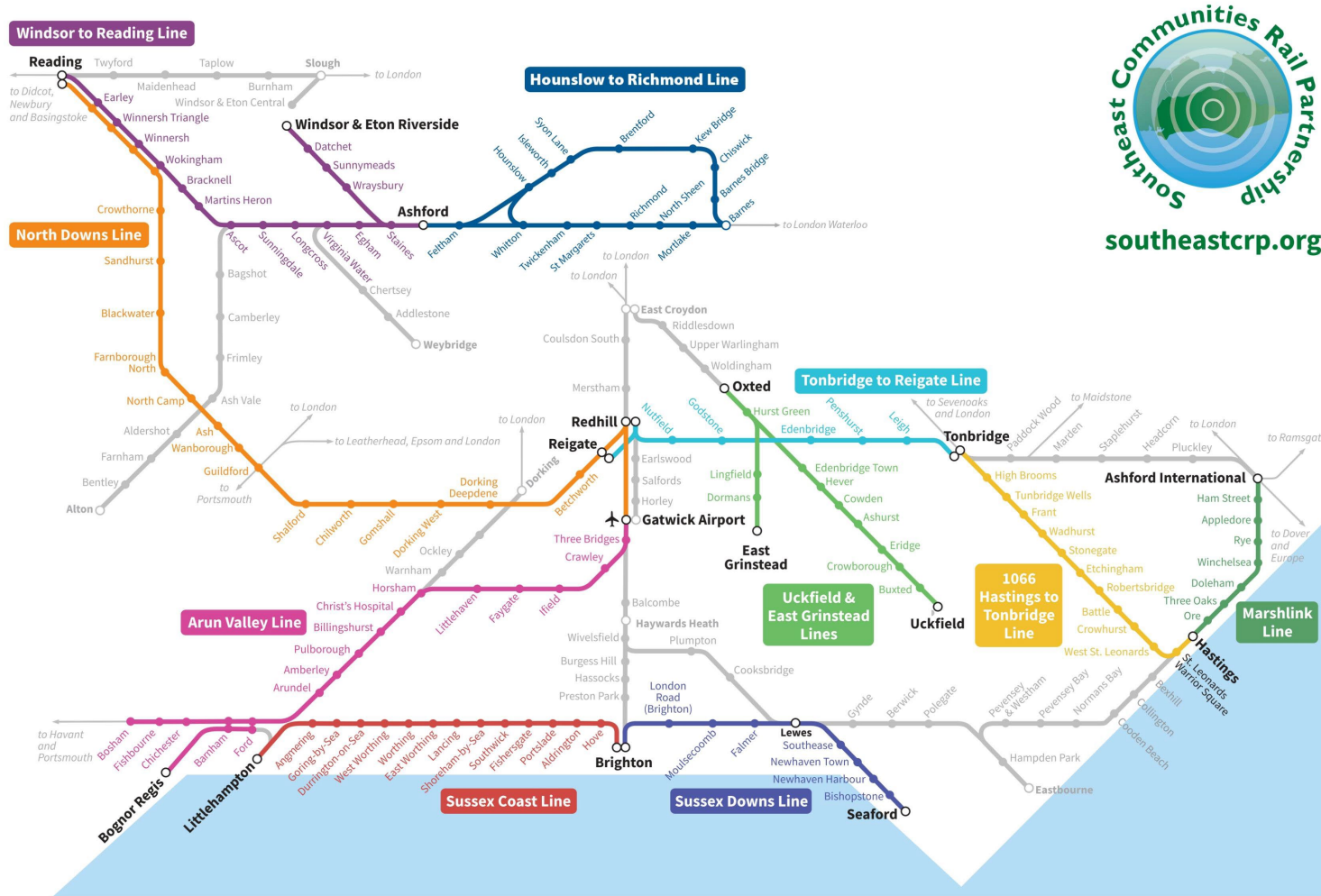




Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

DATE 15th Aug 2025

1066: Hastings to Tonbridge

Kanna Ingleson, Line Officer
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- Hosted free public health checks at Battle Station in collaboration with OneYou and Sussex Outreach Service (SOS). There are two more next week in Etchingam and Battle. Both are fully booked.
- Met with the Environmental Group at Crowhurst station to discuss planter requirements and water butt placement. Steve Crowley attended to advise.
- Working on a literary themed itinerary for train visitors and day to Hastings. Met with Michael and Lynda, plus Lucy from Sussex Exclusive magazine to discuss and plan. Thanks to Rowena for joining the dots and introducing us to Lucy.
- Attended the Health and Wellbeing Info Drop-In in Etchingam and Robertsbridge organised by Sussex Outreach Support (SOS). It was a good opportunity to look for collab opportunities with professionals who actively support the 1066 community.
- Attended the online Tourism Network meeting with Alice Manion for updates and discussion.



Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham

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- Rail200 commemorations and installations continue along the Arun Valley Line:
- [Crawley Museum Rail200 exhibition, thanks to station partner - Southeast Communities Rail Partnership](#)
- In other news, I have been given exclusive use of a large noticeboard to display community rail artwork and promotions. This is the second one on the line and it will be invaluable. Thanks to Network Rail and BAM Nuttall for their willingness to support.
- The draft license for Pulborough Signal Box is now with the community group for perusal, assisted by SLC Property who are giving their time pro-bono, through an arrangement with Community Rail Network (CRN)





Hounslow to Richmond
Michael Olden Line Officer
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- This week SWR's maintenance team help us decorate the ticket office at Feltham with Railway 200 Blue Plaques
- Met with the team from the Water & Steam museum at Kew Bridge to look at preparations for the Railway 200 tea party.

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

- Updated station noticeboards to remove posters promoting Rail Fair and replace them with photos of unveiling blue plaques. Also, promotion for Days Out by Rail summer campaign.
- Update from Hastings gardening group on activities since being awarded SER grant
- Visited Railway 200 exhibition at Rye Heritage Museum.
- Publicity for 'Write on Track' poetry competition.
- Started arranging/confirming activities for autumn.

Write on track

By Rye News team · August 7, 2025

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A local poetry group, the Rye Harbour Writers, has won a grant to produce an anthology of poetry inspired by the experience of travel and the town of Rye as part of Railway 200, celebrating two centuries of the railways in Britain.

"Our group has been working with Southern Railway, operators of the Marshlink line, for over three years and they have been incredibly supportive of our work," member S C Morgan said. "We regularly create poetry and design beautiful posters to enhance the Rye railway station waiting room. We're very excited that we have won a grant from the Railway 200 fund to print and distribute *The Station Poems*, an anthology of the poems shown in the station. The book was launched on Friday, August 1 at the Railfair 200 event in Lewes."

The Rye Harbour Writers will also be undertaking a series of poetry events over the next six months. These include Poems on the Railway in which the poets will travel along the Marshlink line giving out 200 free copies of the anthology to rail passengers, poetry readings in Rye, distributing copies to local writing groups and judging Write on Track, a poetry competition focusing on participants' experiences of rail travel.



North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading
Line Officers:
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- I had a meeting with Network Rail at Guildford to plan the Big Draw Festival event in October.
- Met with colleague Sandy to discuss the Reading Station Big Draw event, in collaboration with Reading Museums.
- Had a chat with Mike Knott about CRN awards submissions for NDL.
- Arranged a meeting with new station volunteers at North Camp Station.
- Photo: Reading Station



Sussex Coast
Line Hove to Littlehampton
Lynda Spain Line Officer
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- Meeting with Lucy from Sussex Exclusive Magazine along with Kanna and Michael, thinking about days out and short break itineraries.
- Meeting with Arun District Council, Experience Sussex and Whistlestop Arts about the new podcast series, followed by a visit to Angmering Station to check out poster and banner sites
- Distribution of the Blue Plaque back story QR codes across Lancing, Littlehampton, Angmering and Hove Stations and town trail locations
- Finalising arrangements for the Try A Train trip with Superstar Arts from West Worthing to Marlipins Museum at Shoreham
- Working with Silvertip Films on first edit of the Rail Fair films

Photo: Blue plaques at Angmering and Lancing



Sussex Downs Line Seaford to Brighton

Michael Olden Line Officer

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- I met up with Rob Whitehead, Community Engagement Manager for GTR, at Brighton station to talk about the Sussex Downs stations.
- Trevor Field and I began the process of making a CRDF application on behalf of Bishopstone station, hoping to find funds to regenerate the stations boarded up waiting room into a community education space.
- I visited Charlotte Parsons at BN9 in Newhaven to talk about Art Wave and plan some future projects together.
- Meeting with the London Road Gardening Group to talk about developments with the 'Pocket Park' project with from GTR.





Windsor to Reading
Sandy Mahon, Line Officer
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- What a joy this week, given the heatwave, to be visiting my stations along the line in the wonderfully air conditioned SWR Arterio trains.
- 1-2-1 with Andy Pope, capturing volunteer hours and discussing CRN and SWR awards entries.
- Submitting images for the Waterloo legacy mural.
- Liaising with colleagues at Reading Council and Network Rail with regards to the Big Draw event and working on a flyer to promote.

Go Train GWR Education
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- TwC trip for Berkshire Vision – 8 x young people on a trip from Reading to Paddington with GWR, Paddington to Canary Wharf on Elizabeth Line tube and Thames Clipper from Canary Wharf to Woolwich. See photo of one young person playing 'The Entertainer' at Reading station – sounded amazing! Second photo is of Passenger Assistance in action at Paddington station.
- Trip with Cath to Haywards Heath, Eastbourne, Lewes and Brighton to collect station photos for new resources.

Marketing and Communications

Paul Bromley Comms Officer

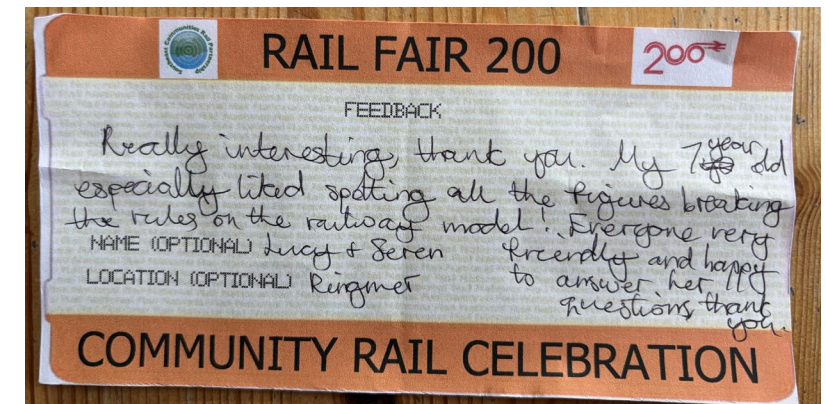
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Delighted to see full page coverage in Sussex Express print edition for the Rail Fair 200 celebration with lots of photos of blue plaques and marketplace stalls.

I shared our experience of publicising Rail Fair with CRN Tourism Network – also highlighted our learnings from being involved with visit of Railway 200 exhibition train.

Lots of interest from other CRPs in our mock 'rail ticket' feedback forms.



SCRP CIC News

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

Creating induction programme for new staff and arranging IT equipment.

CRN Award categories announced discussion with staff and ideas shared with station groups and TOCS to support each other and avoid duplication

A lot of resources from SCRП, our five TOCS, Network Rail and CRN goes into getting everything ready for the meeting next week. Looking forward to SER open depot event on Sun 24th Aug at Ashford International where we will have a stall. Come and say hello!

