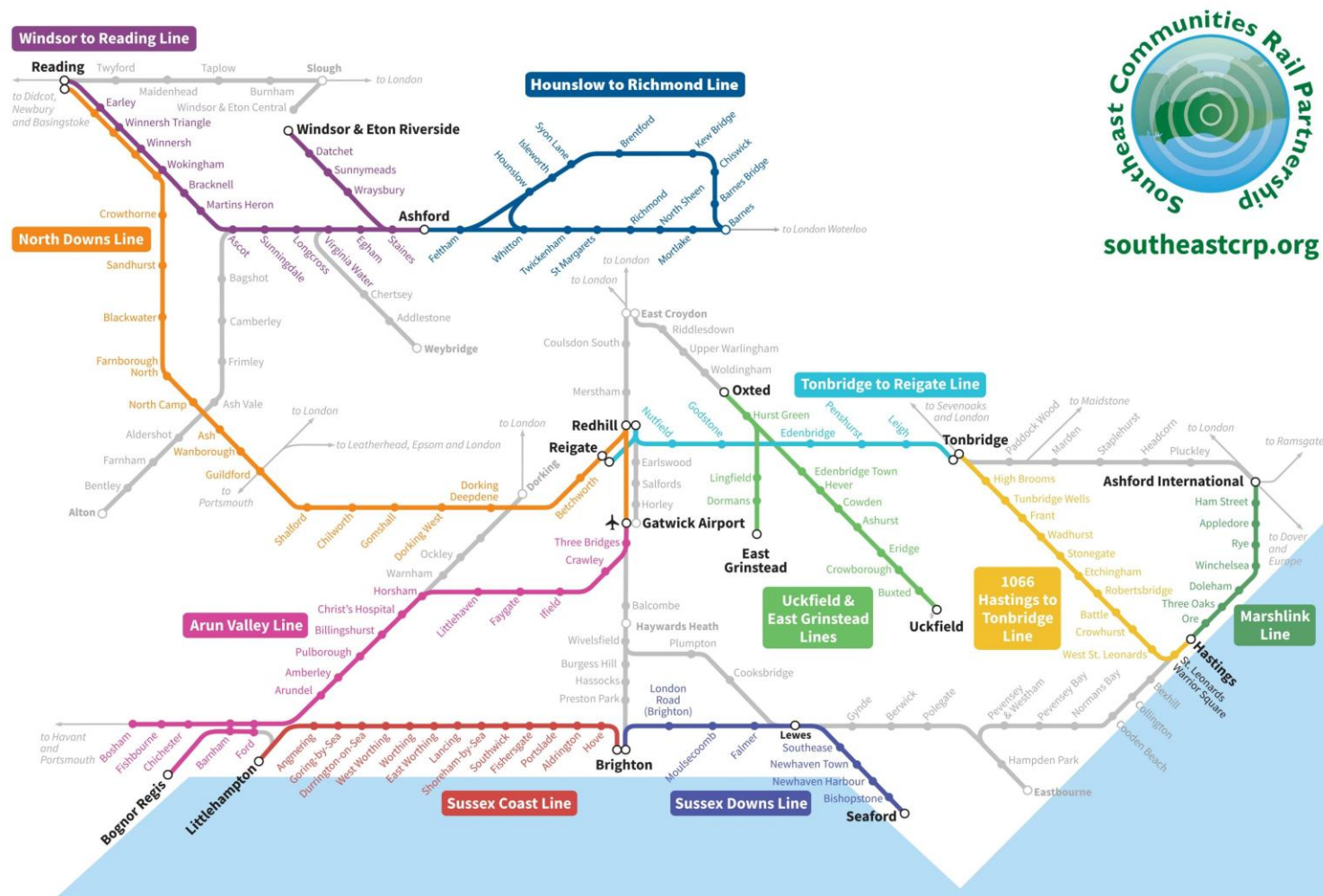




Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

DATE 29th Aug 2025

1066: Hastings to Tonbridge

Kanna Ingleson, Line Officer
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- Met SER MD Steve White at an especially vibrant and well-attended open day at Ashford Depot. Our Blue Plaques were very popular, and we rerouted plenty of enquiries about recruitment.
- Hosted the last of the fully booked OneYou station health checks, this time at Robertsbridge.
- Met with James Thomas from the All Welcome project (Hastings and Rother). The idea is to reduce LGBTQ+ related hate crime and to improve safety in public places. Partners include Sussex Police, East Sussex College and the Safer Hastings and Rother Partnership. We are looking at ways that we can spread the All Welcome message at stations.





Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to
Bosham
Rowena Tyler, Line Officer
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- Following up on actions from last week's Line Safari with Laura Rondon, Network Rail.
- Measuring up noticeboard, designing posters for printers cost estimate.
- Meeting with partners who are assisting Arun Valley Line CRN awards entry
- Dealing with In Bloom RHS celebration event change of date and the implications for invited volunteers
- Forward planning: Heritage Weekends in September, Line Group meeting in October; Christmas installations at stations

Hounslow to Richmond
Michael Olden Line Officer
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- This is my last week as Line Officer for Hounslow & Richmond before the role is taken on by Anna Stearman. I've been reflecting on the projects I have been engaged with over the last two years and my biggest thank you goes to all the lovely people I met and worked with in that time.



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

Brilliant day at Southeastern Railway's Ashford depot open day. Lots of interest in our blue plaques – both the historic links including Ashford connections and the modern railway jobs.

We rerouted a lot of visitors to SER's recruitment team to discuss careers advice and job opportunities.

Thanks to SER MD Steve White for stopping at our stand and chatting to us.





North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading
Line Officer:
Sara Grisewood sara@[southeastcrp.org](mailto:sara@southeastcrp.org)

- At Shalford Station: reinstalled vinyls at Shalford Station with the help of Kerry from Mitie; and applied to Network Rail for funding for new planters and a volunteer day to clear some bamboo.
- Further planning for Big Draw festival at Reading and Guildford. Started planning entry for Farnborough North for CRN awards.
- Had a catch-up meeting with Helen Scholes, marketing and integrated travel at GWR.

THE 2025[®] BIG DRAW FESTIVAL

Sussex Downs Line Seaford
to Brighton

Michael Olden Line Officer

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- I've been talking to Gardening In Action a CIC which supports community gardening and volunteering in green spaces in East Sussex. They garden at both Falmer and Seaford stations and are considering becoming members of the CRN.(Photo L to R volunteer Daniel, Dan from GIA)
- In contact with the Ramblers in Brighton to talk about a walk in aid of MIND for October



Uckfield - East Grinstead -
Oxted

Sharon Gray Line Officer
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- The new station partnership at Buxted station, courtesy of the Parish Council takes shape today with the delivery of replacement planters made locally and sustainably by the local Men in Shed's project.
- The Vanguard Way artwork has been installed at Oxted station, the map has been slightly altered to show local links to the walking route. (You can just make out their stand on the right of this photo.) They have further permission to install wayfinding information outside the station (as per East Croydon) – still await VASE's contribution which will complete the new display.



Ton- Reigate
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- Growing Redhill requested stronger brackets for their water-saving hanging baskets at Reigate station, these have been installed. They have asked Southern to designate a grass strip on the platform as a 'wildflower do not mow' area. This project begins in the Autumn.
- I was very proud to be invited to the launch of Tunbridge Wells station's history project on Wednesday, also I was able to gain some further permissions for further projects.



Windsor to Reading

Sandy Mahon, Line Officer
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- A trip this week to the Water and Steam Museum to scope out the venue and discuss an event in October. Hoping we can have the steam train running on the day.
- Completed an application for the South Western Railway Community Rail Awards.
- Collating material for Community Rail Network awards.
- Catching up with station adopters.
- Handover notes ahead of annual leave.



Marketing and Communications

Paul Bromley Comms Officer

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Held catch-up meeting with Kevin and Andy to discuss progress and priorities with marketing and comms project. Discussed the positive Rail Fair 200 publicity and potential for other Railway 200 projects.

Great to see article about Rail Fair and blue plaques in Modern Railways September issue.

Viewed revised/edited films from Rail Fair.

Good to see our design for Feedback forms in the shape of mock railway tickets being used by Kent CRP at the Ashford depot open day – it's encouraging, rewarding and heartwarming when ideas are shared with and used by other CRPs.

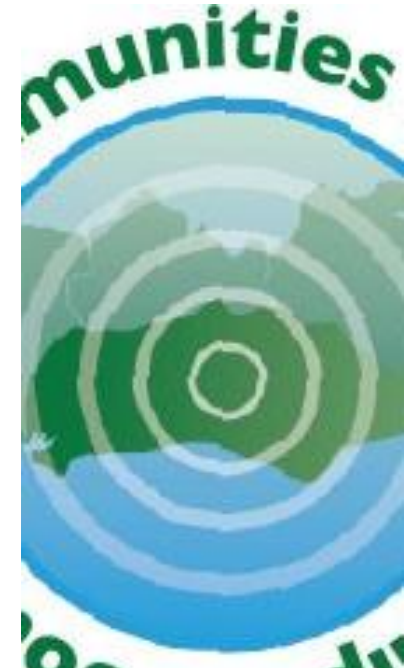


SCRP CIC News

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



- Andy, continued with the Staff 1-2-1 to collate the quarter end Social value KPIs.
- Joined the Marketing meeting with Kevin and Paul to debrief the event on 1/8 at Lewes.
- Viewed the brand-new Sussex Outreach vehicle. Which will present at stations very soon.



- New Hounslow-Richmond Line Officer Anna Stearman setup equipment for start next week.
- Finally, item (right) about Rail Fair at Lewes Town Hall from yesterday's Evening Argus.

Plaques honour railway

A TOTAL of 200 'blue plaques' were displayed for the first time, marking two centuries of railway history in the South East.

The unveiling took place during community celebrations at Lewes Town Hall in East Sussex on Friday, August 1.

The 'blue plaques' honour individuals, locations and even animals linked to the evolution of the railways.

One hundred of these plaques commemorate historical railway connections, while the other half highlight modern roles in an effort to attract new talent to the rail industry.

Some famous names featured include railway engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel, Queen Victoria,

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crime writer Dame Agatha Christie, Vietnam's first president Ho Chi Minh, Winnie-the-Pooh author A.A. Milne, and Bee Gees singer Robin Gibb.

There are also plenty of stories of lesser-known people from station staff and signallers to a wild west performer and WH Smith bookstall assistant.

The full list of names was disclosed at the Rail Fair 200 event organised by Southeast Communities Rail Partnership (SCRP) which connects communi-

ties to their railways on 10 Community Rail lines in East and West Sussex as well as parts of Surrey, Kent, Berkshire and south-west London.

The date of the event – 1.8.25 – was chosen to acknowledge 200 years of the modern railways since the Stockton & Darlington Railway opened in 1825.

Louis Rambaud, chief customer officer for Govia Thameslink Railway and Joe Graham, business assurance director with Great Western Railway, turned round the final banner to reveal all 200 stories in the presence of representatives from train operators, Network Rail, SCR, community groups and station volunteers.

Mr Rambaud told the gathering:

"Today is a great opportunity to come together to celebrate the 200 years of our railway.

"Thanks to the Southeast Communities Rail Partnership for organising this fantastic event."

Mr Graham added: "At its very heart the railway is – and always has been – about people.

"It's about people and it's about communities, empowering people and connecting communities."

Lewes mayor councillor Emily Clarke, deputy mayor councillor Nicky Blackwell and Seaford town crier Peter White officially opened the Rail Fair.



Left to right: Joe Graham and Louis Rambaud