

Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

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1066: Hastings to Tonbridge

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- Planning started for the Inspiration Train visit to Hastings in March, followed soon after by the 40th anniversary of the electrification of the Hastings to Tonbridge line. Arrangements and deliverables will be confirmed after a planning meeting next week.
- Working with the family of Etchingham Platemaker Joseph Weston (1878 – 1972) on a blue plaque unveiling and celebration, as well as an accompanying poster or leaflet. Station Manager Damien Collyer had a plaque especially made for the occasion. SER's Maggie Capps, shown with the plaque, is the connection between us and the family.
- Joined colleagues on a first aid course which greatly improved my knowledge and confidence.



Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham
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- Accompanied the Billingshurst Beavers to Arundel and Pulborough stations, meeting station staff and presenting them with hand-made train models.
<https://www.southeastcrp.org/beavers-continue-to-visit-local-stations/>
- Met with representatives of Fishbourne Roman Palace, who are keen to adopt Fishbourne Station, and become an active partner on the Line Steering Group.
- Planning the launch of 'Arun Valley Line – Beyond the Rails' part 2, to be held in Bognor Regis in March.
- Welcoming back West Coast Station managers and updating them on projects.
- Booked date and venue for joint AGM with Sussex Coast Line. Please get in touch if you'd like an invitation.

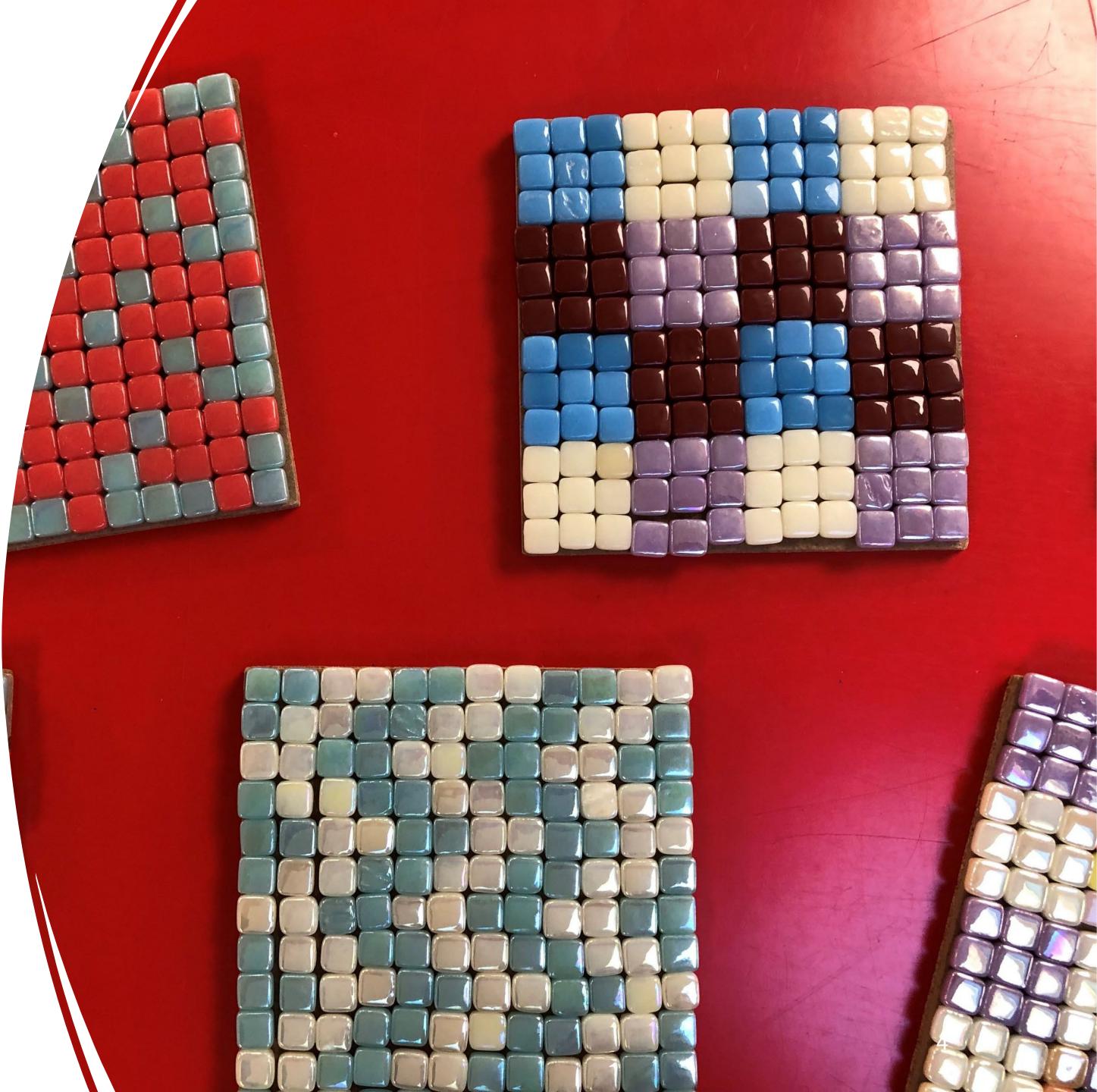


Hounslow to Richmond

Anna Stearman Line Officer

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- Anna and Jodie from Isleworth Station adopters delivered a workshop at The Smallberry Green School. As well as learning about the history of Isleworth Station and the art of mosaic making, the children made their own mini mosaics.
- Kew Bridge Station planting with Brentford Football Club gaining momentum now that permits to work have been issued.
- Anna will be working with Bee Friendly Trust and learners from Richmond Adult College on more planting projects at Richmond Station.
- Emergency First Aid training at Southease was a great team building experience.



Marshlink Hastings-Ashford International

Paul Bromley Line Officer

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Write on Track | Poetry Competition

Winner

The Penny Ticket by Linda Wilmshurst

I held my platform ticket tight, that night, in 1942,
Like I held your hand,
not wanting you to board that train
to fight in other lands.

Amid the coal smoke and steam,
The locomotive hissed,
As we held each other for the briefest time
and kissed
Our sad goodbye.

In 1945 I held my platform ticket tight,
Trembling as the train rumbled in.
And then, among the uniforms,
the porters shouts
and tannoy calls,
hardly daring to believe,
I saw you
and my heart soared.
You were home.

Celebrating 200 years
of the railways in Britain

Organised by
Rye Harbour Writers

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I spent most of this week organising two big line events coming up in the next few weeks.

Rye Harbour Writers have designed the posters for the winners of the Railway 200 poetry competition. Posters are being printed by GTR and will be displayed at the station with a ceremony attended by the winners and their families on 31 January.

I've also been working on the Marshlink 175 anniversary event taking place on 13 February - checking catering costs and design/printing costs.

Good to see the publicity in the Hastings Observer for the Friends of Ore Station for their three CRN Award nominations.



North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading
Line Officer: Sara Grisewood sara@southeastcrp.org

Started planning for our AGM on March 12th. Guildford Borough Council have agreed to host which will make travel straightforward.

Spotted this mural by Guildford BC and local youth groups near the station.

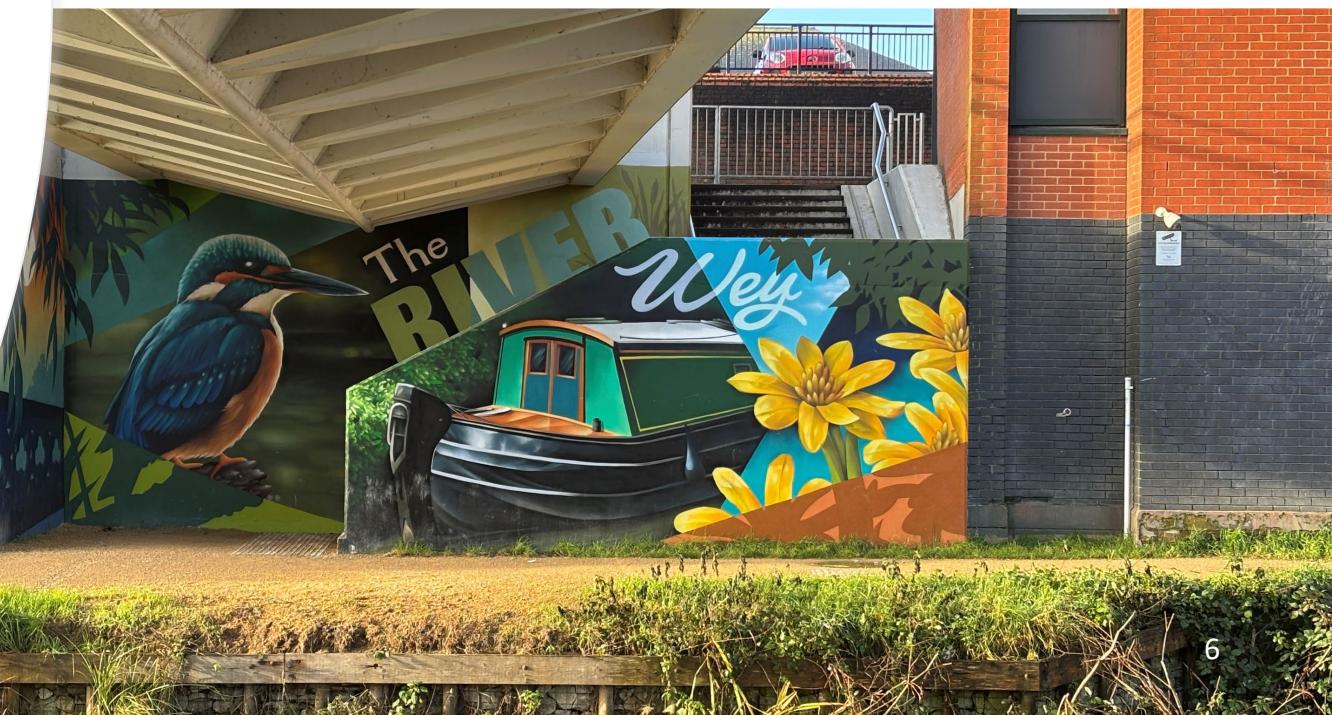
Met up with Zach Bailey at Farnborough North; he has joined GWR as Regional Development manager and was previously at Chiltern Railways.

Had a meeting to plan the community mural for the under pass at North Camp Station with local community groups.

I attended a SCRP First Aid Training in Lewes.

Next week I am looking forward to promoting the importance of community rail at a site meeting at Guildford station with Solum, the new station developers together with Network Rail.

Photos: Zach Bailey at Farnborough North; Wey River mural. Both SCRP



Sussex Coast
Line Hove to Littlehampton
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- We now have a date and venue in the diary for the joint AGM with the Arun Valley Line. This will be on 25th March at Edes House in Chichester. Please contact me if you would like an invitation.
- Wash up meeting with Claire Clilverd from West Sussex County Council about the Your Community Cares Campaign. We will make some minor changes this year but intend to run the campaign again to coincide with White Ribbon Day.
- Prepared a presentation for next week's CRN meeting to share the Your Community Cares Campaign with colleagues nationally.
- Great day with colleagues training for our First Aid at Work certificate. We all passed with flying colours.



Sussex Downs Line Seaford to Brighton

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- Successfully hunted down keys for the Southease community notice board
- Toured Lewes station with our wonderful gardening volunteers and looking at how we can recruit new volunteers to continue their wonderful work
- Spent an informative day bandaging colleagues at the SCRP first aid training



Uckfield - East Grinstead – Oxted & Ton - Reigate

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- This week has seen the continuation of work to get to know local partners. As a result the Tonbridge Line Steering Group has gained 2 new partners, The Oaks and Growing Redhill, who both do excellent work greening stations on the line. Welcome aboard!!
- Continuing last year's work to improve wayfinding at stations to The Vanguard Way, we have been able to confirm a series of circular walks from stations in the spring. Details to be shared asap.
- Having been to Reigate this week to discuss an ongoing art project for the shelter it is hoped that can be agreed next week. Reigate benefits from a great deal of community activity and is colourful even in the rain. See Pictures



Windsor to Reading

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- We enjoyed a wonderful day at the unveiling of the new mural at Winnersh Triangle Station. Local mural artists created a special Railway 200 design that incorporates the past, present and future of the railway.
- We were then hosted by Winnersh Triangle Business Park who served delicious refreshments.
- The mural was made possible by Winnersh Parish Council, South Western Railway and Network Rail.



Go Learn Education
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- I attended the Active Bystander online course
- I ran 3 rail safety Go Learn workshops at Broadfield primary Academy in Crawley for year 6 pupils (72 pupils)
- I ran 2 rail safety Go Learn workshops for year 6 Pupils at Our Lady Queen of Heaven in Crawley
- I attended a First Aid course

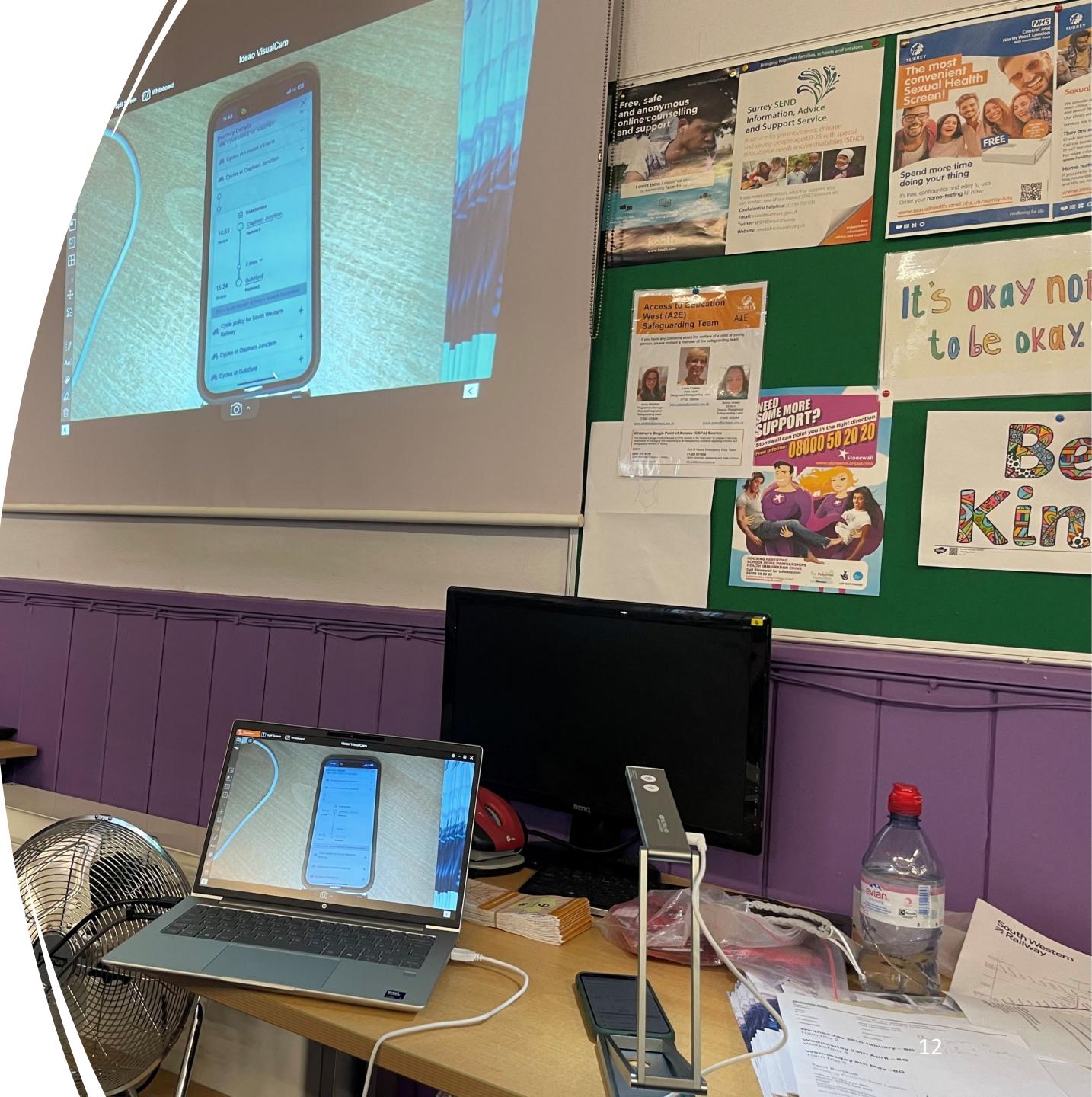


Go Train GWR Education

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- Delivered a Travelling with Confidence planning workshop for Halow Year BG. Group have decided on their next 3 trips – will be visiting Gatwick Airport on trip 1, using trains, trams and tubes on trip 2 and heading to the IoW on ferry and hovercraft for trip 3. 9 x young people attended. I used my visualiser to show the train app on my phone – see photo (bottom right of the photo!). Love this bit of technology!
- Delivered two 'Railway Careers' workshops at Westende Junior School, Wokingham. 60 x Year 6 pupils.
- Attended GTR's Active Bystander training – I'd recommend it to everyone.
- Attended social value tool meeting hosted by SWR.
- Attended First Aid Training.
- Had meetings with Trevor to discuss funding ideas and a teacher at a new school to talk about working with them next academic year.



Marketing and Communications
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- Current focus is on writing the Communications Report for the meeting of SCRP Advisory Board at the end of the month.
- Work on the Annual Review continues. Having missed the work on Blue Plaques the first time round it is interesting to see so many fascinating characters popping up for inclusion in our Railway 200 feature. Names such as Ho Chi Minh to A.A.Milne.



SCRP CIC News

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

- Opening ceremony of mural at Winnersh Triangle on Windsor to Reading Line
- Meeting with CRP and TOC colleagues to discuss measures for Rail Social Value Tool
- Successful Grant applications to support ceremony for Kings Award for Voluntary Service for Friends of Bishopstone Station
- Picture New mural at Winnersh Triangle Jan 2026
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