

Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

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1066: Hastings to Tonbridge
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Highlight of the week was the excellent networking event in Birmingham hosted by Community Rail Network for line officers who joined in the last year. It was great to compare notes with colleagues in other parts of the UK and to get a better understanding of the broader legal and practical context. A networking dinner the night before was an excellent opportunity to get to know everyone ahead of time, and to hear about their projects and the way they work. I was interested to learn that while we have 10 lines in our CRP, there are others that have one line officer who works on their own. Thanks to Alex Peel who did a great job organising everything and leading the session.

Picture Birmingham by Network Rail

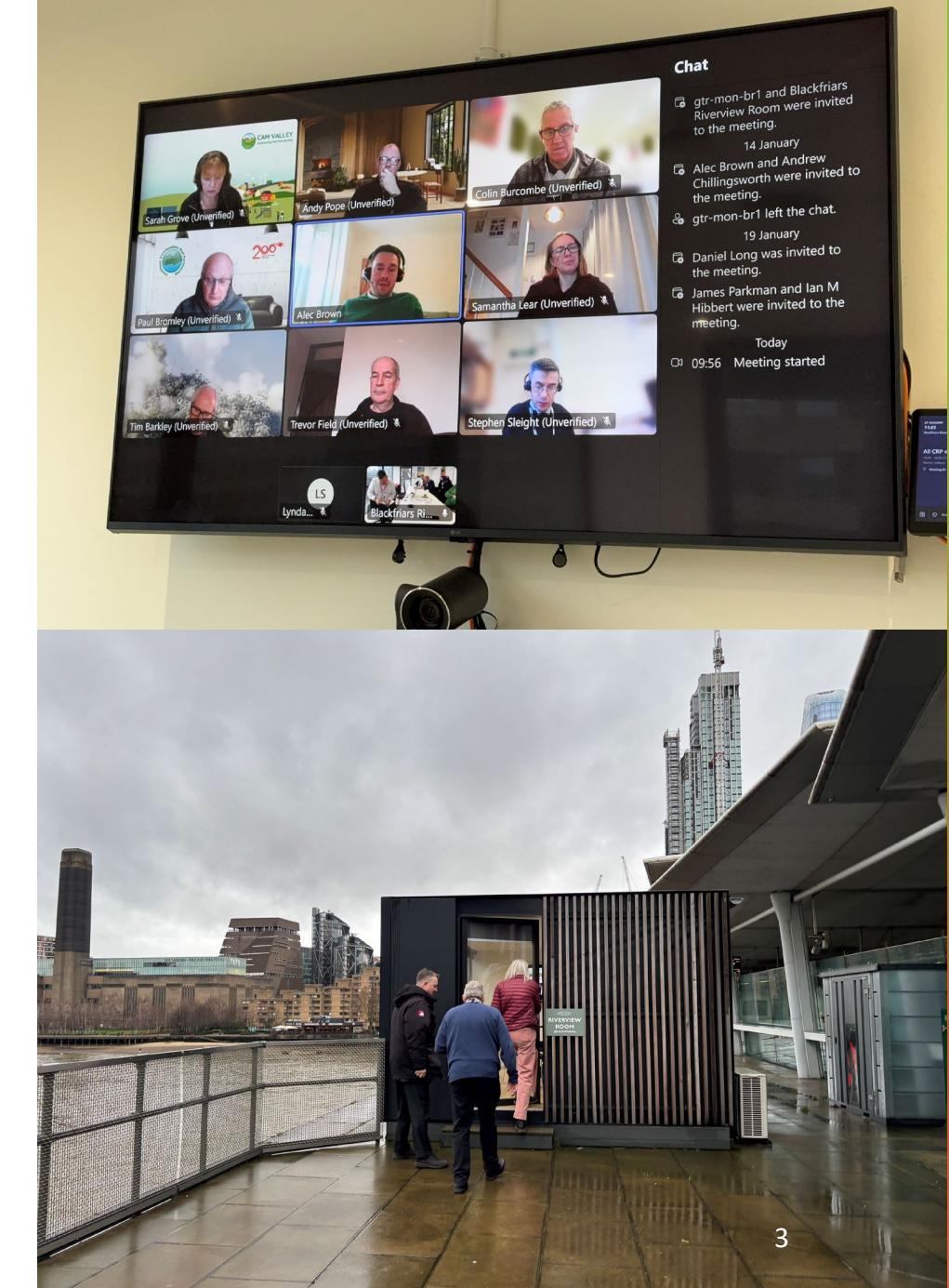


Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham

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- Visited Fishbourne and Chichester stations with GTR Asset Quality manager for advice on community partner requests.
- Attended GTR/all CRPs meeting at Blackfriars, very helpful discussions with the SQR team. *Photos show participants entering the new Riverview meeting room, while others joined online.*
- New R200 Inspiration dates announced – 2nd and 3rd March at Bognor Regis got discussions going about how SCRP and local partners might enhance the experience for visitors to the train.
- Submitted all text and photographs for Annual Review to SCRP editorial team
- Attended SCRP Stakeholder Advisory Board meeting in SE Rail offices, London Bridge.



Hounslow to Richmond
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- Site visit at Hounslow Station, with colleagues from Hounslow Council, working towards an exciting 'improving green spaces' project.
- Creative discussions and problem solving with suppliers regarding Mortlake Station Footbridge community art project.
- Networking and planning community art projects with community groups, artists and environmentalists at Richmond Art Service.
- Training for new line officers with CRN in Birmingham.
- SCRP Stakeholder Advisory Board meeting in London.



With Niro, Georgina and Alana from Royal Holloway, University of London, and Kavita from Richmond Adult Community College, at Orleans House Gallery, Twickenham

Marshlink Hastings-Ashford International
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Useful catch-up with GTR alongside other Thameslink CRP line officers.

Key information from Service Quality Regime team about their station inspections and how station groups/CRPs can help with posters and planters

Finalised arrangements for poetry competition award ceremony at Rye (on Saturday)

Started to look at designs and concepts for the Marshlink 175 anniversary – there will be cake!

• How you can influence and support SQR at Stations



- Station planters are not neat and tidy; well-kept; and containing appropriate living vegetation.



- Poster material is being obscured inside the frame.



- Community notices are not out of date (including a 7-day grace period).



- Fly-posters and banners on display at stations need to be authorised/agreed with the Station Manager/Station teams.

GTR



North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading
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- Met Mick Stone and Martin Knowles, Guildford Borough Council, at Guildford Station to discuss response to Solum visit last week and role of community in new station place-making.
 - Prepared submissions for GWR's CCIF, including one for the Big Draw at Blackwater Valley Stations and Reading Station on a theme of Explore Nature by Rail.
 - Attended the SCRP Stakeholder meeting online.
 - Prepared the North Downs entry for the Annual Review
 - Attended a meeting of Rushmoor Green Community Forum
 - Met up with Zach GWR again, this time at Shalford with Bex from Shalford Climate Action group.
 - Reminders this week that dedicated volunteers are at the heart of what we do!
 - Photo: Bex Bolland and Zach Bailey GWR at Shalford Station
SCRP photo



Sussex Coast
Line Hove to Littlehampton
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- Great meeting with GTR and other CRPs. Learning more about the SQR process was extremely useful.
- Meeting to finalise arrangements for the launch of the Arun Valley Podcast Series 2 and the accompanying activity pack (funded by CRN).
- Trip to London for the SAB meeting with colleagues.
- Catch up meeting with colleague Michael to discuss this year's Skills Week project at BHASVIC.

Picture – One of the great pictures sent to me by Julian Clark



Sussex Downs Line Seaford to Brighton

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- Early this week we heard the news that the Inspiration Train 200 is coming to Lewes on March 5th and 6th.
- Attended the CRP Meeting at Blackfriars (see photo) and had an interesting face to face meeting with the SQR Team.
- Met up with Councilor Sarah Hale from Newhaven and welcomed her into the Sussex Down CRP steering group.
- I spent Wednesday morning with the Lewes garden volunteers. We pruned, mulched and composted.
- Attended the SCRP Stakeholders Advisory board meeting at London Bridge



Uckfield - East Grinstead – Oxted & Ton - Reigate

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- Explorative site meeting and discussion around grant application, partners and plans for Crowborough Mural on land opposite station
- Tidying planters at Eridge (a bit) and looking for their new station partner
- Steering Group Meeting at Redhill Station with 12 partners, reporting on work so far and exploring the action plan for the year ahead. 2 new partners joined.
- Very useful and informative meeting with CRPs and GTR. My first SAB since being back.





Windsor to Reading
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- Liaising with Network Rail and station adopters, researching mural artists and quotes for Bridge Road at Ashford.
- Had a meeting with Refugee Service Manager for Elmbridge and Spelthorne Council regarding Afghan Women's Group Try a Train Trip.
- Date for Lights on Bikes event at Wokingham Station 19th February.
- Attended SCRP Stakeholder Advisory Board with colleagues in London.

Go Learn Education

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- Running a Rail Safety workshop with 30 year 6 pupils from St Philips RC primary School in Arundel (Go Learn)
 - Running 2 Railway careers workshops with 60 year 6 pupils from Our Lady Queen of Heaven School in Crawley. (Go Learn)
 - Going up to London for a trial of the itinerary that the students from Northbrook College have put together for their co created trip to London. Then attending our SAB meeting.
 - Travelling to London with a group of students from Northbrook College (TwC) we will be using train, bus and underground as our forms of transport.



Go Train GWR Education

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- Delivered a Travelling with Confidence (TwC) trip for 9 x students from Gosden House School. Travelled from Guildford to Slough (changing at Reading) to watch the IETs go through Slough at 125 mph! Spotted the revamped 'Station Jim' display – see photo
- Delivered the first TwC workshop at The Oaks College in Tonbridge. 10 x young people attended.
- Took HALOW Year BG on a trip to Gatwick Airport for a tour. 10 x young people took part.
- Attended SCRP stakeholder meeting.

Marketing and Communications
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- Completed Module 2 of the Social for Good training programme
- Continued work on Annual Review

A large graphic on the right side of the slide features a blue-to-red gradient background. Overlaid on this are two white plus signs: a larger one positioned above the word 'Social' and a smaller one positioned below the word 'Good'.

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SCRP CIC News
Fiona Morton CEO, Trevor Field
Finance Officer, Andy Pope Line
Officer Team Manager
Lord Hendy presented our 201st Blue Plaque to Mike Lamport at the special Stakeholder Advisory Board. He also celebrated Tim Sparrow's MBE and the Kings Award for Voluntary Service to Friends of Bishopstone Station. In his remarks Lord Hendy praised SCRP and emphasized the role community rail will play in GBR and local transport plans with the new Mayoral Authorities.

Photos: Steve White MD SER, Andrew and Mike Lamport, the SCRP Stakeholder Advisory Board and Lord Hendy beaming in live.
Thanks to Matt Fraser and Steve White at SER for allowing us to use the Boardroom for the meeting.

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