

Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

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1066: Hastings to Tonbridge

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- Community Rail Network has funded a mural on a pathway adjacent to St Leonards Warrior Square Station. CCTV at Southwater Community Centre backs up reports of drug dealing and loitering on this path which is used by many commuters every day to get to their cars and homes. The pic is a digital illustration of the main element of the mural which will be painted in the next few weeks. We expect it will cheer up the area and deter anti-social behaviour that can be intimidating at best.
- I am applying for funding for the Robertsbridge Station Planting Project. Station Master Ross Browning's enthusiasm for the project in the past has helped it become an annual event. Last year, in partnership with Hastings Friary Gardeners, the station was a runner-up in the Best South Station in the SE in Bloom competition.
- In other news, I had a great meeting and catchup with Tim Sparrow, I am in the process of agreeing a date for the Etchingham Blue Paque celebration, I have been refining ideas and materials to maximise engagement when the Innovation Train visits Hastings, and I am prepping for the upcoming 1066/Marshlink joint AGM.
- Finally, I had the great pleasure of being part of the on-board 175-year celebration of the Marshlink line. This was very well organised by Marshlink Line Officer Paul Bromley and has shown me what can be done.



Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham
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- Meeting with Station Manager at Fishbourne station to discuss next steps for Roman Palace station adoption
- AGM agenda planning meeting with Lynda (Arun Valley and Sussex Coast Lines) with input from Chairs.
- Working with the Aldingbourne Trust to produce plaques for all planters maintained by them, in line with advice from the helpful team at GTR Service Quality Regime. A dilapidated planter has been donated to a new station partner at Goring – we look forward to seeing it when it's had some TLC and a facelift.
- Project planning meeting with Arun District Council and WhistlestopArts





Hounslow to Richmond
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- A fantastic SCRCP and Bee Friendly Trust installation day at Kew Bridge Station with volunteers from Brentford Football Club, Cultivate London, SWR Station Manager, Hakim, and Phil from Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew. It was great to have Michael Olden along too, as the project began during his time on the Hounslow-Richmond line.
- “Get the Bees Buzzing” signs and custom-made planters were attached to the railings and filled with compost. We were then joined by volunteers from BFC fan groups, who filled the planters with tulips in Brentford colours - black and red, along with conifers and ivy. Finally, Anna helped Luke and Louise from BFT to plant bluebells on the bank along platform 1. Meadow seeds will follow. Watch this space for more bee and pollinator themed community projects for platform 2!
- Ongoing planning and meetings for projects at Richmond, Kew, Mortlake, Hounslow and Whitton stations.

Marshlink Hastings-
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I am on leave this week so here are just a few (of the many) photos of our wonderful Marshlink 175 celebrations from last Friday with three mayors (Hastings, Rye and Ashford) on board as well as the deputy mayor of Winchelsea and townsfolk on the platform.

Story online at:

<https://www.southeastcrp.org/marshlink-175-community-celebrations/>



North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading
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- new planters with Signs of spring are everywhere this week, with green shoots at Shalford Station and bird song all around. There is still plenty of rain though!
- Lots of future planning this week. Our CRN supported events with Surrey Coalition of Disabled People begin in March with a creative wheel & walk from Blackwater Station. Surrey Coalition of Disabled People
- I attended the regular session online with Social for Good Accelerator alongside Sam our Comms officer and other GWR line officers. Lots of ideas of developing our social media content and support each other at SCRP.
- A meeting with Shalford Community Council enables me to report on progress of GWR funded projects.
- A meeting with GWR and North Camp Station volunteers to discuss the Bee Friendly Trust.

Can you help to introduce a rain day and take it and captures your interest!?

We're running a few train trips over the next month or two to explore visiting the countryside by train.

We'd like as many members as possible to get involved and give it a go - train travel will be paid for and we'll treat you to a creative drawing session, tea and cake.

We want to take some photos and videos of our adventures that highlight what has been easy to do and also where we have met some challenges!



Interested, please contact the involvement team:

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

- Love was in the air on Valentines Day, photo from Brighton Station on 14th February.
- Meeting with Worthing Men in Sheds and Northbrook College about new planters at Goring-by-Sea
- Catch up with Rowena in Barnham, finalising the AGM details
- Meeting at Shoreham Port to take forward the Lottery funded project at the community garden



Sussex Downs Line Seaford to Brighton

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- Myself and Kevin Boorman met up with Station Manager Charlotte and Patrick Ladbury to talk about the Inspiration Trains visit to Lewes Station on 5th and 6th March.
- Met with Charlie Grimble chair of Seaford Museums Trustees to talk about future partnership working.
- Work is finished on the new mural outside Brighton Station on Trafalgar Street.
- Met with Lucy Chadburn at the Denton Island Community Centre to talk about possible future projects.



Uckfield - East Grinstead – Oxted & Ton - Reigate
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- Annual leave this week back on the 23rd February



Windsor to Reading

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- Lights on Bikes and Dr Bike at Wokingham Station. Advice on lights on your bike and free bike checks.
- Liaising with Wokingham Borough Council and My Journey Team regarding two areas of neglected borders outside the station. Local groups and the Rotary Club keen to clear and get planting.
- Identified areas for planting at Winnersh Triangle to make the station more welcoming.
- Working on CRDF application.



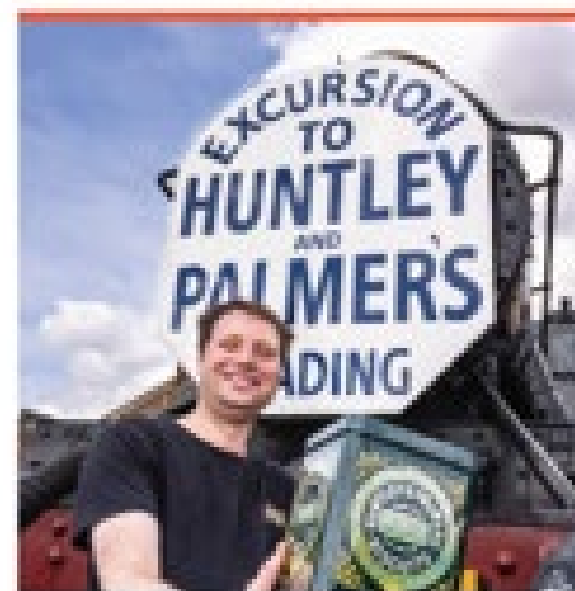


Steam into the 40s

2-4 May



Heritage in Motion -



National Biscuit Day



Steam Days

Go Train GWR Education
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- Delivered a Travelling with Confidence workshop and trip for Berkshire Vision. 10 x young people. Travelled from Reading to Didcot railway centre for a ride on a steam train! Pictures above are just a few of the events at the centre, well worth a visit. <https://didcotrailwaycentre.org.uk/>
- Had a meeting with Ellen @ CRN on the Impact tool which we will be using for reporting on the Travelling with Confidence project. Spent time inputting data to the new Impact tool.

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SCRP CIC News

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

- Working with line officers, station friend's groups and partners to prepare final grant applications to the Community Rail Development Fund for 2025-2026. Final submissions due next week for projects that must complete by 30th April 2026.
- Working up significant grant bids for education project funding for delivery in 2027.

