

Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

DATE 20th March 2026



1066: Hastings to Tonbridge
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- Had some excellent engagement on the Inspiration Train over 4 days in Hastings. I made just over 900 badges, 700 of which were on handmade cards (see right).
- Attended RVA's networking event, this time in Peasmarsh. It was brilliant as usual, and it was good to see some of my steering group there as well.
- Together with Ross Browning, I met with James Pratt, headteacher at Robertsbridge Community College. We have identified a few projects that we will help the learners become more involved in their community.



Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham
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- The Butterfly project team came to Horsham station last week, to meet staff and plan their planting project. I thought they had forgotten the try-a-train trip we took them on last November, but not a bit of it – they turned up with their feedback forms, excited to tell me that they have been reflecting and thinking about how they'll use the lessons learned.

Try-a-train feedback from the Butterfly project

Trip from Horsham to Littlehampton Museum 12th November 2025



Hounslow to Richmond
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- A brilliant Try The Train trip funded by SWR, from Whitton to Weybridge, with Lilian, Gerald, Rebecca and 17 young people from Transit Community Support CIC. We explored Brooklands Museum and practiced being pilots, aircraft designers and train and bus drivers.
- Third mosaic workshop at Isleworth Town School, for Isleworth Station.
- Final One to One with Andy Pope, where we totted up £18,500 in grants obtained this year for the Hounslow Richmond Loop Line.



Marshlink Hastings-Ashford
International
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Inspiration all the way this week!

We had an SCRCP presence in the 4th carriage/Partner Zone when the Railway 200 Inspiration train came to Hastings for four days including over last weekend.

We engaged with more than 1,700 people and distributed more than 300 Arlo safety books. Plus badges and a Community Rail-themed box file model railway which was viewed by Hastings MP Helena Dollimore and South Eastern Railway managing director Steve White.

Then it was on to Derby for the Community Rail Awards.



North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading
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- This week I have been planning our launch event for the artwork at Farnborough North Station.
- Completing the minutes of our AGM in Guildford last week.
- Preparing for our next event with Surrey Coalition of Disabled People.
- Going through changes to the new Walk, Cycle and Wheel map for Crowthorne Station with the designer.
- AND I am very excited to be in Derby for the CRN awards!
- Photo: Warm Café at Farnborough North Stationmaster's House

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Your entry to the 2026 Community Rail Awards
has been shortlisted in the category of

Best Community Engagement Project

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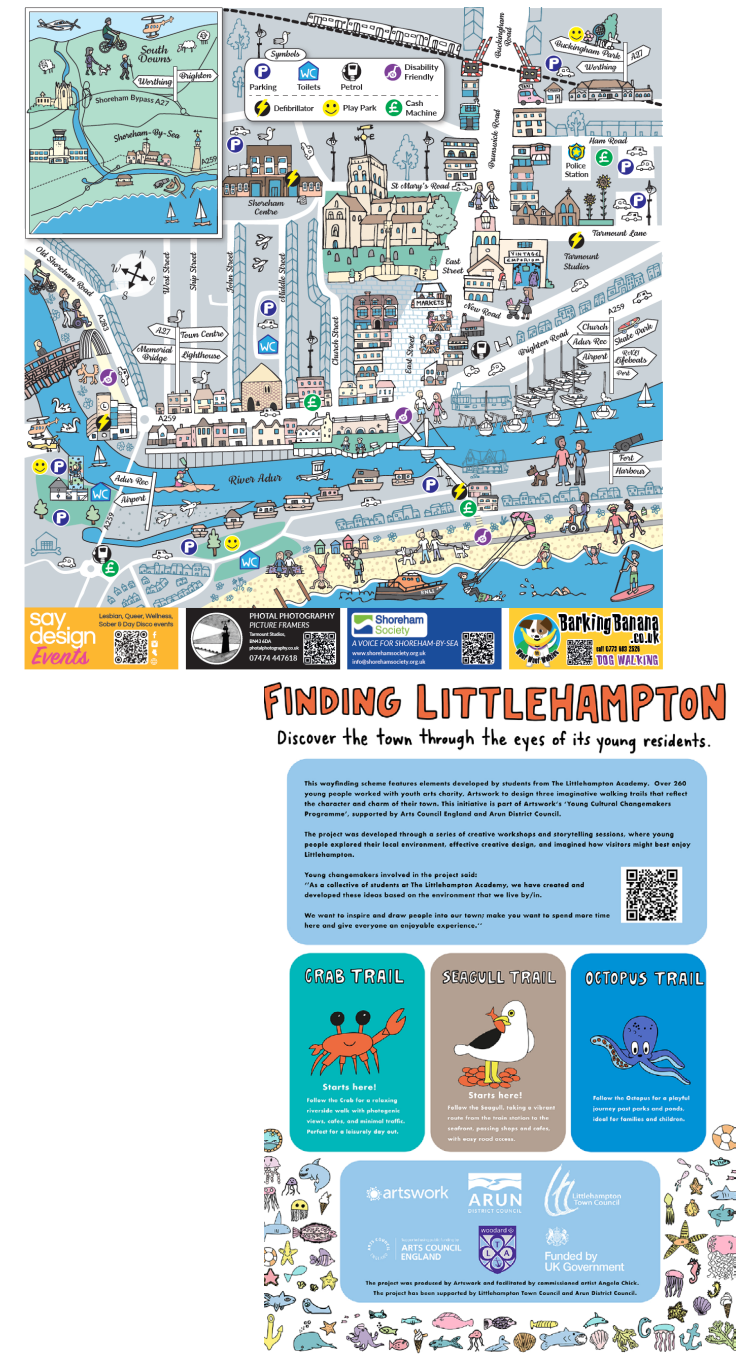


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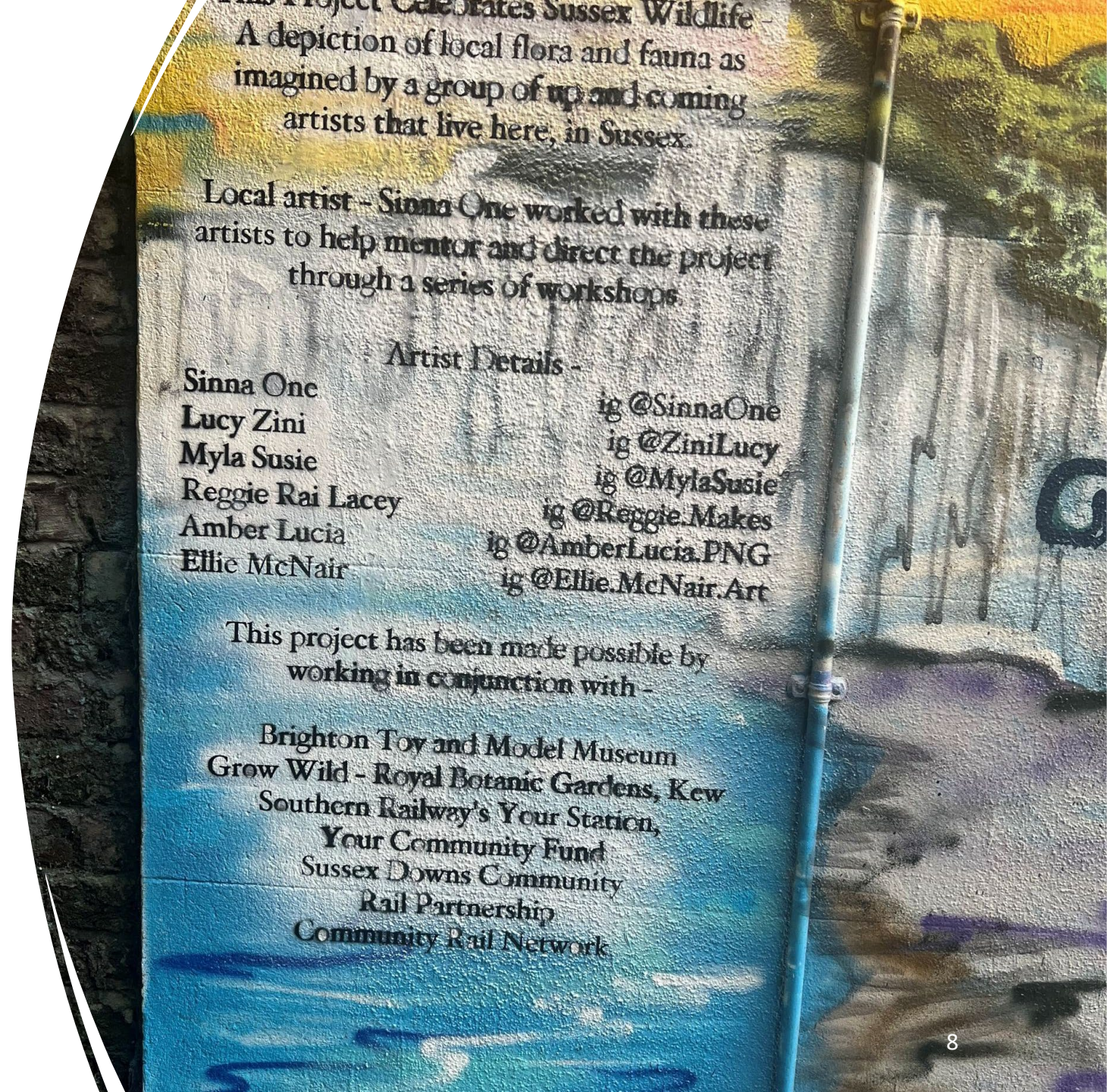
- This week it is all about new wayfinding! Beautiful map of Shoreham by Sea soon to be installed in a frame in the ticket hall courtesy of The Shoreham Society. Lovely refurbished ancient Tourist Information Board going back up at Littlehampton after being refurbished by Artswork, working with young people in the town to create 3 wayfinding trails.
- An interesting meeting with Thoughtscapes who have been commissioned by Network Rail to look at Mental Health Services in the Worthing Area.



Sussex Downs Line Seaford to Brighton

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- Spent a good morning 'riddling' compost with the Lewes station gardeners.
- Attended Green United's Big Ask at Lewes Town Hall where eight proposals for community projects were presented by school children from local primary and secondary schools.
- Met up with Judy Simons to plan a Try the Train trip with refugee families based in Brighton.
- Credits for the new Trafalgar street mural go up! (see photo)



Uckfield - East Grinstead – Oxted
& Ton - Reigate

Samantha Lear Line Officer

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- I am delighted to be able to call myself the permanent line officer for the Uckfield & East Grinstead and Tonbridge Lines as of this week! I am very excited to be working with local groups, station partners, line Chairs and Steering Groups as we move into this new phases for the lines.
- Attended an inspiring and interesting meeting of the East Grinstead Town of Culture bid, bringing together community groups, businesses and local people to explore what is special about East Grinstead. Good luck to the Town Council with the Bid and looking forward to working on successful projects going forward.
- More preparation for the AGM this week and pleased to be able to announce Patrick Ladbury, GTR Partnerships and CSR Manager, as our speaker on the 17th April. Spaces are still available.
- Next week, I will be visiting the lines and exploring local groups and organisations who will bring new community connections to the line Steering Groups.





Windsor to Reading

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- Attended the Community Rail Network Community Rail Awards in Derby where station adopters Wokingham Learning Disability Partnership Board were shortlisted for their Railway 200 artwork in the Community Creative Projects and Station Art category. **Update: They won!**
- Meeting in Guildford with SCRP Director Tim Sparrow.
- Preparing for CrossCountry conference in York.
- Research following meetings last week and outstanding queries.



Go Learn Education
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- I took a group from Angmering School on a Travelling with Confidence (TwC) trip down to Brighton. We visited the Brighton bus hub which was amazing and the students watched videos about bus safety and using the apps. We walked down to the pier then took the bus back up to Brighton station using our new skills.
- I took a group from Angmering School on a Try the Train (Go learn) from Angmering to Bognor. After a planning the Journey workshop we went to Bognor and had a very informative talk by a train dispatcher about how to dispatch a train.
- I took a group from Chichester College to Gatwick airport for a tour of the airport including check in desks and the accessible travel area.
- I took a group from Chichester college to Portsmouth after a planning a Journey workshop (Go learn)

Go Train GWR Education
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- Took Surrey Choices (Guildford) on a Travelling with Confidence (TwC) trip from Guildford to Wimbledon (train), Wimbledon to Ampere Way (TfL tram) and return, and then on the tube from Wimbledon to London Victoria and train back to Guildford. 10 x young people – see photo.
- Took 9 x students from Gosden House School, Shalford on a TwC trip from Guildford to Gatwick Airport for a tour and to try the monorail.
- Delivered two 'Planning your Journey & Staying Safe' workshops at Westende Junior School, Wokingham. 60 x Year 6 pupils.



Marketing and Communications
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****We are winners at this year's Community Rail Awards!!****

Delighted to be able to share that we won:

- **Railway 200 Legacy** award for our 200 Blue Plaques
- **Empowering Diverse Groups** with Optalis for the Travel Ambassadors project

Also pleased to have been placed 3rd in the **Most Effective Communications Campaign** and **Tourism & Leisure** categories.

Congratulations also to our partners in Farnborough Street and Wokingham for their success on the night too.

A great result and one that reflects the dedication of our staff, directors, partners and friends. Thank you everyone!!



SCRP CIC News

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

A great night for SCRP and many of our partners at the national awards in Derby. Thanks to all our volunteers, partners and stakeholders. We could not have done it without you.

