

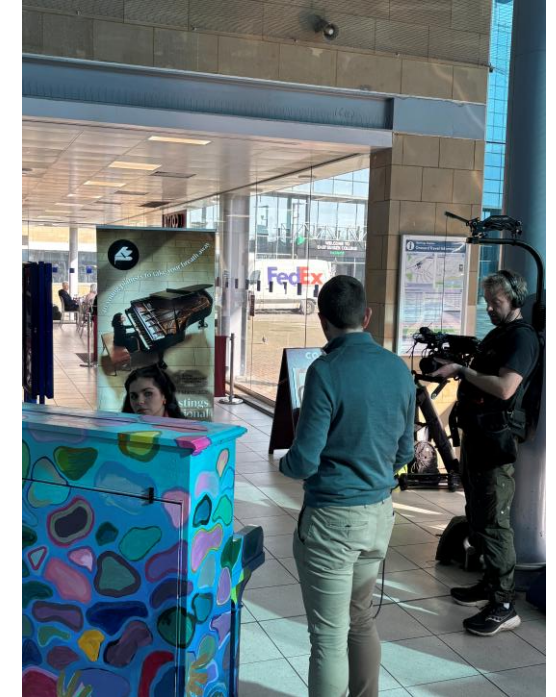
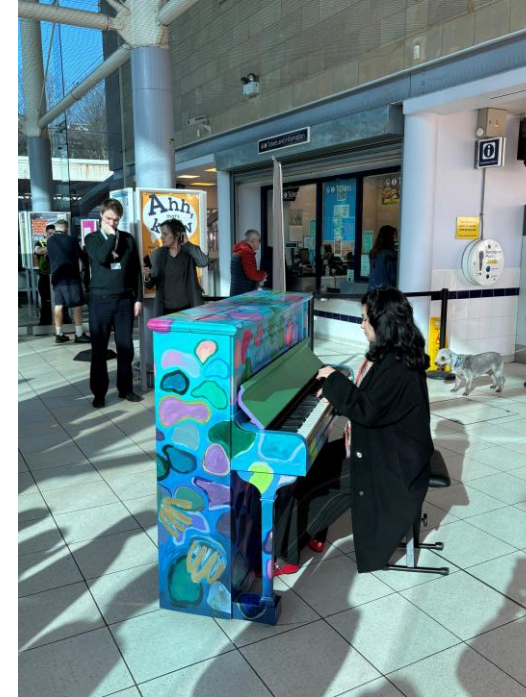
# Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

DATE 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026



1066: Hastings to Tonbridge  
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- It was our pleasure to be included in the Painted Piano Community Project which aims to promote the Hastings International Piano Competition (26 Feb – 7 March) and highlight how easy it is to travel to the event by train on the Southeastern network.
- The day included a performance at Battle Station by world-renowned classical pianist Mariamna Sherling. This was followed by an on-board performance to Hastings where the day concluded with another performance at Hastings Station.
- The piano was decorated by Seaview Project in St Leonards-on-Sea, led by local artist Sophie Malpas. It will stay at the station for the duration of the competition.
- Pics are by Andy Pope who covered the action in Battle before joining me later on in Hastings. You can spot us briefly in the background on the Meridian News report.



Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham  
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- Lots of meetings and site visits, getting ready for the Rail200 exhibition train coming to Bognor Regis next week. SCRCP colleagues and partners are coming to help with our Community Rail spot, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March.
- Met up with Aldingbourne Trust volunteers and WhistlestopArts to review the 'railway detective' activity pack. We're planning to undertake the activities and solve the puzzle, after its launch on 11<sup>th</sup> March.



Hounslow to Richmond  
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- This week primroses and daffodils began to bloom in the platform planters at Feltham station.
- Also at Feltham, the replacement time-line arrived and will soon be installed.
- Designs have been received for heritage road signage on the bridge at Barnes Station.
- CRN grant application submitted for Mortlake Richmond art project.
- Further meetings and work on applications for planting projects at Hounslow and St Margarets.



Marshlink Hastings-Ashford International  
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New bench installed by GTR maintenance team in the Pugwash garden at Rye. Plaques to be added and rededication ceremony to be arranged.

I also transported (by train, of course) two new planters for the platform at Rye made by Stephen Crowley of SER in his spare time. Lots of funny looks from other passengers at this unusual freight service!

Marshlink 175: I collated all the feedback and press coverage. Videos and stories have been viewed: Facebook 11,000 and 7,500 times; Instagram 3,800 and 2,100 times; YouTube 100 times in first 24 hours.



North Downs Gatwick- Reading  
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- Preparing for art workshops next week: one with a junior school in Chilworth to create new designs for the waiting shelter.
- The other is a drawing trees session at Blackwater with Surrey Coalition of Disabled People.
- I am busy organising the agenda for our AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> March.
- Working to complete projects as the 2025/6 year nears the end.
- Photo: St Martins, Blackheath and Chilworth Station. SCRP
- Next week I am also looking forward to helping at Lewes with the R200 Inspiration train visit.



Sussex Coast  
Line Hove to Littlehampton  
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- Taking forward the grant application and SAP process with Northbrook College and Worthing Men in Sheds for improvements and new planting at Goring by Sea Station
- Finalising the presentation and line officer report for the AGM in March
- Organising a possible visit to the ROC at Three Bridges in May
- I will be taking part in a consultation around suicide awareness with Network Rail, following recent incidents in the Worthing area
- Finalising arrangements for photo shoots at Brighton and Preston Park with Supajam

picture – planter in need of a paint job at Goring. West Worthing starting to show signs of Spring!



Sussex Downs Line Seaford  
to Brighton

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- The new Trafalgar Street mural in Brighton was officially opened on Monday with artists (L to R) Amber Lucia, Reggie Rai Lacey, Lucy Zini, Myla Sussie and Sinna One on hand to cut the ribbon.



Uckfield - East Grinstead –  
Oxted & Ton - Reigate  
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- An application for funding to support the Mural at Crowborough has now been made to Crowborough Town Council's Grant Fund.
- Working with Creative People in East Grinstead to identify potential Station Partners and groups who would benefit from Try a Train events.
- The Uckfield & East Grinstead Steering Group was attended by 8 local community groups and individuals as well as representatives from SCRP & GTR. It was interesting to hear the various updates and to share knowledge. Thank you to everyone who attended





## Windsor to Reading Sandy Mahon, Line Officer [sandy@southeastcrp.org](mailto:sandy@southeastcrp.org)

- Liaising with and setting up a meeting with AFC Girl's Forum who want to work with us to create a Getting around the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead accessible travel video.
- Setting up a meeting with South Western Railway Accessibility Delivery Manager.
- Attended Inspiration Train teams briefing.
- Coordinating logistics, materials and costings for potential artwork panels for Wokingham Station.
- Populating new activity plan for 26/27.
- Image: Example of Aluminium Composite Pane, durable with anti-graffiti coating.

# Go Learn Education

## Cath Reed Education Officer

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- I took a group of 21 year 6 students from Plumpton Primary to Lewes station for a station visit. They also had a Planning a Journey workshop (Go Learn)
- I took a group ( 14 students) of Year 11 SEND students from St Anthony's Special School in Chichester to Southampton as part of the Travelling with Confidence scheme (TwC) This was the first time they had bought their own tickets at the ticket Office, and they coped with this really well.
- I went to St Anthonys Special School to deliver a Rail safety workshop to a group of Year 9 students. ( Go Learn)
- I took a group of students from Northbrook College in Worthing on the TwC scheme up to London- we had planned our trip beforehand and used trains, buses , the Clipper boat and the underground!



# Go Train GWR Education Maddy Mills Education Officer [maddy@southeastcrp.org](mailto:maddy@southeastcrp.org)



- Delivered a Travelling with Confidence (TwC) planning workshop to The Oaks College in Tonbridge. 4 x young people. They have decided to visit Gatwick Airport and do a trip on a train, tram and tube. They used the National Rail app to plan their journeys.
- Delivered a TwC planning workshop to Surrey Choices in Ashford. 4 x young people. They have decided to visit Gatwick Airport and the Isle of Wight on their next two trips and used the National Rail app to plan their journeys.
- Ran a station visit to Reading for Potley Hill Primary School who travelled from Blackwater. 32 x Year 6 pupils.
- Delivered a TwC trip for Addington School. Took 10 x students on a trip to Gatwick Airport to use the monorail train.
- Photos are from last week's Berkshire Vision trip to the Didcot Railway Centre.

Marketing and Communications  
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- The second day of filming for the Friends of Bishopstone Station and the SCRCP films has now been completed. This was a wonderful day, capturing all the warmth and value of the work there despite the bitter cold from the weather!
- Completed Modal 5 of 'Social for Good' which was on the topic of Creating Content has now been completed.



## SCRP CIC News

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



- Gearing up to support Railway 200 Inspiration Train visits in March to,  
Bognor 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Lewes 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Hastings 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

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