

# Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

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# 1066: Hastings to Tonbridge

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- A mural by local artist Nicola le Sueur/Neonita has completed a mural on the side of the Clifton Centre, an area blighted by anti-social behaviour immediately adjacent to St Leonards Warrior Square Station. The artwork, which celebrates Sussex flora and fauna, was funded by the Community Rail Network.
- A safety audit has been carried out at the Station Masters House at Battle and the 3 upstairs rooms are now ready to be rented out. The refurbishment does this historic building credit with stunning original floors and loads of storage.
- Tomorrow I will be joining a group of volunteers to do a cleanup at High Brooms and to prep the station garden initiated by station staffer Shain Jeffrey.



Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to  
Bosham

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- Sharing the good news about our Community Rail Network bronze award with the project funders and partners, especially those who participated.
- This timed nicely with a press article promoting series two of the podcasts and films [Arun Valley Line celebrates heritage, arts and travel | The Argus](#)
- The Arun Valley and Sussex Coast Lines joint AGM was held at Edes House, County Hall, courtesy of West Sussex County Council, who provided the room, resources and refreshments.
- Looking forward, the Arun Valley Line action plan will include promoting some of the area's wonderful walks easily accessible by rail or bus, in part to promote the King Charles III England Coast Path.



Hounslow to Richmond  
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- Pupils at Isleworth Town School finished the next section of the mosaic for their local station garden, guided by volunteer, Jody.
- Site visit with Maddy from the Friends of St Margarets Station, measuring up for new planters and meeting station volunteer, Paul.
- First meeting with Town Centre Managers for Barnes and Mortlake, planning for the big 180 birthday tea party crawl in the summer.
- Meetings with Paula and David from SWR regarding a new projects at St Margarets, Richmond and Hounslow stations.
- Two design sessions this week with volunteer artists working on the Mortlake Footbridge.





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Marshlink Hastings-Ashford International  
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- Renewed contact with local officer for King Charles III England Coast Path about collaboration on guides for linear station walks between Marshlink line stations. Awaiting funding confirmation for next financial year.
- Helped Rye Harbour Nature Reserve with advice as Sunday bus service from Rye station is being withdrawn next month when BSIP money runs out for East Sussex County Council service.
- Year-end admin: updated Line Action Plan with details of Q4 activities and events, approval given by line chair and document submitted to SCRIP and GTR.
- Compiled quarterly line newsletter with news of CRN Awards, summary of community engagement and diary dates for coming year. Distributed to steering group members and line MPs.



North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading  
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A fantastic launch event at Farnborough North Station to celebrate the new artwork by students at The Sixth Form College, funded by GWR and facilitated by us. We followed up with cupcakes and tea at Reg's Garden and an opportunity to congratulate FSRA on their win at the CRN Awards for Significant Contribution to Community Rail and Bronze award for Best Community Engagement! What a week for positive news!

# Sussex Coast Line Hove to Littlehampton Lynda Spain Line Officer [lynda@southeastcrp.org](mailto:lynda@southeastcrp.org)

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- Uploaded some information about the Beyond the Rails Series 2 to our website and started preparing the monitoring report to CRN for their contribution towards the Activity Pack
- The joint Sussex Coast and Arun Valley Lines AGM was held at Edes House in Chichester, courtesy of West Sussex County Council. The group said their goodbyes to Cllr Kevin Boram who stood down as Chair of the Line Group and thanked him for all his hard work. Claire Clilverd from WSCC was elected as a new Vice Chair for Sussex Coast Line and we welcome her to the group. The Chair role remains vacant at the moment.
- Meetings with Northbrook College re the Goring-by-Sea gardening project and with Fishersgate Community Group re a potential partnership at Fishersgate Station
- Put the Shoreham Lions in touch with Hove YMCA re a joint book supply at Shoreham Station



# Sussex Downs Line Seaford to Brighton Michael Olden Line Officer [michael@southeastcrp.org](mailto:michael@southeastcrp.org)

- This week at Sussex Downs CRP we held a very successful AGM with a big thank you to the Brighton Toy & Model museum who hosted the event.
- This week we said goodbye and a very big thank you to the garden volunteers at Lewes station for keeping the station blossoming for 15 years. This small dedicated team are retiring to take on other projects. So, a big thank you to (picture L to R) Sarah Boughton, Jane Tyrer and Mary Saulter. Also, (not pictured) a big thank you to Gillian Ross who has been watering plants at the station every Sunday for many years.





# Uckfield - East Grinstead – Oxted & Ton - Reigate Samantha Lear Line Officer [samantha@southeastcrp.org](mailto:samantha@southeastcrp.org)



- Out on the sunny Uckfield & East Grinstead lines this week, welcoming new a partner, reaching out to Parish Councils and stepping back on the old patch.
- The new partner is called Step by Step School, and they will be joining the Steering Group, helping to celebrate Community Rail Week and looking after the planters at East Grinstead!
- These lines really are worth a visit, the history along in Edenbridge will keep you entertained for hours. See the WW2 Consol Shelter at Doggetts Barn, pictured.
- Don't forget you can still join the AGM for both lines on the 17<sup>th</sup> April.

# Windsor to Reading

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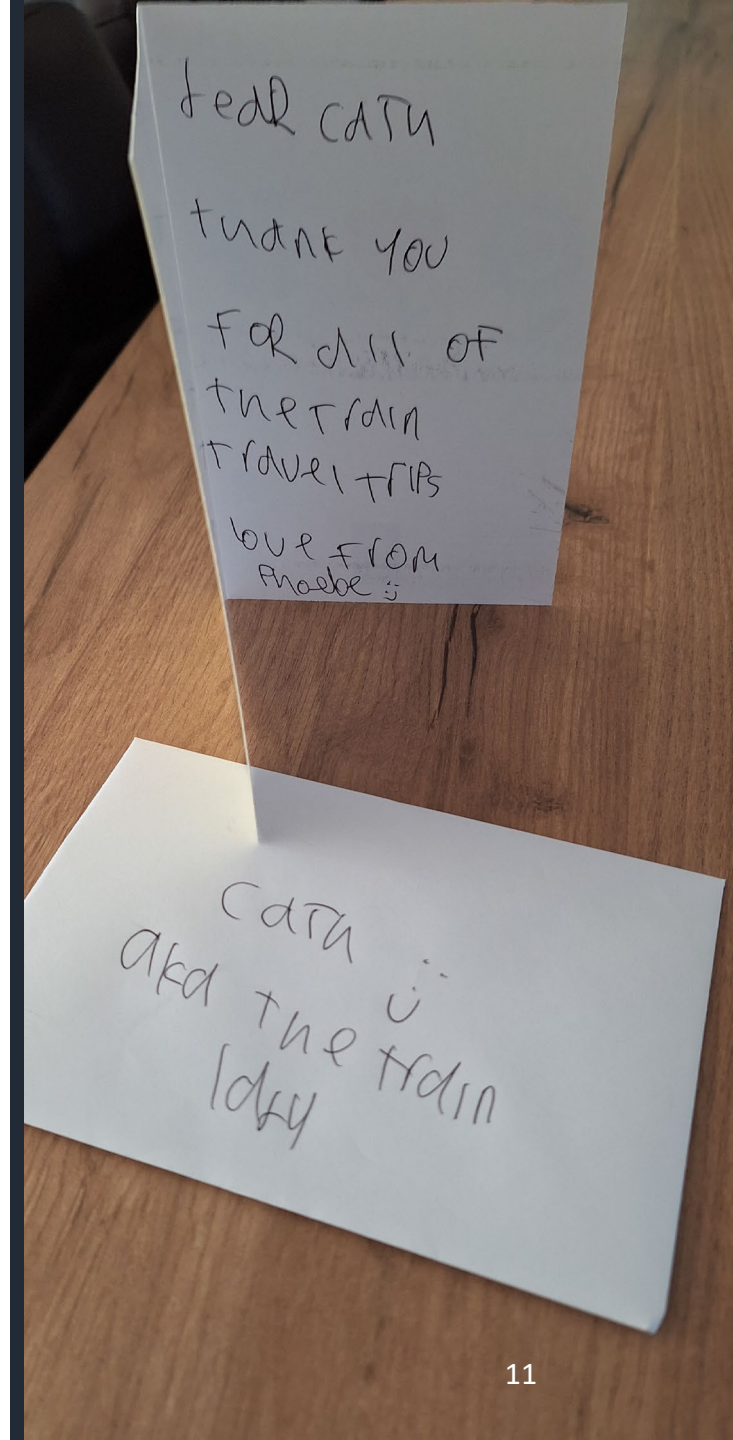
- This week I attended the CrossCountry conference at the wonderful National Railway Museum in York. We heard about CrossCountry's plans for the year ahead and discussed key topics including sustainability and the future of community rail. Was lovely to see many familiar faces.
- After attending the Community Rail Network Community Rail Awards in Derby where Wokingham station adopters Learning Disability Partnership Board won in the Railway 200 artwork at Wokingham in the Community Creative Projects and Station Art category, have been publicising this good news story.



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- This week I have been working with Northbrook College planning trips to London and to Portsmouth for the Travelling with Confidence Programme.
- I have been up to the Parliamentary rail safety event for the launch of GTR's rail safety video campaign.
- I worked with 3 classes ( 82 children ) from Hilltop Primary school in Crawley , running Rail safety workshops. ( Go Learn)
- I took a group of students from Chichester College to Portsmouth following a Planning a Journey workshop on a Try the Train trip. ( Go learn ) I was delighted to receive a thank you card from one of the students on last weeks trip.



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



- Ran the Travelling with Confidence (TwC) final trip for Addington School to London. Travelled up by train, used the Thames Clipper and returned on the tube back to Waterloo for the train home. 11 x students took part. Photo is of the new floor cleaner the group spotted at London Waterloo station!
- Ran a TwC final trip for The Oaks Specialist College to London. Travelled by train, Thames Clipper and tube before returning back to Kent. 10 x young people took part.
- Ran two station visits to Reading for Westende Junior School in Wokingham over 2 days. Took 30 x Year 6 pupils each day (60 in total).
- Delivered second TwC workshop for Halow Year AG to plan their future trips. 10 x young people based in Guildford.

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We have continued to celebrate the awards we won at the Community Rail event last week with social media pieces which focus on our partners.

And we have enjoyed receiving all the lovely pictures from the night, such as this one of Paul and our award for the Annual Review 2024-25 which took 3<sup>rd</sup> place the Most Effective Communications Campaign category.



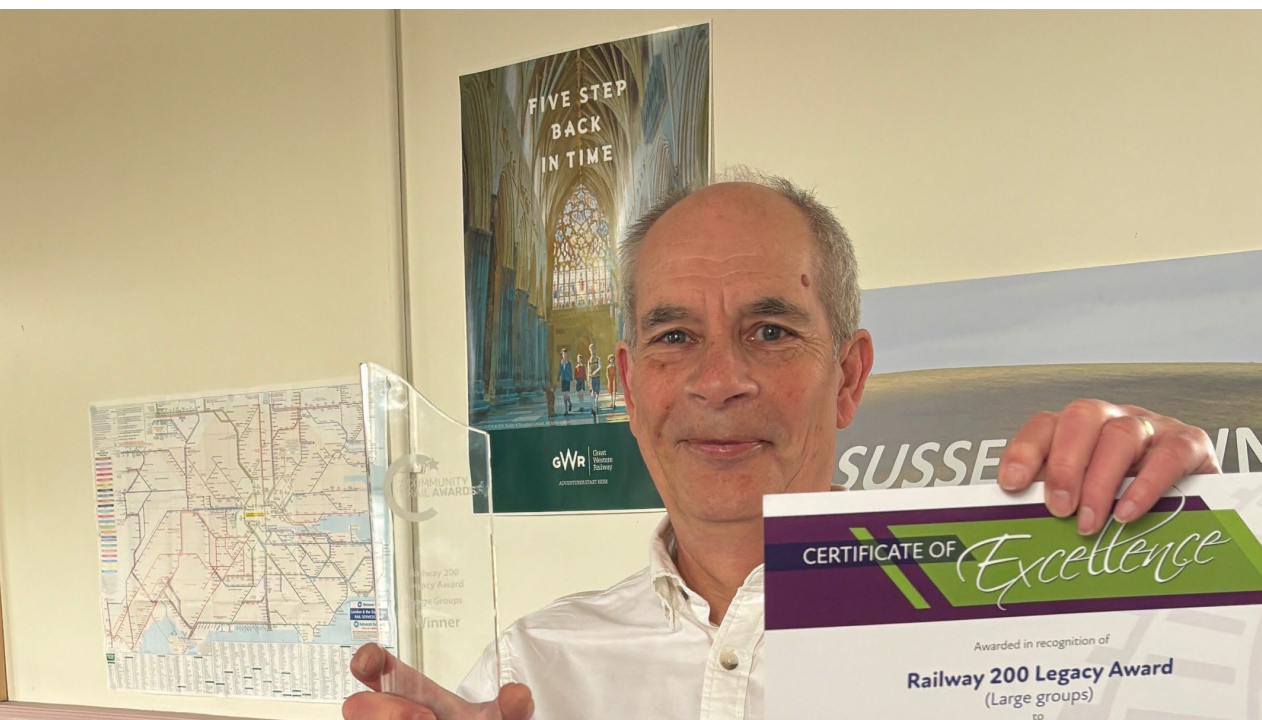
Sussex Coast, Arun Valley & Sussex Downs Lines Steering Groups celebrate our awards



Farnborough Street Residents Association with their award



Paul Bromley collected the certificate on behalf of the SCRP team.



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

Celebrating our national awards with some of the people behind the scenes who make it all possible,. L-R Kevin Boorman, Pawel from the Runaway Café, Tim Sparrow MBE, Tim Barkley Chair SCRП and Trevor Field who does so much to make sure we raise funds and keeps all the projects on budget and on time. The awards recognise all our staff and the many volunteers who support our work.