

Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

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1066: Hastings to Tonbridge

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- Its all systems go for the 1066/Marshlink AGM and 4 days aboard the Inspiration Train in Hastings. All happening next week!
- Thanks to Community Rail Network for approving our Small Grant application for a creative and fragrant planting project at Crowhurst Station. The Crowhurst Environmental Group have always done a great job of improving the station while looking after the natural environment. Thank you!
- Rail to Ramble is back! I am working with Tunbridge Wells Ramblers to put on a walk, with train travel included, in the Etchingam area on Sunday June 7th. Dogs welcome. These are some of the dog participants last year →
- We have a date for our celebration in honour of Etchingam Platelayer Joseph Weston. It is Saturday April 18th. We are expecting more than 30 people already, so please contact me if you would like to attend.



Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham

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The week kicked off with the R200 train arriving at Bognor Regis station on Monday. Greeted by VIPs including Bognor Mayor, Cllr Gill Yeates, the momentum built up with over 400 people visiting on Tuesday. Bognor was a late addition to the calendar of stops, and SCRП colleagues, with help from partners such as The Track, Bognor Museum, the Aldingbourne Trust and WhistlestopArts really pulled out all the stops to help showcase what we do locally.



Hounslow to Richmond
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Happily, our application to CRN for projects at St Margarets Station was successful. Thankyou CRN! The adoption group will be able to create new planters for platform 3.

Community Rail Network also approved our grant application for the 180th Birthday community art project for Mortlake Footbridge, matching SWR's contribution. Art students at Richmond Adult and Community College will create their own 'iterations' of drawings by young artists from Thompson House School, Mortlake.

A productive meeting with Sustainability and Community team at Kew Bridge Station to discuss future collaborations between SCRP, BFC and The Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew. We hope to get working with local school children at the station, to celebrate the diversity of 170 species of bee.

A week of organizing and preparation of a *Try The Train* next week to Brooklands Museum with young carers in Whitton, working with Gerald and Lilian from Community Transit CIC.



Gunnensbury Station by Mahla Costello, aged 15

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Main focus this week has been on Railway 200 Inspiration train.

Attended both days of visit to Lewes with Community Rail-themed box file model railway to provide extra engagement and additional SCRP activity.

Same again next week with four days at Hastings. I have edited and supplied a selection of SCRP videos to run on the big screen in the 4th carriage/Partner Zone.



North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading
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- Lovely sunshine for the first of our events with Surrey Coalition of Disabled People, exploring nature by rail from more isolated stations, funded by CRN. With art activities, tree ID tips from Blackwater Valley Countryside Trust, lemon drizzle cake, additional minibus help from Yelabus, and train tickets from GWR, it was a collaborative day to remember.

- Photos: members of Surrey Coalition of Disabled People exploring nature near Blackwater Station. Photos: SCRCP and CRN
- Next week: our AGM in Guildford. If anyone would like to join us, I can provide details.



Uckfield - East Grinstead – Oxted &
Ton - Reigate

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- Lovely spring images from Nutfield station.
- Volunteers are needed for Crowborough & East Grinstead station planters.
- Exploring Redhill Station Partner.
- Supporting SCRPs activity during the Exhibition Train, Inspiration visit to Lewes.
- Another reminder about the AGM for the Tonbridge and Uckfield & East Grinstead Lines AGM on 17th April. Please register interest by emailing me.





Windsor to Reading
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- The Inspiration Train, celebrating 200 years of the modern railway arrived at Kingston Station. This exhibition train allowed schools and members of the public the chance to understand the past, present and future of the railway.
- Meeting with Arty Class, a drawing and painting school for children in Wokingham and Reading, discussed ways we can work together.
- Good meeting with Talking Tree, generating ideas for biodiversity at the Staines community garden and plans for a bird project at stations.

Go Learn Education
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- Delivered a Planning a Journey workshop TwC to students from Angmering School. We will be taking the train to Brighton to go visit the Brighton and Hove bus hub.
- Delivered a rail safety lesson to Year 11 students at St Anthony's Special school . We were then given a station tour by Chichester's station manager.
- Delivered a planning a Journey workshop to students at Shoreham Brighton Forward- planning a trip to Gatwick



Go Train GWR Education
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- Took 9 x students from The Avenue Special School in Reading on a Try A Train trip to Slough to watch the IETs going fast through the station. GWR have just changed their travel pass system and now issue tickets with QR codes for everyone in the group. Photo is of the group carrying their own tickets!
- Delivered a Travelling with Confidence (TwC) trip for 7 x students at The Oaks College in Tonbridge. Took them to Gatwick Airport for the monorail and a quick tour.
- Delivered 'Planning Your Journey & Staying Safe' workshops at St. John's school in Reading. 30 x Year 6 pupils
- Delivered two station visits to Reading for St. John's School, with travel to Wokingham and back. 60 x Year 6 pupils over 2 days.

Marketing and Communications
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- Completed Modul 7 Social for Good, 'Paid Adverts'.
- Continued work on the Friends of Bishopstone & SCRП films.
- Continued work on Annual Review.
- Inspiration Social Media posts.



SCRIP CIC News

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

- Great support from the Aldingbourne Trust volunteers, when the Railway 200 Inspiration Train visited Bognor Regis station (right) & thanks to Lynda for helping during your vacation.
- Positive feedback from visitors & interaction with crew & visitors to the partner zone on the train.
- Travel with Confidence (TwC) Q1 meeting with CRN & delivery partners sharing very positive feedback on 2025 project results. Looking forward to further TwC delivery, feedback & evaluation during the rest of 2026. (Meeting joined with thanks to the Track at Bognor Regis station).

