

Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

DATE 10th April 2026



1066: Hastings to Tonbridge Kanna Ingleson, Line Officer kanna@southeastcrp.org

- I met with Station Manager Lee Malcolm and Supervisor Ian Johnson at Tonbridge. The idea was to have a look at their station gardening project and to agree the next stages of a new gardening project at High Brooms Station.
- Rail to Ramble – Save the date! On Sunday 24 May we will meet at Robertsbridge for the 10:05am train to Battle. The 6.5mile route will take us through Battle, across the magnificent countryside and back to Robertsbridge.
- I am happy to be doing this in partnership with Tunbridge Wells Ramblers. Train travel from Robertsbridge to Battle will be provided free of charge by Southeastern Rail.



Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham
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- It's always a pleasure to support Ally Neagen, editor of Departures magazine, published by GTR for GX and Thameslink passengers. The Spring edition has a beautiful display of Arundel Tulip festival on the front cover, with an article on page 30 mentioning volunteer group, Greening Arundel. Other attractions on the line are also promoted with full page advertisements, including Amberley Museum, and the Beyond the Rails podcasts and films. [Thameslink - Departures magazine](#).
- This week, Lynda and I had a catch-up meeting with Paddy Hawksworth, one of the West Coast Station Managers. It was nice to visit the station garden, looking fantastic in the sunshine.
- At a meeting with WhistlestopArts, Experience Sussex, Arun DC and Horsham DC, Southern Rail station staff were commended on their willingness to hand out the Sonnet Activity packs, with more stock needed at several stations on the line.



Hounslow to Richmond
Anna Stearman Line Officer
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- Anna is on leave this week –
- Can anyone guess the decade and the station on the Hounslow-Richmond Loop Line?

North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading
Line Officer:
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- Thanks to Rushmoor Green Community for the lovely Green Fringe Festival poster; this has been part-funded by CRN and incorporates lots of events in green spaces by railway lines including nature walks and a treasure hunt.
- Rushmoor Green Community represents green spaces, community gardens, and environmental initiatives in and around Rushmoor, supporting local sustainability, biodiversity, and community engagement. The Green Fringe Festival will celebrate local green projects and encourage wider community involvement, showcasing a vibrant mix of artists, performers, and nature enthusiasts as they work their magic in local green spaces.
- This week I have also been organising our final event with Surrey Coalition of Disabled People in Shalford next week which I am looking forward to. I have also been trying to sort out water butts for Chilworth and Shalford Stations now that the warmer, drier weather is here.



Green Fringe Festival

16TH-31ST MAY

Positively connecting communities with their surrounding green spaces through sustainable travel and participation in local activities

JOIN THE GREEN FRINGE HUNT

Explore Nature, Solve Clues, & Enter to Win!

FULL LIST OF EVENTS!

To find out more and see the full list of events and activities, visit: www.rvs.org.uk/green-fringe-festival

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Activities for all ages | Music | Painting | Crafts | Performances | Guided Walks | Work Parties



RUSHMOOR Voluntary Services
Local support for local people

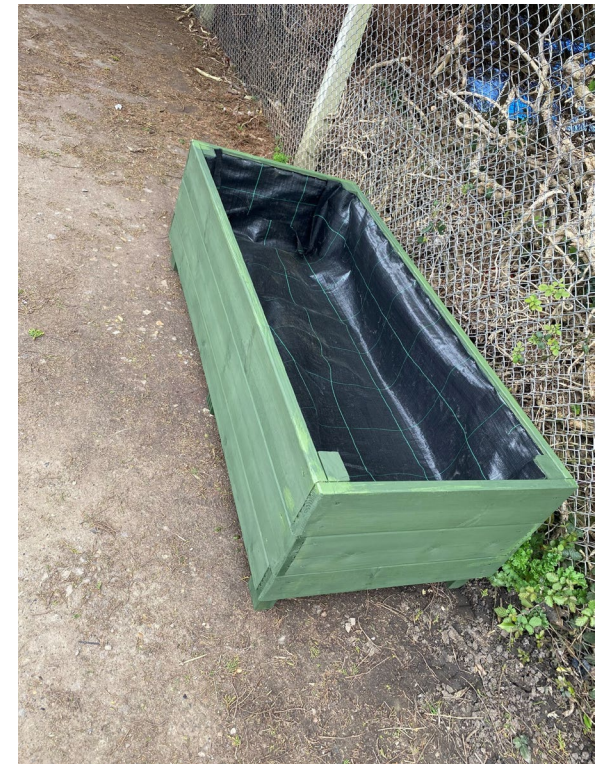
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Sussex Coast
Line Hove to Littlehampton
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- Many thanks to the Worthing Men in Sheds who have built the most fabulous planters for Goring by Sea Station. The students from Northbrook College will be planting them up soon! [Men In Sheds Worthing – “Building friendships, sharing skills, and crafting with purpose – a welcoming space for all in Worthing.”](#)
- Catch up meeting with GTR Station Manager, Paddy, to agree the draft Activity Plan for the line in the year ahead
- Finalised the CRN Monitoring Report for the funding we achieved for the Beyond the Rails Activity Packs. The team has had to revisit stations on several occasions as GTR station staff have given out so many packs during the holidays. Great feedback from both staff and users so far
- Lots coming up at Hove Station and a new potential partner with YMCA book shop in Hove who are providing books for the new bookcase



Sussex Downs Line Seaford
to Brighton
Michael Olden Line Officer
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- The urgency of recruiting new volunteers for Lewes station's gardening group became concrete this week as I stepped in to water the numerous planters dotted around the station.
- I also visited the London Road Gardeners to see their apple trees blossom (see picture).



Uckfield - East Grinstead –
Oxted & Ton - Reigate
Samantha Lear Line Officer
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- ***Easter Break until 13th April***
- Don't forget the joint Uckfield & East Grinstead and Tonbridge Lines AGM on the **17th April** between **11.15 and 13.15**.

The meeting can be attended in person at The Eden Centre, Edenbridge or online via the Teams meeting link (email me for details).



Windsor to Reading
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- This week I have enjoyed planning a trip to Windsor Castle with our Afghan Women's group as part of a Travel with Confidence experience. The group are keen to learn how to navigate train travel and very excited to visit the castle.
- Liaising with Station Adopters Egham Museum regarding upcoming community event at The Literary Institute.
- Also making plans with Egham Museum for its 170th birthday and delving into the collection for inspiration.

The background of the slide is a dense pattern of colorful Easter eggs in various shades including pink, yellow, light blue, and green. The eggs are arranged in a somewhat regular grid but with some overlapping, creating a vibrant and festive texture.

Marketing and Communications
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Easter Break till 13th April

SCRP CIC News

Fiona Morton CEO, Trevor Field Finance Officer

- Our success at CRN Awards generates lots of inquiries from other CRPs about our work. Happy to help.
- Dropping off equipment to officers had the chance to view stunning mural at St Leonards and meet the staff at the Clifton Centre who have done so much to improve the station environment. The garden, maintained by Transition Town Hastings, looking glorious in the spring sunshine.
- Looking to next financial year and preparing our budget so we can continue to support initiatives lie these.

