

Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

DATE 17th April 2026

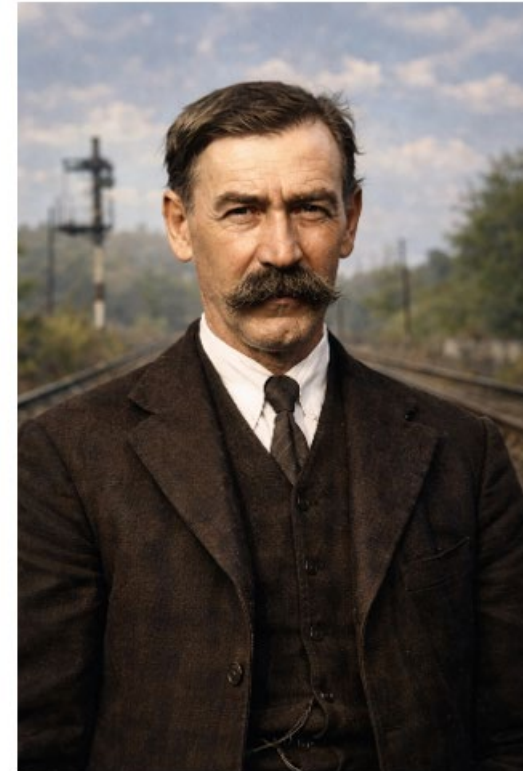


1066: Hastings to Tonbridge

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- On Tuesday May 26th Hastings Friary Gardeners will travel to Robertsbridge Station to refresh all the boxes and planters with stock they have raised from seed. This annual event was started by my predecessor Andy Pope.
- How we measure the success of our tourism projects and initiatives can be difficult, especially as success can mean different things to different people. Alex Peel, Training & Development Coordinator at Community Rail Network encouraged us to especially consider what part of any success can be attributed to SCRP, especially when we are partnering with others.
- Tomorrow I will be attending the VIP Day at Robertsbridge Station, and on Saturday I will be hosting a celebration of the life of Platelayer Joseph Weston at Etchingam Station.

Community Celebration
Etchingam Station
Saturday April 18th, 2026



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Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham

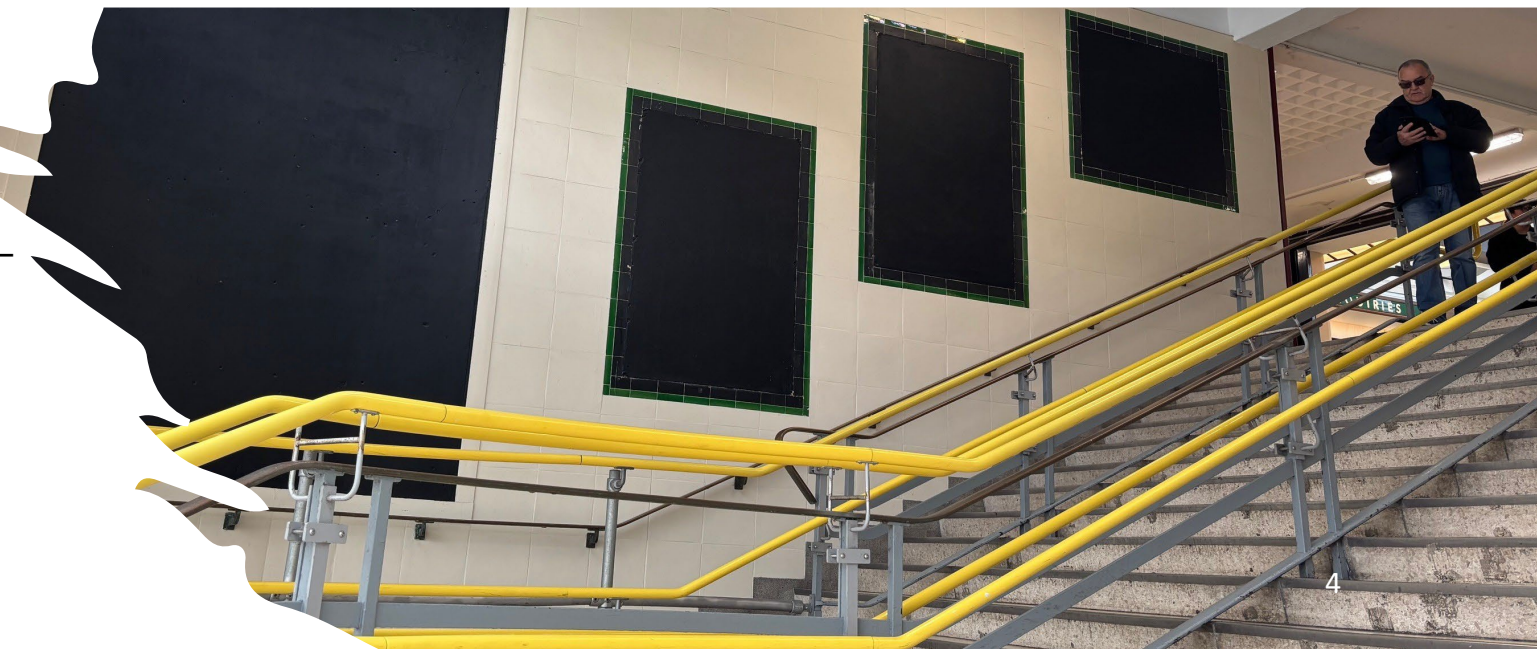
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- Submitted my contribution for the Annual Review, with Sam's help
- A clear up of the Pulborough base, with 4 large Correx artboards being offered to the QE2 school for reuse. Just have to work out the delivery logistics now.
- Pulborough Signal Box licence still not agreed, as there are a few outstanding issues to settle. But it was exciting to watch the tree surgeons recently, next to the signal box. This photo was taken last month, as tree work has to stop now, for nesting priorities.
- Met via Teams with Tracy Jarvis, GTR and Paul Bromley, Line Officer for the Marshlink line, to discuss promoting local walks to support GTR MIND initiative.



Hounslow to Richmond
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- There's nothing like a blank canvas! Ideas meeting with Angela Ivy & and lots of research for themes for possible new art installation at **Richmond Station**.
- **Whitton Station** has been adopted by TRANSIT COMMUNITY SUPPORT CIC. *Congratulations!* The adopters are excited to meet Manoj, their station manager, and planning their first project.
- New planters at **Kew Bridge Station** are looking good with tulips in Brentford colours. Meeting with James from BFC Sustainability, for their next project, involving Kew Gardens and local schools.
- Meeting with Michelle from Thriving Communities Fund about our EOI for **Hounslow Station**.
- Meetings & design sessions with Thompson House School, and RHACC for the **Mortlake Station** artwork – the images are almost ready to scan, & site visit planned for installation.
- Land registry, maps, plans and images research for St Margarets Station, & proposals submitted to NR and SWR property team regarding new community projects at **St Margarets Station** and **Isleworth Station**.



Marshlink Hastings-Ashford International
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**ONE DAY.
MILLIONS OF
JOURNEYS.**

**Join the world on
17 April 2026 as
we celebrate public
transport and how
it connects us –
to work, to life,
to each other.**

#WorldPublicTransportDay

Lots of excitement and people out at stations on our lines when steam train Eddystone visited with the Sussex Belle charter service. Pic taken at Eastbourne station.

I have supported active and sustainable transport groups who are celebrating World Public Transport Day (Friday 17 April) with preparations for events. I will be with Eastbourne Area Bus User Group.

Otherwise, week has been dominated by loos and litter!

Loos – helped Rye chamber of commerce with information about public toilets opposite Rye station

Litter – helped station groups who have been dealing with GTR over removal of litter bins at unstaffed stations

North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading
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Our final event with Surrey Coalition of Disabled People took place in Shalford this week, with members travelling from Redhill and Guildford to take part in our Explore Nature by Train project funded by DfT through CRN. The sun shone and we were able to enjoy the mighty oak trees of Shalford and create a lovely collaborative artwork which will be used to promote the project.

Other news: I had a nice sighting of the Sussex Belle steam train coming through Lewes; and I visited Windsor Castle supporting colleague Sandy on the Windsor to Reading line with a group of Afghan women.

Photo: Jasmine from SCDP and artist Gemma
photo SCRIP



Sussex Downs Line Seaford to Brighton

Michael Olden Line Officer

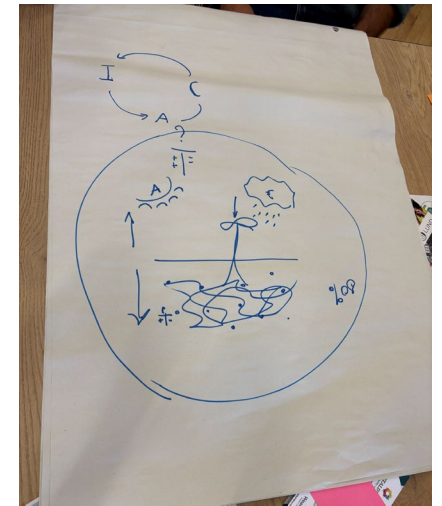
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- Met up with Rob Whitehead this week to talk through projects on the Sussex Downs Line
- The Toy Museum submitted a small grants application to CRN this week to fund cleaning up the Trafalgar Street with a new mural to cover a very tired span of the underpass (see picture).
- Finalising arrangements for a Try the Train trip with the Early Childhood Project in Brighton.
- Finished off my case study for the SCRP website.



Uckfield - East Grinstead –
Oxted & Ton - Reigate
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- Artwork for Reigate platform shelter has been delivered to the station for installation.
- Attended the Wealden Climate Change and Nature Community Network launch. A truly inspiring event!
- Final discussions and preparations made for the Crowborough mural application. Art workshop being held this Saturday.



Windsor to Reading

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- What a lovely day in the sunshine we had this week at Windsor Castle with our friends, the Afghan Women's group. We travelled from Staines to Windsor & Eton Riverside as part of a travel with confidence trip. We watched the changing of the guard before entering and touring Windsor Castle. After lunch and cakes, we strolled around Windsor. In the five years the group has been in the UK, they said they have not felt like they had enjoyed England so much before. A great time had by all and plans to have more trips in the future.



Go Learn Education
 Cath Reed Education Officer
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- Working with two classes of Year 10 students (25 students) on a TwC planning a journey session. We discussed taking the train and the bus and planned a journey to Bognor using National Rail and Stagecoach apps.
- Attended a Junior Citizen event at Goodwood Racecourse, running a safety on the Railway session with Ross Evans (GTR) and Nick Turner (Network Rail) 45 Year 6 pupils

George 13/4/20
 My train and bus journey planner to Bognor

Getting there

Starting station	Chichester Plat	How many stops are there?	10
Destination station	Bognor	What time does the train leave?	10:14
What time do you need to leave to catch the train?	10:15	What time does the train arrive?	10:35
Will you need to change trains?	Yes/No	What is the cost of your ticket?	£8.40

Returning

Starting bus stop	Gloucester rd	How many stops are there?	24
Destination bus stop	Chichester	What time does the bus leave?	13:05
What time do you need to leave to catch the bus?	13:05	What time does the bus arrive?	13:41
Will you need to change buses?	Yes/No	What is the cost of your ticket?	£3:00

Check list- make a list of the things you will need:

Dorsetham Plat form 3 water tickets money
 bus pass



Students from St Anthony's Special School filling in their Journey Planner For our TwC trip to Bognor



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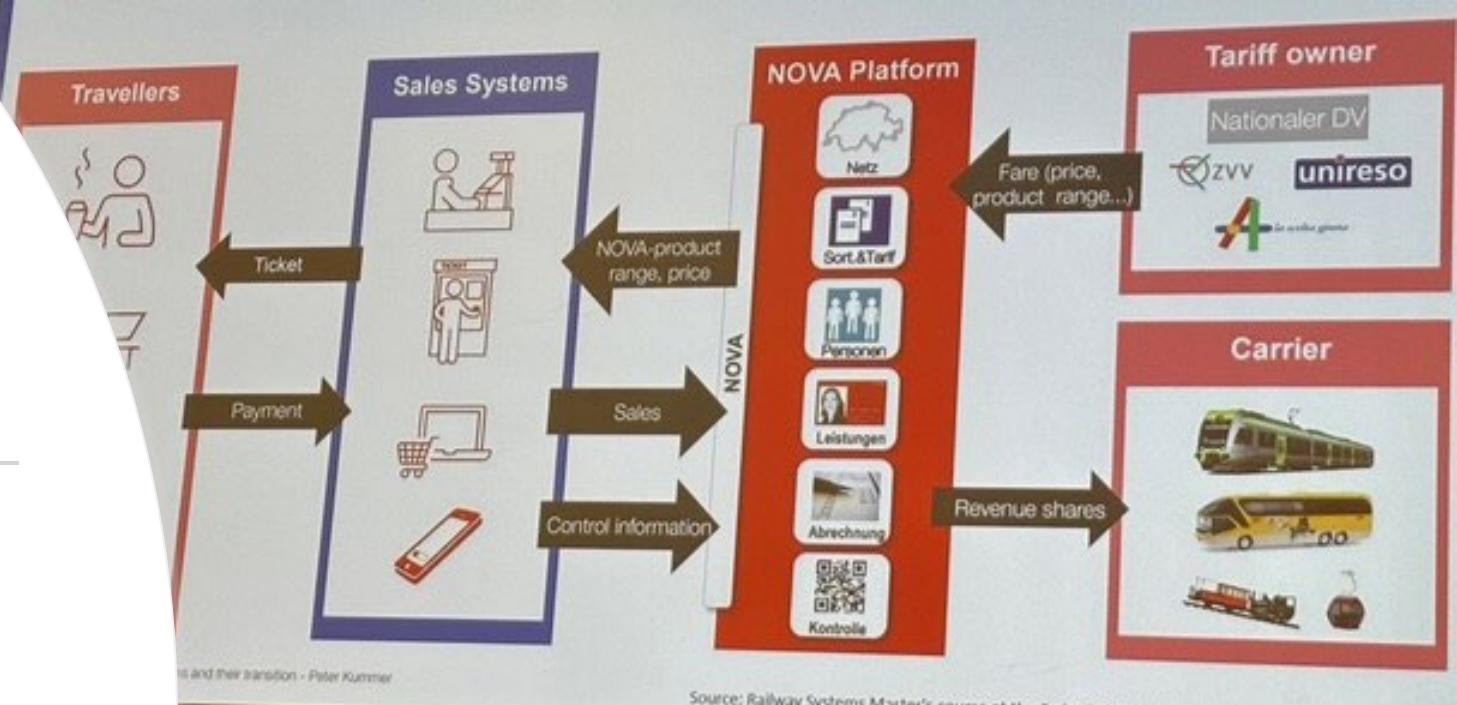
- The Annual Review has been finalised and will be available from the 24th April.
- Board report for SCRP CIC has been completed.
- Plans for Community Rail Week started (1st June).

2025-26
Annual Review

SCRIP CIC News

Fiona Morton CEO, Trevor Field
Finance Officer

- Working towards the 30th April 2026 submission deadline to expedite Annex B forms for completed CRDF funded projects.
- Completed financial transactions for the year ended 31st March 2026.
- Draft Budget for 2026-2027 with the latest core funding information.
- Attended Rail Summit. Presentations by Steve White SER, Alex Hynes CEO DFTO, Marie Daly Transport for Wales, Tracy Brabin Mayor of West Yorkshire and Sam Turner SWR show how they are well on the way to making GBR and devolution work.



Community Rail Development Post Project Evaluation