

Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

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1066: Hastings to Tonbridge

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- Met with Hastings Borough Council who have invited us to partner with them on a heritage trail from Hastings Station to Hastings Castle. The trail will include attractions along the way, including the Hastings Tapestry which will be on display in the Town Hall. Paul Bromley joined the meeting in which we discussed the possibility of match funding.
- OneYou have confirmed dates for free health checks at two of the 1066 stations. They were fully-subscribed last year. We are optimistic that we can do the same again this year. Dates are Etchingham: Mon 10th Aug, Thurs 27th Aug. Robertsbridge: Mon 3rd Aug, Thurs 20th Aug. All will be between 3 and 7pm from a mobile clinic in the station car park.
- Next week we will be picking up abandoned bikes (see right) from Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge for a bike workshop project by a number of stakeholders including Kent Police. Part of the objective is to reduce anti-social behaviour at High Brooms Station and surrounding area.





Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham
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- SCRP helped to fund planter plaques for the Aldingbourne Trust at stations on the Arun Valley Line. This will help the SQR (Service Quality Regime) team to identify which planters are 'officially' recognised.
- I accompanied a group of SEND learners from Brinsbury college on a station visit to Horsham, where the staff went over and above to show them around (including a visit into a train driver's cab).
- Ifield new station partners held a community and residents' open afternoon. Susy radio (103.4) did some interviews, to be broadcast on Clive Hilton's Sunday brunch between 10.00 and 12.00 . [Clive Hilton | SUSY Radio](#)



Hounslow to Richmond
Anna Stearman Line Officer
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- Lots of site visits this week, at Richmond, Whitton, St Margarets, Barnes and Mortlake stations.
- At Whitton Station, the new adoption group met the friendly SWR staff Manoj and Juno, who are excited to collaborate in community projects and full of sustainability ideas and experience with community engagement projects.
- Continued design, print and production work towards art installations at Mortlake and Richmond.



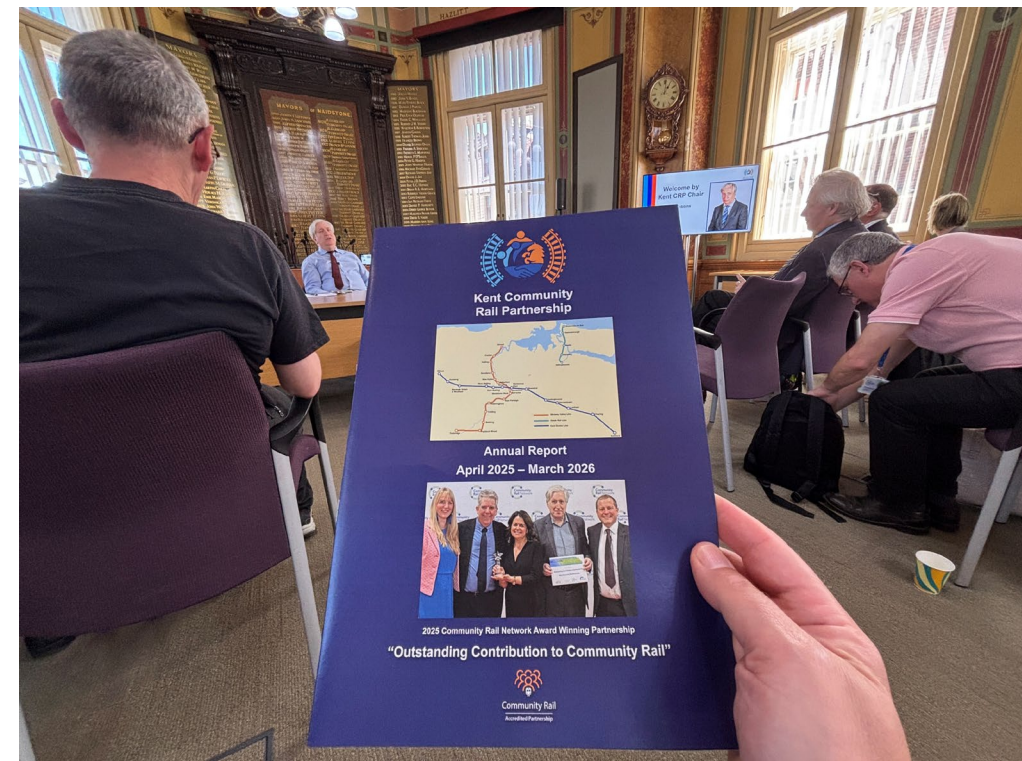
Marshlink Hastings-Ashford
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I took a trip to Maidstone via the full length of the Marshlink line to attend Kent CRP's stakeholder event.

It was a chance to swap Annual Reports as I picked up the document about Kent CRP's activities and was able to give copies of SCRP's report to their line officers, CRN representatives as well as South Eastern Railway, Explore Kent and Walk Wheel Cycle Trust.

We collaborate with Kent CRP on some activities, and our lines join at both Ashford International and Tonbridge stations.

I've also sent the Annual Review pdf to all members of the Marshlink steering group and MPs with constituencies on the line.



North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading
Line Officer:
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Trevor helped me complete the CRDF Annex B for the Surrey Coalition project. The project has been a real eye-opener in how difficult it is to access countryside from more rural stations if you have a disability; so many of the issues are actually outside the station such as lack of dropped kerbs, uneven pathways, poor road crossings etc. The project also used minibuses, taxis and wheeling and walking. The posters we have created highlighting these issues will be displayed at stations and videos of our trips will be shared on social media and on website soon.

We had a staff meeting to share good practice; it was good to see variety of everyone's projects.

I am still trying to find a blacksmith to help with a project at North Camp. If anyone knows anything about this metal sculpture at Basingstoke Station: who created it etc, please let me know.

- Photos: SCRP



Explore Nature by Rail

Explore Nature by Rail, a series of days out on the North Downs Line, was organised by Surrey Coalition of Disabled People and Southeast Communities Rail Partnership to highlight what it is really like travelling by rail in the countryside for Disabled people.

Below are some of their responses

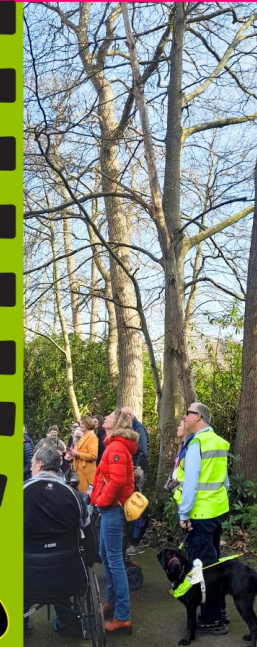
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Special assistance was excellent and they met me at the station with a ramp.

I would have liked to have come over today on the train. But the station isn't wheelchair accessible on one side of the platform.

Feel better in myself being outside and having a wander around.

When the ramp was attached there wasn't much room to turn to get onto the ramp.



Sussex Coast
Line Hove to Littlehampton
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- The Annual Review was sent to the Steering Group members, and I got some very positive responses
- We are organising a launch event for the Supajam College photography exhibition at Hove Station on 4th June as part of Community Rail Week. This will be a celebration of the student's work and Community Rail in Action. Please let me know if you would like to attend.
- I met with Fiona and Trevor to brainstorm a possible funding application to the Lottery Environment Fund. This would support all existing and new gardening groups across the SCRП patch.
- Project Group meeting with Friends of Southwick Station
- Meeting with GTR about the Social Value calculator and how we can tweak the design of the Sussex Coast Your Community Cares Campaign for 2026 to get an accurate social value calculation

Photo: Beautiful display at Lancing Station from Keep Lancing Lovely



Uckfield - East Grinstead – Oxted &
Ton - Reigate
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- Meeting with So Sussex to explore leisure and tourism opportunities, nature restoration and increasing community voice in the perfect setting (pictured)
- Finalising details for 2 upcoming Try the Train trips with local groups
- Taking part in the community voice focus group meeting with Community People
- 2 great opportunities to come together with SCRP team



Windsor to Reading

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- This week I attended a Georgian-inspired afternoon tea for residents of Rivermead Court care home in Egham and Augustus House residential homes in Virginia Water, hosted by Egham Museum at The Literary Institute.
- There were Georgian-inspired activities for residents to try, a short talk about the period in the local area and music from the period. Staff wore Georgian-inspired outfits to create and there were displays from items in the collection.

It was a really enjoyable afternoon and a lovely opportunity for residents to socialise, reminisce about local history, and enjoy a change of scenery.



Go Learn Education
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- Ran a travelling with Confidence trip to London with Northbrook College Students (14 participants) We took the train up to London Victoria then the students led the way to find the correct tube line to take us to Oxford Circus. We walked down to Trafalgar Square . From there we caught the Number 24 bus back to Victoria.



Go Train GWR Education Maddy Mills Education Officer maddy@southeastcrp.org

- Delivered a Try a Train workshop to 14 students at East Surrey College.
- Took a group 10 x students from East Surrey College on a Try a Train trip from Redhill to Reading using the new GWR tickets - see photo!
- Delivered a Travelling with Confidence (TwC) trip for HALOW BG. 10 x young people used the train, tram and tube all in one day. Travelled from Guildford to Wimbledon to Ikea Croydon (for lunch!) and then took the tube from Wimbledon to London Victoria.
- Delivered a TwC workshop and trip for 7 x young people from HALOW AW. Travelled from Woking to Wimbledon to watch the trams and tubes!

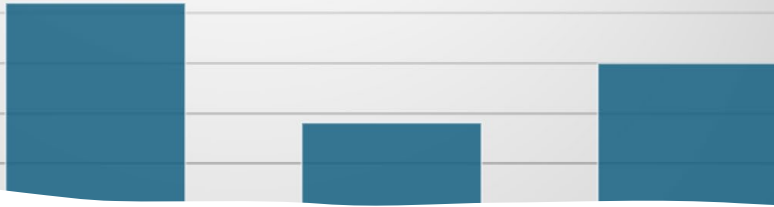




Marketing and Communications
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- The official launch of the Annual Review 2025-26 took place at an event on Friday 24th April (pictured).
- This has now been followed up by a mail out to partners.
- If you don't receive a hard copy in the next week or so and would like to please email me.

Core funding by TOC per line 2026-2027



SCRIP CIC News

Fiona Morton CEO, Trevor Field Finance Officer

- Research into funding for environmental and integrated transport projects
- End of year budget planning and HR responsibilities.
- Claiming funds from CRN for completed projects

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