

Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

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1066: Hastings to Tonbridge

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- Hastings Friary gardeners once again worked their magic by planting up the platform planters and station frontage at Robertsbridge with stock that they have grown themselves. Thanks also to Station Manager Harry Stevens and Station Master Ross Browning for welcoming the gardeners and serving them refreshments in the heat.
- This years' Rail to Ramble took us on a 6.5 mile walk through some magnificent countryside between Battle and Robertsbridge. This was in partnership with Tunbridge Wells Ramblers.
- I met new councillors at High Brooms at a drop-in hosted by Kent Police. This was an opportunity for anyone to bring their community-related questions or concerns. I am actively working with SER and the community to try and reduce anti-social behaviours at High Brooms station.
- Steve Crowley from Hastings Station has reworked the station garden at High Brooms. He levelled out the area before securely installing planters he made from sleepers, along with another four that have previously been donated. Thank you Steve! The ball is now in our court to get some funding to plant it up.



Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham

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Planning with Arun and Horsham councils, who are kindly supporting SCRP at Gatwick airport's staff sustainable travel event next week.

I was contacted by the director of Tracing the Rails®, a not-for-profit documentary series exploring the history of the former Steyning Line in West Sussex. We'll meet next month to discuss how our mutual areas and how to help each other.

Setting up meetings and discussions with Bognor Regis BID, GTR and Aldingbourne Planting Team as part of the plan to improve the station forecourt area.

Sometimes it's good to visit the bookings hall, just to check your next journey times. (*Arundel station, photo credit, K Murray*).



Hounslow to Richmond
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- Site visits this week at Hounslow and Feltham, with Jennie Tweedy from Feltham Arts, Louise Briggs from Cultivate London and Grant from Hounslow Regeneration Team.
- Proposal for Richmond Station Art Gallery underway, with support from our volunteer, Genny.
- Work towards grant applications and permissions for projects at St Margarets, Mortlake and Feltham.
- Catch ups with Fiona, Kanna and Rowena from SCRP, David from SWR and James from Brentford Football Club.



A passenger enjoying the new history board at Feltham



Grant McClements and Louise Briggs at Hounslow Station



With Jennie Tweedy at Feltham Station

North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading
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- Fantastic news at the start of the week that our second bid to CRDF for the Rushmoor Green Fringe Festival has been successful! The event programme is already underway, full of lovely creative happenings. Each event has opportunity for feedback included and will help create substantial reporting to demonstrate the success and reach of the festival.
- Prepared for a workshop this Saturday as part of a community engagement at North Camp Station. Nature themed artworks will be exhibited next week at the West End Centre in Aldershot, all inspiring our underpass project.
- Planning for our Community Rail Week events on the NDL: launch of a car-free travel map at Crowthorne, launch of Whistlestop Arts new podcast featuring NDL in Dorking, and also the official opening of the Farnborough North footbridge and lifts: all encouraging Journeys for All!!
- A site visit with Harry Riley Network Rail to Chilworth looking at location for a wooden lectern which will display our new illustrated car free map.

Photo: artwork by Claire Watson for Chilworth Station



Sussex Coast
Line Hove to Littlehampton
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- After a plea to the Goring Residents Association, Keith offered to donate some topsoil for the new planters at Goring Station (photo is Keith delivering to the station). Hottest day of the year so many thanks to Keith for doing most of the donkey work! Northbrook Students will be planting on 4th June as part of Community Rail Week.
- Keep Lancing Lovely have done sterling work at the station with a wonderful display of blooms (see photo))



Sussex Downs Line Seaford to Brighton Michael Olden Line Officer michael@southeastcrp.org

- I had a catch up with Lucy Lile, vice chair of Sussex Downs CRP, keeping her up to date with what's been happening along the line.
- Met up with the gardening group at London Road station to admire the progress of their pocket garden and to catch up with dates in June for their open days as part of Brighton & Hove's Community Garden Month (see picture).
- I spent a sweltering afternoon watering the garden and planters at Lewes station.
- A big thank you to Andy Gardner, station manager for Brighton, for sorting out rail tickets for tomorrow's Try the Train with the men's group from Bishopstone station.



Uckfield - East Grinstead –
Oxted & Ton - Reigate
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- Its half term this week so there will be short pause in work on the lines.
- I will return on 3rd June.



Windsor to Reading Sandy Mahon, Line Officer sandy@southeastcrp.org

- Filming underway for Instagram reel about the history of Egham Station. Hopefully the start of a wider project along the line.
- Preparing and circulating papers for our upcoming steering group meeting.
- Updating project summary spreadsheet on drive.
- Starting CRDF applications.





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Keep an eye on
<https://communityrail.org.uk/activities/>

And our social media pages for upcoming Community
Rail Week activity

SCRCP CIC News

Fiona Morton CEO, Trevor Field Finance Officer

- Lots of grant money being collected after successful completion of several major projects
- Meeting with DfT to work out a plan to have some consistency over core funding, KPIs and social value.
- Meeting with SER to look ahead and discuss ideas about three-year budgets and a strategy to support community rail.
- Discussion with Optalis to continue adapt award winning work on travel ambassadors with more groups

