

Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

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1066: Hastings to Tonbridge

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- Met with Station Manager Damien Collyer and local film-maker and digital storyteller Jeanne Pope (pic right). Jeanne produced the excellent history display boards in the waiting room at Tunbridge Wells Station. She will be doing something similar for us at Etchingham featuring Platelayer Joseph Weston. Our hope is that this will be the start of a much longer collaboration documenting and celebrating British Rail History.
- Completed a 10K in-kind match-funding application for the Hastings Station to Castle Heritage Trail. This is in partnership with Hastings Borough Council.
- Delivered leaflets promoting free station health checks to the ticketing halls at Battle, Robertsbridge and Etchingham.



Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham

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- This week, I had several requests from new contacts, some came via our own website, which was good to hear.
- From those conversations:

I was able to help a former active CRP chair from Kent who has moved to be near her family, to consider ways of bringing her knowledge and experience to her new area.

I had discussions with staff at one of the smaller stations on the line, with a date in the diary set for next week to meet a potential new volunteer

I heard about a former station master's house, now inhabited by a local resident, who is keen to explore its history

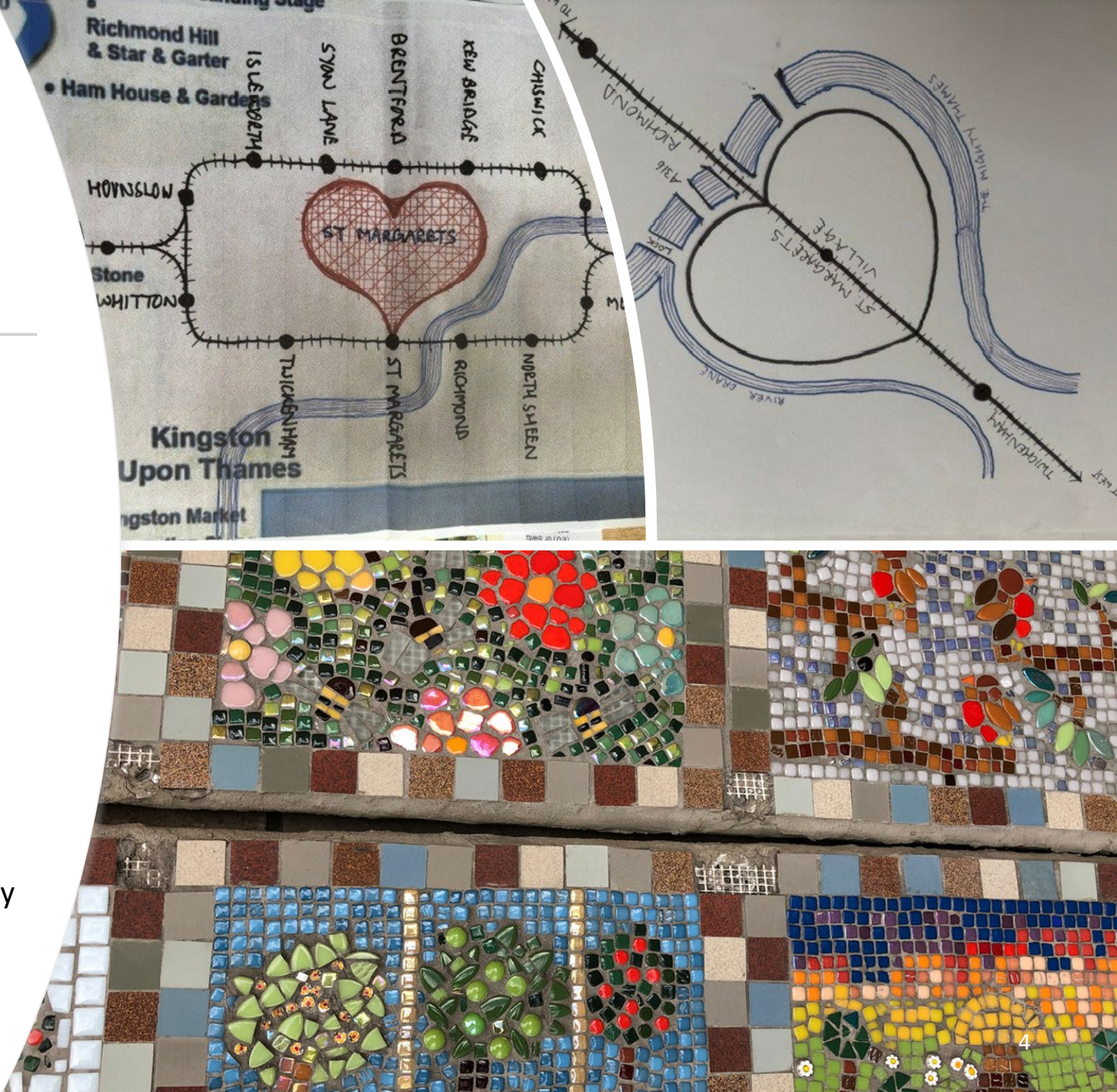
I hope to have encouraged representation from a City Council at our Arun Valley Steering Group, which had dropped off in recent times

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. At the top, there is a toolbar with icons for 'Take control', 'Pop out', 'Chat', 'People', 'Raise', 'React', 'View', 'Polls', 'More', 'Camera', 'Microphone', 'Share', and 'Leave'. Below the toolbar is a gallery of participants' video feeds. The main content area displays a slide with the title 'CRO networking' in large blue font. In the top right corner of the slide is the 'Community Rail Network' logo. The central feature is a pie chart divided into seven segments, each with a label: 'Mutual support' (green), 'Explore ideas' (purple), 'Celebrate success' (pink), 'Share learning and learn together' (yellow), 'Ask questions' (teal), 'Navigate change' (dark blue), and 'Gain perspectives' (magenta). At the bottom of the slide, there is a green progress bar with four blue dots.

A very useful networking session for CR officer, run by CRN on Thursday.

Hounslow to Richmond
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- Steering Group Meeting in Hounslow, with new partners from First Rail and Turner's House.
- Meetings with SWR – Hounslow Sensory Garden project
- Planning for Richmond Community Art Gallery
- Presentation about Community Rail, voluntary organisations and community made for Year 6
- Map-making workshops with Orleans Primary School and St Stephens Primary School for St Margarets Heritage map project, with the help of volunteer art teacher, Will Parker.
- Volunteers in St Margarets full of ideas in discussions over how to create the map
- Planning for St Margarets 150 in October – Lord Hendy and his bus may attend...



Marshlink Hastings-Ashford International Paul Bromley Line Officer paul@southeastcrp.org

I've been working with GTR on providing a case study for their forthcoming Social Impact Report. The Winchelsea station group's updated map and leaflet promoting businesses and attractions within walking and cycling distance of the station is likely to feature.

A social media post marking the 119th birthday of Three Oaks and Doleham stations led to a nice comment being left by a regular user of Three Oaks station who said travelling by train was "better than having to drive and pay for parking". Comment has been passed on to GTR.

This week I also held a catch-up meeting with the coast path station-to-station walks project team while awaiting the outcome of our funding application.



John Spencer from Winchelsea Station Partnership Group with travel map © Paul Bromley for SCRP



Paul F. Thompson · 22h

I use Three Oaks often. Being so close to home and with senior fares being so reasonable it is better than having to drive and pay for parking.



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The Night Angels

- The Night Angels launched in Stroud in 2023
- Gloucester Night Angels launched in 2024
- Swindon Night Angels launched in 2026
- The Night Angels are a team of women, who patrol every Friday and Saturday night, from 11pm, until 4am
- They are trained in first aid, FREC, mental health first aid, GDASS, SARC, and many more, including training provided by the police, GWR and The Samaritans
- They carry a wide range of equipment, from water and sweets, to life saving naloxone and defibrillators
- They ensure vulnerable women get home safely after a night out



North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading
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- At the GWR Community Rail conference last week there was a presentation by Chrissie Lowery who set up Night Angels, a volunteer women's safety patrol that operates in Gloucester city centre to support vulnerable people on stations at night. It was a very inspiring and moving presentation. It has grown to operate in other city centres and had GWR CCIF funding to set up Train Angels.
- Martin Knowles chaired his first Steering Group meeting in Sandhurst and despite the heat and train cancellations it was a very good meeting! Lots of interesting conversations and input from partners about all our community projects. We also talked about diversifying our funders to gain additional funds for exciting new ideas.
- Our Steering Group meeting in Sandhurst attracted some new attendees from the local council, Bracknell Forest Council and a potential volunteer for a new station group. There is scope at the station for an art project and management of the lovely vegetation on the bank below the platforms.
- Photos: Sandhurst Station; Night Angels GWR Community Rail Conference photos: SCRP

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

- Lewes stations new volunteer gardener, Bee Simmons has started clearing weeds from the nursery beds (see photo: before and after). Bee will be splitting her time over Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sunday mornings and has already made an impact with the staff and garden.



Uckfield - East Grinstead – Oxted &
Ton - Reigate

Samantha Lear Line Officer

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- After a largely admin focused week, finalising papers for upcoming meetings, risk assessments etc it was pleasure to get out and about in Sheffield Park today with their Volunteer and Engagement Officer, who was keen to explore links to local communities, volunteers and those who might not be able to access the gardens. We were able to identified some quick wins, such as improving the information that exists around bus services.
- I was also pleased to confirm our upcoming work with East Sussex Libraries to support families in signing up for the summer reading challenge at Uckfield station on the 20th July.
- And to book our next Try the Train with The Oaks Specialist College for early next term.



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Sheffield Park & Garden



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

- Painting has started on the mural at Bridge Road in Ashford which is exciting.
- Met with fellow CRP officers in Tolworth and had a good discussion about capturing and recording social value.
- 1-2-1 with Fiona.
- Community Rail Partnership Networking session including a facilitated discussion regarding using AI in our roles.
- Application to CRN for painting and installing notice board at Staines Community Garden.
- Check out our collaboration with Egham Museum see [Instagram](#)



Go Learn Education
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- I ran two TWC planning a Journey with Year 10 students (27 pupils) from St Anthony's Special School in Chichester. We are planning to go for a trip to Brighton next week using bus and train.
- Planning a Journey and a train ride and station visit to Bognor with 31 pupils from St Philips Primary school in Arundel.
- Two station visits and train rides to Horsham with two classes of Year 6 students from Langley Green in Crawley .



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

- Completed my last Y6 station visit for this academic year. Took 30 x Y6 pupils from Holly Lodge School in North Camp to Reading station.
- Try a Train workshop at Woodfield School – cancelled due to the heat.
- Delivered a Travelling with Confidence (TwC) trip for Surrey Choices. Took 9 x young people from Guildford to Reading on the train. Had a tour of Reading Bus Depot. Photos are from our private bus to and from the station and the highlight of the tour – a trip through the bus wash!
- Delivered a TwC trip for HALOW Year Aw. Travelled from Woking to Portsmouth Harbour. Took the ferry to Ryde. Stopped for ice cream and then returned back to Woking. 7 x young people took part.
- Delivered a TwC for Surrey Choices (Ashford). Took 14 x young people on the train to Wimbledon and then took the tram to Ampere Road before returning home.



Marketing and Communications
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- This week I have completed a review of SCRP's website to ensure that, working with Fiona, it was up to date.
- I also completed a report for the upcoming board meeting.
- Finally, I was also able to attend a Community Rail Networking event to hear about some other CRPs use of AI in their work.
- Railway 200 Commemorative Review has been published [Railway 200: A Commemorative Review – Railway 200](#)

Getting started with AI



Welcome

Objectives for Today	Understand what AI is
	Explore how AI could support your everyday work
	Introduce the basics of AI governance and responsible use

Railway 200: A Commemorative Review

This 44-page review recognises the incredible work of the organisations, partners, volunteers and enthusiasts who made Railway 200 unforgettable





SCRP CIC News

Fiona Morton CEO, Trevor Field Finance Officer

- Hounslow Steering Group meeting: a valuable opportunity to meet new partners and learn about First Rail London's work across London overground stations. Inspiring projects.
- Quarterly KPI figures, together with evidence gathering for the accreditation renewal.
- Pictured is a Spanish Flag Butterfly that hopped onto an SWR service and changed at Clapham — a wildlife corridor in action.
- Next week will be discussing Social value measures with SWR and finalising arrangements for Board and SAB