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1066: Hastings to Tonbridge

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- Attended the launch of the Bayeux Train Naming at Hastings Station. Passengers vote for their choice with tokens (pic right). The choices are King Harold II, Norman, Senlac and The Conqueror.
- Talked with Gill Colquhoun of Salehurst PC about a collaboration to promote an excellent new guide created by volunteers at the Robertsbridge Footpath Group. Our aim is to promote the printed and online guide, to host a guided walk at the High Weald Walking Festival and to repurpose the old phone box outside Robertsbridge Station to distribute promo material about the walks.
- Met with local artist Emily Johns and Sonia Plato to start the ball rolling on a mural at Crowhurst Station.
- Attended a planning meeting at Battle Abbey with English Heritage and artists from Explore the Arch about a project that will acknowledge and celebrate the women who played a role in Norman history. Our aim is to assist and promote this project alongside our other Norman/Bayeux activities.



[Your chance to name special
Hastings Bayeux Tapestry train](#)



Three Bridges station, of interest to an independent school as a project



Bosham station garden neglected now but an individual volunteer is interested in taking it on



Bognor Regis frontage, under discussion for a multi-agency project

Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to
Bosham

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- This week, three days and three meetings at different stations. Each one was at the request of a potential partner, offering to help enhance their station environment.
- The Arun Valley Line is fortunate indeed to have so many willing volunteers, partners and organisations who have such an affinity with their local station or the railway generally.



Hounslow to Richmond
Anna Stearman Line
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- Good News! CRN have approved our request for a CRFD grant to help with Richmond Community Art Gallery
- Much admiration for the new mosaic at Isleworth.
- Reporting on projects which have completed.
- Meetings with volunteers at St Margarets and Isleworth Stations regarding upcoming celebrations.
- Planning, proofing and meetings for artwork and install of Richmond Community Art Gallery.
- Research for illustrators for St Margarets project
- Planning for presentation with Sara to be given at CRN conference in October





Marshlink Hastings-Ashford
International
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- The new QR with the details of the life of Captain Pugwash creator John Ryan has now been installed on the Pugwash bench outside Rye station. The [Forever Story](#) site has details of the life of John and Priscilla Ryan written by their daughter Isabel.
- News story for SCRP website and social media posts to promote the Forever Story plaque.
- Judges from South & South East in Bloom visited the Ore community garden to view progress since their visit last year. The Friends of Ore Station said in [a Facebook post](#): “It was a fantastic experience, and we were delighted with the feedback we received.” Good luck to the team when the official feedback arrives in September.

North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading
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Fiona and I met with Mike Knott at Farnborough North to finalise plans for the SAB next week. The garden is looking lovely, thanks to hard work by volunteers at FSRA and CMP, and it will be so nice for everyone to enjoy it.

I sent out the Steering Group minutes and arranged an online meeting with councillors from Bracknell Forest Council and Sandhurst Parish Council to discuss Sandhurst Station.

- Met colleague Michael Olden at Glynde Station to discuss a car free travel map with a local artist Emily Warren and to plan a possible CRDF application.
- I completed a draft CRDF bid with Chris Smith for the metalwork sculpture and heritage lectern at North Camp Station and sent it to Jenni Jones for her opinion.
- We also had a meeting with mural and street artist Roo to brief her about our mural at North Camp Station.

- Photo: Fiona and Mike at Reg's Garden. SCRP



Sussex Coast
Line Hove to Littlehampton
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- Lancing Station flower beds are included in the Wildflower Walking Trails leaflet – enjoy walking the trails, starting at the station
- Thursday was our Sussex Coast Line Steering Group meeting hosted by Shoreham Port Authority – a big thanks to everyone who came along and braved the heatwave
- Reconnected with Joseph from Downsview College who wants to kick start some community rail projects at Portslade Station. We are meeting the Station Manager in September to scope out the possibilities



Sussex Downs Line Seaford to Brighton

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- The Toy Museum made the front page of the Argus this week for all the wrong reasons (see photo top right). Vandalism marred the newly decorated Trafalgar Street entrance, but museum staff have been quick to react, graffiti has been removed.
- In positive news story from the museum, final designs have been agreed, and the two smaller murals will be installed later this month (Photo top left and bottom) completing the final redevelopment of the museum entrance.



Uckfield/ East Grinstead & Ton - Reigate Samantha Lear Line Officer samantha@southeastcrp.org

- This week saw the travel section of Step by Step schools Try the Train trip with 6 students and their individual needs assistance. Picture shows excellent Onboard Supervisor checking their tickets. The feedback was fantastic and included this statement from the Work Experience Coordinator and Class Teacher:
- *“Ben said he felt it was really helpful for the class that you were fun, relatable and engaging - as I mentioned before, they aren't always the easiest class to get on side to well done! I can't thank you enough for allowing us to run this trip and give the pupils access to something completely different to what they're used to. I am definitely going to arrange a Try the Train trip for one of our other classes next year if possible.”*
- *And I am delighted to say we have booked the date for early October!*
- *Also, this week was the Tonbridge CRPs Steering Group meeting at which I am delighted to say 3 Station Partners, a District Council Officer, Metrobus representative and a potential new and experience community rail volunteer contributed. This is the result of ongoing work to diverse the group and gain more community voice in the work we do on the line.*





Windsor to Reading
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- Members of Ashford Youth and Community CIC have done a wonderful job of completing this fantastic mural in Ashford. Working throughout the heatwave, under the supervision of artist Lenka Lawrie they have captured local landmarks to create a journey through Ashford. A great partnership project from South Western Railway, Network Rail and Spelthorne Council.

Go Learn Education
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- Took a group of 27 Year 10 students from St Anthony's Special School from Chichester down to Brighton. We used the train to Brighton then took a bus down to the pier. It is great to see the group becoming more and more confident using public transport, asking for help when needed.
- Sadly a school cancelled their three Planning a Journey workshops and trips this week so I have been catching up with paperwork.



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

- Delivered a Travelling with Confidence trip for Surrey Choices in Guildford. Travelled from Guildford to Portsmouth Harbour. Took the Wightlink ferry to Ryde, Isle of Wight, for an ice cream and returned. 7 x young people. See photo.
- The Try a Train trip for Woodfield School was cancelled due to the heat.
- Delivered 3 x 'Planning your Journey and staying Safe' workshops at Shinfield St. Mary's School. 90 x Y6 pupils
- Delivered 3 x 'Sustainable and Healthy Travel' workshops at Shinfield St. Mary's School. 90 x Y6 pupils
- Had a meeting with a new school in Crowthorne who want to run the Go Train programme for their Y6 pupils. Booked for 26th May and 8th June 2027!



Marketing and Communications
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- SCRP has a long history of celebrating the success of its staff and volunteers and this week saw a very special celebration; Tim Sparrow MBE, our founding and longstanding volunteer director, received his insignia at an investiture in Eastbourne. The reading of the citation was an excellent reminder of the enormous impact Tim has had on the world of Community Rail and the tireless efforts he has gone to support communities.



SCRP CIC News Fiona Morton CEO, Trevor Field Finance Officer

- Pictured right are staff at Runaway Café who have agreed to display our awards in the Café at Lewes. They are award winners themselves often winning Business of the Year and were finalists in World Cup of Stations.
- Time to renew our accreditation with CRN

Partnership accreditation is administered by Community Rail Network on behalf of the Department for Transport (DfT) and the Welsh Government. It is a formal recognition and mark of quality awarded to community rail organisations who adhere to the five 'Principles of Accreditation':

• Beneficial engagement of the community
 • Transparency, openness and ease of contact
 • Operating in a safe, responsible, ethical manner
 • Working constructively with the rail industry and local partners
 • Promoting equality, diversity and inclusion
 The accreditation is structured around five key themes, which together enable CRPs to deliver the themes of the DfT Community Rail Strategy:

• Strategic
 • Core
 • Priorities
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The accreditation is set out below.

