

Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

DATE 3rd July 2026



1066: Hastings to Tonbridge
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- Having returned after a 3-week absence, I hosted the 1066 Steering Group meeting in Robertsbridge. There were 20 of us in all, which made for some interesting discussion about current and future plans. Meeting minutes to follow.
- Focus next week is on publicising free station health checks being offered in collaboration with OneYou, the start of a new history project in Tunbridge Wells, and a funding bid for a Station to Castle heritage trail in collaboration with Hastings Borough Council.

Free Station Health Checks
3pm – 7pm



Monday 27th July - Battle

Monday 3rd August - Robertsbridge

Monday 10th August – Etchingham

Thursday 20th August - Robertsbridge

Thursday 27th August - Etchingham



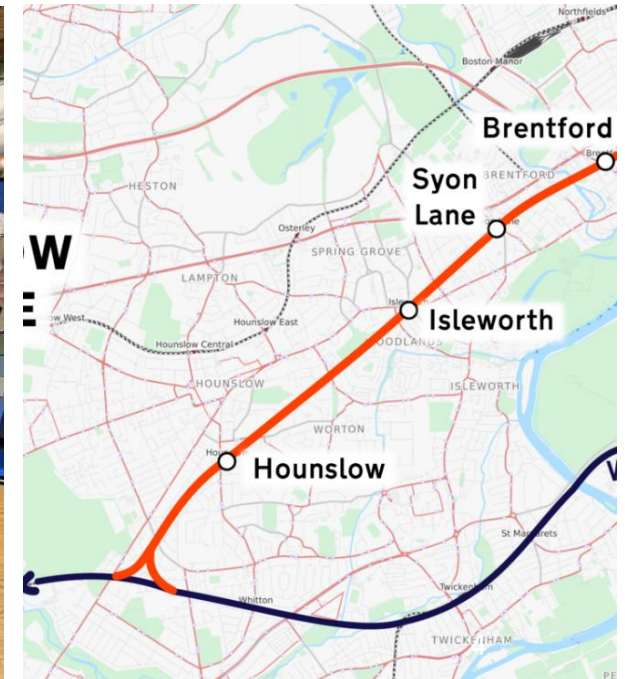
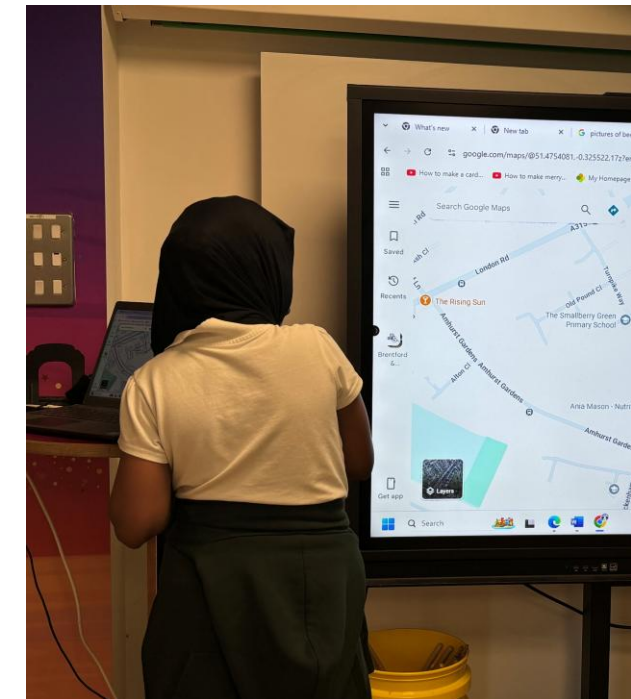
Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham

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- Fishbourne Roman Palace hosted our steering group meeting, with a short tour and talk before the meeting. Members arriving by rail were very impressed with the new signage, planter and Summer of Fun banners at Fishbourne station.
- Discussions are underway on the Squaddie Box initiative, with partners along the line keen to identify suitable locations, either at stations or elsewhere. *Photo shows the first installation on this line, at Crawley station, with Natalie from GTR maintenance receiving a certificate of recognition.*

Hounslow to Richmond
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- Lots of volunteers have been preparing for the St Margarets 150th birthday in October, including setting up a poster competition being judged by Richmond Mayor and Station Manager Manoj. The prize will be a family ticket to anywhere on SWR network. Volunteer Rachel has given us 70 hours!
- Richmond and Mortlake birthday party in July is also being organized by groups of volunteers, and the RSVPs are coming in.
- I have been applying for grants and working out finances with Trevor and Sidonie for new projects.
- Site visit with Auberon from Cultivate London at Hounslow Station for the Sensory Garden, and with Angela Ivy at Richmond and Mortlake stations.
- Workshops in primary schools in Isleworth for mosaic making with Jody, and map making workshops in planning in St Margarets Schools.



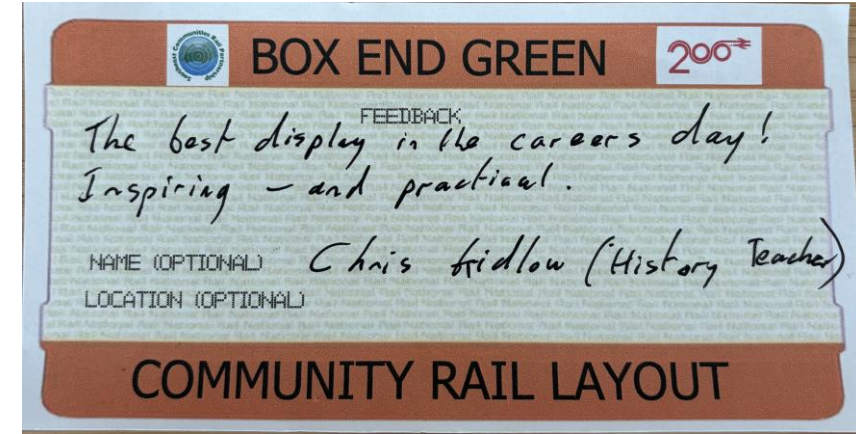
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Two weeks of excellent community engagement. Andy Pope and I represented SCRCP at a careers fair held at Mulberry Academy in St Leonards. We engaged with hundreds of pupils and staff covering primary school transition students through to Year 10.

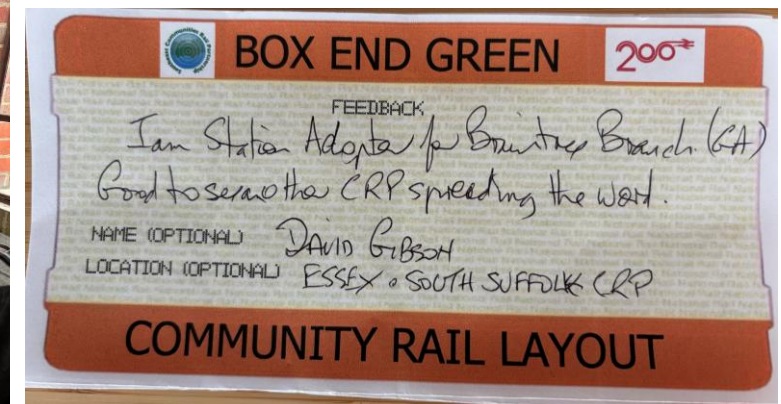
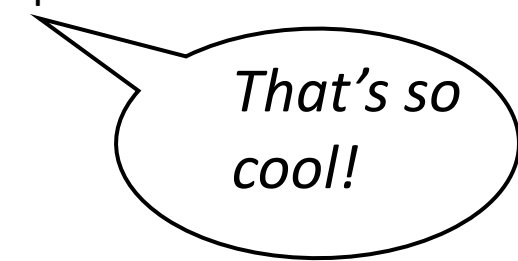
We spoke about railway careers linked to our 'blue plaques' projects and highlighted the work of Community Rail with our box file model railway layout.

There was some great feedback from pupils and staff with a history teacher describing our efforts as "the best display in the careers day! Inspiring – and practical".

I also took the box files to the Bluebell Railway model railway weekend where I met a station adopter from another CRP, various stakeholders and lots of families. One visitor said it was the "best display" at the show. More feedback [here](#).



Feedback from pupils



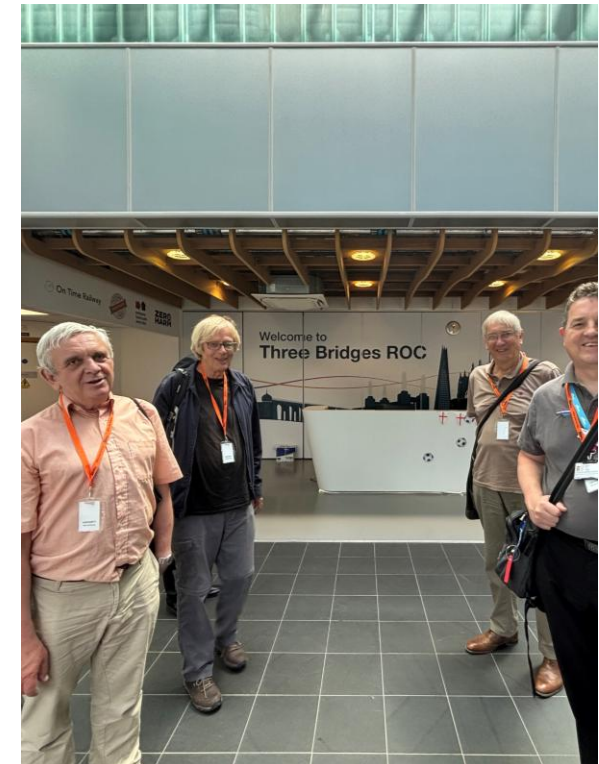
North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading
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- On the hottest day last week I met the street artists creating a huge mural in an underpass near Guildford Station as part of a scheme by Guildford Borough Council to enhance key pedestrian routes. It was definitely the coolest place to be that day. They are going to work with us on the mural at North Camp Station which has the Blackwater River running through it and will really benefit from some lively artwork.
- The annual GWR Stakeholder and Community Rail Conference at the Steam Museum in Swindon was excellent as usual: interesting presentations, very informative and it was good to catch up with people in person.
- Planning is in place for our Steering Group meeting in Sandhurst next week. We have never had a meeting here before and have opened it up to local residents who might be interested to understand about Community Rail and get involved at Sandhurst.
- Prepared grant applications for a heritage lectern at North Camp and the metalwork sculpture to fill a space left by removal of a telephone box.
- Photo: SCRP



Sussex Coast
Line Hove to Littlehampton
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- I attended the Harbour Views and Greener Futures event at Port Kitchen in Southwick (see photo)
- I had a meeting with Sam to discuss how to progress the potential *gardening groups support project* and put the agreed stakeholder survey into Survey Monkey. We hope to finalise the survey and send it to gardening groups soon
- Wonderful visit to ROC on 1st July with Steering Group members (see photo)
- Meeting with Superstar Arts Garden Group in West Worthing who are now official station partner to look after the planters on the station. Welcome aboard Superstar Arts!
- Meeting with CRN organised to discuss funding for a project to link all Sussex Coast Stations to the King Charles Coastal Path



Sussex Downs Line Seaford to Brighton

Michael Olden Line Officer

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- Last week we had two open days at the Pocket Park at London Road station. Despite the searing heat we had 20+ visitors and generated a lot of interest (L to R: Volunteer gardeners Phill, Lyndon, Phillipa and Elspeth).
- I met up with Bee at Lewes station – an enthusiastic gardener who wants to take on the maintenance of the station garden and planters. Initially she will be working Tuesdays and Thursdays contributing 9 hours a week to keeping the planting in good order.





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DISEASE** **KIDNEY
DISEASE** **STROKE &
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RAILWAY STATION ROADSHOW: 3PM TO 7PM

Monday 27th July: Battle
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Thursday 6th August: Crowborough
Monday 10th August: Etchingham
Monday 17th August: Crowborough
Thursday 20th August: Robertsbridge
Monday 24th August: Eridge



Uckfield - East Grinstead
– Oxted & Ton - Reigate
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- During the period since our last update I have had the pleasure of supporting the work of station partners at Reigate, Redhill and Crowborough with volunteer recruitment, project planning and funding bids.
- Final preparations have also been made for the Health Check visits taking place at stations during August, including Eridge and Crowborough.
- Crowborough has also been the focus of attention for several other reasons this week – with good news being received about the mural grant being approved by Community Rail Network. I have also held meetings with our Line Chairman around events for Conon Doyle Day in May 2027, explored a project for the phone box with the town council and local artist and invited a local SEND school to a Try the Train event.
- Finally, we had a great time exploring the time capsule that is Eridge station office, finding promotional materials from the very first station partnership scheme developed by Southern & SCRP, annual reviews for years back as far as 2017 and a host of materials from projects run by me the first time I was the line officer! The resulting tidy up was completed just before the really hot weather started.



Windsor to Reading
Sandy Mahon, Line Officer
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- Event at Wokingham Station as part of Better Transport Week. The event showcased how My Journey can help people get around Wokingham using sustainable travel options. Lots of information and advice and engagement with the public.
- Thanks to Dee Burgisser, Active Travel officer for Schools at My Journey Team.
- Catching up on administration and diary management after returning from annual leave.

Go Learn Education
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- Delivered three planning a journey workshops to Year 6 pupils at Rustington Primary school (90 pupils)
- Unfortunately due to the extremely hot weather conditions all three of their station visits have had to be cancelled.
- Delivered two Planning a Journey workshops to Year 6 pupils at Langley Green Primary school in Crawley (60 pupils)



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

- Ran a station visit to Reading for Holly Lodge School in North Camp. 28 x Year 6 pupils. Photo is of one group completing the departure board activity.
- Ran two station visits to Reading for Floreat Montague Park School in Wokingham. 58 x Year 6 pupils.
- Attended GWR's stakeholder conference in Swindon.
- Ran a Try a Train trip for Henry Tynedale School after their original trip was cancelled due to delays. Travelled from Farnborough North to Guildford. 8 x students



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- Communications have been internally focused during the period since our last update and this has allowed some work to be undertaken in the areas of strategy, content planning, reporting and supporting colleagues.
- This included a very useful 121 session held with Social for Good looking at the ways SCRP comms could be improved for social media audiences and some objectives set around content.
- I also held a meeting with GTRs social media manager looking at Try the Trains and SCRP work more generally and started a review of our website.

The 'Social for Good' Accelerator

SCRIP CIC News

Fiona Morton CEO, Trevor Field Finance Officer



- Very pleased to attend the House of Commons for the launch of the 2026 South Eastern Railway Social Impact Report 'On track to Opportunity'.
- The reception (hosted by Helena Dollimore MP for Hastings & Rye) also provided a great opportunity to catch up with stakeholders from South Eastern Railway and colleagues at Kent Community Rail Partnership.



On Track to Opportunity

South Eastern Railway Social Mobility Impact Report 2026

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