

DATE 14th Aug 2026



1066: Hastings to Tonbridge

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- Main activity this has been the CRDF application for a very ambitious mural at Crowhurst Station. It includes a creative and collaborative plan for 100 volunteer hours that took a lot of organising and checking. The good news is that we have had fantastic support from the community and our partners. Our ducks are now (almost) in a row.
- Free health screenings went ahead with OneYou at Etchingam Station. Despite our joint best efforts, we were not fully subscribed this time. We did however recruit participation from passengers arriving at the station.
- Next 1066 Steering Group Meeting will be at Robertsbridge Village Hall on Tuesday 10th November from 1pm to 3pm.
- More bicycles abandoned on the 1066 line are now available for donation. Next week I will try and find a project that can use them. (pic right).



Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham
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- On a visit to Chichester station, I met a consultant from EJS, who have been commissioned to compile a feasibility study on the entire station. One of the station staff, Richard had already mentioned SCRCP and my name to her, so we were pleased to have this serendipitous meeting and I'm sure the role of the CRP will be referred to in her report – due in March 2027.
- As a vulnerable group, The Butterfly group, station adopters in Horsham, have been sheltered from doing too much in this heatwave. This Monday, as the weather cooled a bit, they were delighted to visit the station and tidy up their platform planters.
- Discussions with Station partners, thinking about potential entries for the upcoming CRN awards.



Marshlink Hastings-Ashford International
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- Provided more details to CRN about our funding application for station-to-station walks along the Marshlink line using “the path less travelled” sections of the King Charles III England Coast Path. The routes will link stations and help protect the path from “over-tourism” in known honeypot locations as well as boost local economies.
- Met a group of trainee GTR On-Board Supervisors while on a train. They are about to complete their training. I was able to explain to them what Community Rail is and how SCRP works in partnership with Southern so they can look out for us in future.
- Circulated details of CRN’s Awards to all station partners and started gathering material for a Marshlink line entry.
- Started arranging an autumn line visit with line chair to station groups and further preparation for autumn events/activities



This week I met with partners and station groups to discuss potential entries for CRN awards. I met with Harriet at Reading Station and set the date for the Big Draw Festival event in October with plans for an activity in the Brunel Arcade. Together with Mark from GWR, I installed the new vinyls at Chilworth Station which show vibrant artwork by children at Tillingbourne School. I also attended a CRN training session on How to Sharpen Your Outcomes which was useful for CRDF applications and CRN awards. Photo: artwork by Tillingbourne Junior School SCRP



Sussex Downs Line Seaford to Brighton

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- This week I helped harvest some delicious apples, pears and potatoes with the London Road gardeners, delicious! (see photo right).
- I made contact with the model railway club at London Road who this year are celebrating their 55th year!
- One of two new platform shelters was opened on platform 2 at Lewes station (see photo Left) with funding from Southern Rail and the Railway Heritage Trust. Work on a second shelter on platform 1 has just begun.



Windsor to Reading
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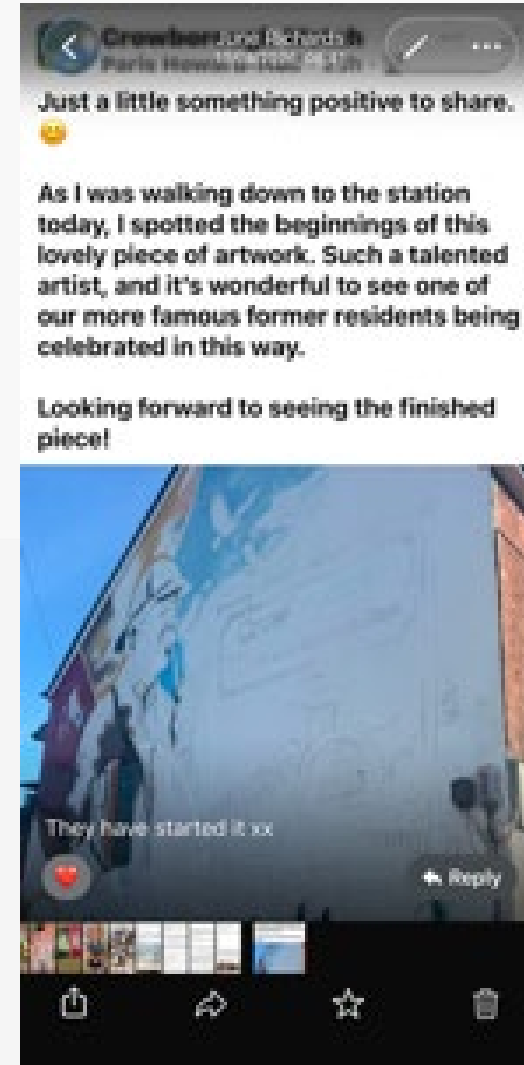
- Busy week of administration and funding applications, liaising with partners and adopters.
- 1-2-1 with Fiona.
- Researching planting options for Virginia Water station.
- Organising posts for social media for the Days out by Rail campaign.



SCRIP CIC News

Fiona Morton CEO, Trevor Field Finance Officer

Progress at Crowborough with some positive spontaneous feedback from the community. Sam works term time only. but projects go ahead as planned.



Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

DATE 21st Aug 2026



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- The 'Norman Path' heritage trail is on track for an August Bank Holiday launch. Banners have been selected to line the route, and competition winners will soon be notified. Project communications has been discussed and agreed with Hastings Borough Council.
- More free station health checks went ahead in Robertsbridge, with only Etchingham still to go next Thursday.
- Today I noticed a prominent campaign by the All Welcome Project to promote rail travel to Hastings Pride.



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- Planning for the next Arun Valley Line Group meeting, which we hope will be at Gatwick Airport in October.
- Discussions with Experience Sussex to help refresh walks posters at Pulborough and Amberley.
- One of GTR staff at Barnham train crew depot, has created a set of badges, to commemorate the TOC going back into public ownership. Having successfully recovered his costs by selling to colleagues, he is now donating surplus to charity, including the Aldingbourne Trust. The badges are shown in the photo and are for sale at £5 each or £15 for the set. I can give contact details on request.



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- Started arranging an autumn line visit with line chair to station groups and further preparation for autumn events/activities

North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading
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- So good to meet up in person and work with colleagues on joint projects: our White Ribbon event at Reading Station this year will bring together many partners, including BTP and Reading Borough Council. This week Sandy and I, together with Harriet from Network Rail, had an excellent meeting with Reading Football Club with their promise to support our event.
- Another meeting at Reading with Zsuzsi from Reading Borough Council Placemaking team, Mikey from Hampshire CRP, Sandy, and Harriet from Network Rail to start plans for a new artwork for the huge underpass running under the station providing a vital walking and cycling link to the River Thames and Caversham. Vikings and archaeology were mentioned – exciting!
- Also a good opportunity to catch up with Mikey and Sandy and plan other future projects together as our lines are all so close.
- Mikey, Zsuzsi, Harriet and Sandy at Reading Station
- Photo: SCRP



Sussex Coast
Line Hove to Littlehampton
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- Meeting with Graeme from GTR to discuss permissions at various stations. He also asked if we could let him know of any heritage items or buildings/spaces to be registered with Heritage Museum
- Meeting with Friends of Angmering Station to talk about their plans for the future and onboarding of new volunteers. Exciting things ahead.
- Meeting with Fiona and Claire to start planning the Your Community Cares Campaign 2026

Picture – blooms at Lancing



Sussex Downs Line Seaford to Brighton

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- A message from our Line Chair
- “You will be aware of the derailment in Landport, about a mile out from Lewes station. The emergency services crews, as well as train crew, quick-acting Landport residents and local councillors worked tirelessly in extreme heat to look after passengers. This incident, whilst shocking, really could have been so much worse, had it not been for the coordination across local authorities, emergency services and local volunteers. My thoughts are with those caught up in the derailment, especially those who have sustained injuries and their families. I hope everyone is soon well. My overwhelming gratitude goes to everyone who helped, from the most complex on-site rescue and evacuation, to the all the little human kindnesses that I saw repeated over and over again on the day. Many, many thank yous.” Cllr Dr Wendy Maples



Windsor to Reading

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- Good week of progress. Positive meeting with Reading Football Club about joining us to support this years White Ribbon event at Reading Station.
- Again in Reading, meeting with colleagues Sara, Mikey, Harriet and Zsuzsi, Cultural Place Making Officer for Reading Borough Council to discuss plans for potential collaboration for a mural at the underpass outside the station.
- Catching up with station adopters.



SCRIP CIC News

Fiona Morton CEO, Trevor Field Finance Officer



Our accreditation renewal meeting took place, and we had a lot of lot of praise for our work. We await the letter from the DfT confirming our accreditation for another year. This quality mark is important as it gives confidence to DfT and other funders that we are deliver large projects on time with quality outcomes and impacts.

Next week we will be planning our activities to address violence against women and girls on public transport through our white hearts campaign