

Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

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1066: Hastings to Tonbridge

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- I am working on a new heritage and garden project at Frant station. The station car park used to be a coal yard, and our aim is to have an old coal scale on display pic right, with some info boards and renewed planting. I am working with Station Manager Damien Collier and volunteer Jacqueline Buckingham whose family used to run the coalyard.
- The pic shows the alcove at Frant Station where we plan to display the coal scale and info boards.
- Hastings Heritage Trail: the banners have gone up on the lampposts that mark the route, and I have agreement on publicity and map distribution at Hastings Station. Launch date is now Sept 4th due to delays relating to the digital trail map.
- Last stop Etchingham. The free station health check roadshow in Partnership have now been completed. This is the third year that we have been hosting OneYou on the 1066 line in bringing services to rural areas.



Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham

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- Meeting to plan workshop slot at GTR/NR/SE conference
- Visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace, drafting entry for CRN Awards. The station planter has survived the heatwaves, no water source at the station, but as the plants are all similar to those which thrived in Roman times, this planter is probably the most climate-aware in the area.
- As station partners are planning their autumn/winter programmes, this week has been taken up with several queries, seeking answers on funding, permissions, contact with appropriate TOC/NR staff.



Marshlink Hastings-Ashford International

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Started to test station-to-station coast walks following confirmation of funding to produce printed and digital guides.

Visited Ashford Borough Council's offices for a site visit to recce the council chamber and facilities ahead of our next Marshlink steering group meeting in November.





North Downs Gatwick- Redhill-
Reading
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A walking day in the Blackwater Valley exploring locations and rail to trail routes for a funding application. Some areas looked very dry due to our extreme weather this summer. Gorgeous trees in Wellesley Woodlands, the Blackwater River and the Basingstoke Canal provided cooling moments. Photo shows Marie-Anne from the Land Trust and Chris from BVCT; Wellington statue; Basingstoke Canal, Blackwater River.

Guildford Dragon reported on the new vinyls at Chilworth. Link here: [Guildford Dragon NEWS](#)

Sussex Coast Line Hove to Littlehampton Lynda Spain Line Officer lynda@southeastcrp.org

- I undertook the Active Bystander Training with Protection Approaches. I would recommend everyone to do this 2 hour, online training session
- Looking at a mural in Littlehampton on a Network Rail footbridge. Watch this space.
- Finalised the Train to Trail proposal to submit to CRN with Whistlestop Arts.
- A very fond farewell to John Knowles at Hove Station who is leaving to be an OBS. John has been a real driving force for Community Rail at Hove, and we send our heartfelt thanks and best wishes.





Sussex Downs Line Seaford to
Brighton
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- Met with new volunteer gardeners at Lewes station and dismantled a long serving raised bed to be replaced and replanted.
- Helped with the harvest and weeding at London Road station pocket park and garden.
- Had a very productive meeting with Dan Ori from Gia CIC to look at the planters at Newhaven Town and to plan a renovation project.
- Went walking with the Lewes Footpaths Group – From Lewes we caught the train to Southease, walked up to Firle Beacon and the plantation then down to Firle church and on to Glynde where we all caught the train back to Lewes (see photo).



Windsor to Reading
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- Pleased to see this giant Lego dinosaur that has appeared outside Reading Station as part of the Reading Dino Trail.
- Catch up meeting with Paula Aldridge.
- Meeting with Sara Grisewood regarding upcoming autumn projects.
- Replying and actioning queries for station adopters.



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Pictured above is the drop in organised by Sussex Downs Line Chair, NR and GTR at Landport Community Centre to answer questions about the derailment at Lewes. People had concerns but were impressed by the recovery operation and hoped a film would be made and shared with the community. Top right is some of the equipment used. Bottom Left Michael (Line Officer) helps the gardeners at Lewes with some tidying up.

