

Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

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1066: Hastings to Tonbridge

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- This week I had the pleasure of walking the banner trail with the SCRP team which included a stop at the Hastings Embroidery. We ended the day at the Shipwreck Museum via some of the most magnificent twittens and side-roads, thanks to Kevin Boorman's excellent local knowledge. Thanks also to our brilliant collaboration partner Olwen Davies from HBC (far right on the pic) who came and met the team. It was great to catch up with everyone, and I especially appreciate the effort that people made to be able to be part of the day.
- Robertsbridge Footpath Group have produced a magnificent guide called 'Walking Robertsbridge' and this weekend two of those walks will be guided by The Ramblers as part of the High Weald Walking Festival. SCRP paid for the printing of 200 walking guides, thanks to Salehurst PC for inviting us to be part of it all. I will be taking pics and talking to people in Robertsbridge tomorrow, so more to come on this wonderful collab.



Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham

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This week, sadly, there was some vandalism when thieves attempted to steal the WW1 silhouette of an airman from Ford station and uprooted Arundel Green Team's large map trail sign.

Messages of support flooded in for the Arundel volunteers, who worked hard to reinstall the map sign with reinforcements. Never a group to dwell on misfortune, they sent this message:

"On a brighter note, 10 members of the Green Team turned out today to ready the beds for the application of soil conditioner with biochar. That will be done on 18 September."

GTR stepped up as well, with funding approved for the soil conditioner, at Arundel, and for Ford, the GTR Safety Officer worked with us to try and locate a replacement. The airman silhouette was particularly appropriate for Ford station, as the nearby Ford Airfield The airfield opened in March 1918 for RAF and American squadrons and later reopened for civil aviation in the 1920s. The railway station will have served this important facility throughout those times and beyond. A happy ending – CCTV footage showed the thieves didn't get away with the airman – he was thrown into the bushes!

The image of the airman silhouette is from Etsy.com





Hounslow to Richmond
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- More good news - Isleworth Station adopters received funding from the SWR Community Benefit Scheme. We created a logo, utilizing my newly - gained Canva graphic design skills. The illustration is taken from a drawing by station volunteer, Gilda Bagnall.
 - Meeting with Steering Group chair and vice-chair, Sidonie and Michael.
 - Met with Paula at SWR, Angela at Visit Richmond and folks from Richmond, Virginia, to discuss ideas for twinning and other exciting projects at Richmond Station.
 - Site Visit at St Margarets Station with contractor to work out the logistics of installing the new art panel.
 - Meeting with Paula and Sandy to plan a station adoption group safari with new SWR NR Wessex directors.

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

- I visited the Hastings Embroidery exhibition at Hastings Town Hall. The embroidery was made in 1966 to mark 900 years since the Battle of Hastings and depicts various scenes from history. It is a wonderful piece of work and a visit is highly recommended – entry is free but timeslots need to be booked to manage visitor numbers.
- The heritage trail from Hastings railway station is very eye-catching with lovely banners on lampposts.
- It's been great to see the publicity for schoolchildren from Hastings and Rye visiting the British Museum to see the Bayeux Tapestry.





North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading
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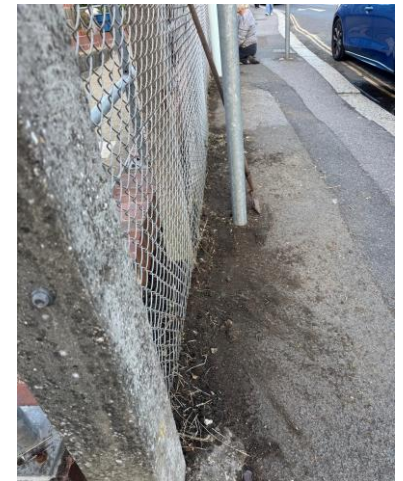
- Meetings with Surrey County Council and with CRN to discuss CRDF application for a pilot shuttle bus service connecting Dorking stations and Box Hill.
- Organised printing of the illustrated panel for Chilworth Station.
- Started taking bookings for walks in Guildford Walkfest and Dorking Walking Festival.
- Met with Sami at Berkshire Vision to plan a train trip and creative activity as part of the Big Draw Festival.
- With help from Fiona I managed to overcome my AI aversion and create some flyers for the Big Draw.
- Met with Kanna and other colleagues for a visit to Hastings and the new Bayeux Tapestry town trail

Photos: Kanna, Anna, Fiona and Michael in Hastings; Kanna outside Hastings Town Hall with the new trail map.



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

- Claire and I went to Chichester to meet Rachel Allan from Democratic Services at WSCC. Rachel has offered to recruit a new line chair for the Sussex Coast Line and took us through the procedure to do that.
- Community Clean Up at West Worthing Station – well done Friends of West Worthing with the help of the Rotary! Before and after pics show just how much difference people can make to the feel of a station.
- A meeting at Worthing Station with Adur & Worthing Council, Station Manager and Claire to discuss upcoming plans for the station and new station partners.
- On to Portslade for a meeting with Joseph from Downsview College, they will be doing some new and innovative stuff at the station.
- Finally, a trip to London Bridge to sit on some new Thameslink seating. A great improvement we hope.



Sussex Downs Line Seaford to Brighton

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- 23 members of the Bishopstone Wellbeing group Tried the Train to Brighton Toy & Model Museum on Monday. They were given a talk and tour by Jan Etches and enjoyed tea and biscuits before catching the train home (see picture).
- I took Rebecca Jackson, who is researching an article for Country File magazine, on a walk over the Downs from Southease station to Glynde station. Rebecca is writing a piece about visiting the Downs on what will be (next May) the 100th anniversary of Woolf's classic novel, 'To the Lighthouse'.
- I had a very interesting catch up with colleagues as we followed the Banner Trail from Hastings station to Hastings Castle. It was created in partnership with the local council and Southeast Communities Rail Partnership. Thank you Kanna for organizing this event.



Uckfield - East Grinstead –
Oxted & Ton - Reigate
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- Thrilled to be able to share the final pictures of the mural at Crowborough and say that it has been greeted with genuine pleasure by the local community. This week I have been planning to official event to celebrate its installation and started planning for the next Conon Doyle project.
- On the Redhill line I have worked with Tonbridge station staff on the Father Christmas train.
- I have a planned 'Second hand September' themed social media series to support station book shops but I have held off whilst the Uckfield line is currently experiencing serious disruption.



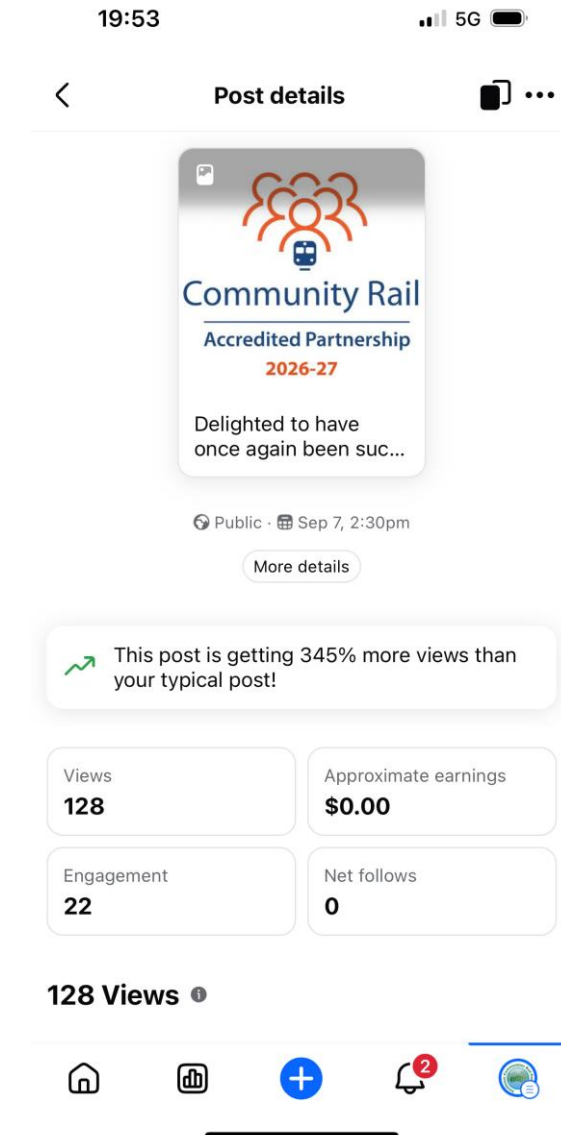
Windsor to Reading
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- Have been noticing lots of new safety signage at SWR stations on my travels this week.
- Catch up with colleague Anna.
- Meeting with Paula and Anna to plan visits to projects next week.
- Made contact with a new station adopter for Bracknell and Sunningdale.
- 1-2-1 with Fiona and starting to complete appraisal paperwork.
- Sent out save the date for next steering group.



Marketing and Communications
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- This week I have resumed my push on social media including recovering some of our reach.
- It is award season, so I have been writing a draft for our entry in best marketing category at CRN awards.
- And spent some time planning my session for the GTR Station Partnership Conference



SCRIP CIC News
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- Good advice from CRN in building a case for a station link buses taking in attractions
- Planning meeting with colleagues in Eastbourne to do our bit to combat violence against women and girls on public transport. New connections made
- Travelling with confidence meeting, project is near to completion
- Great Uptake for Hastings Town Trail supporting the Year of the Normans.
- Pictures Town Trail Banner right and visitors to the Hastings Embroidery left.

