

Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

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1066: Hastings to Tonbridge

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- SCRP recently paid for the printing of a new 'Walking Robertsbridge' guide. Two walks from that guide were included in the High Weald Walking Festival programme, and last weekend those walks were expertly guided by The Ramblers. (Pic right).
- Work is going ahead on refurbishing the old red phone box outside Robertsbridge Station. The plan is to use it for visitor info. More to come on this.(Pic right)
- Attended the Hastings Area Bus Users Group (HABUG). There was lots of discussion about changes to the Stagecoach bus route, and improvements in the pipeline that will improve the reliability of the publicly displayed bus info. Buses will be getting better ticket machines, and tracking info will soon be gathered from more than one source.
- This week saw the launch of the new 'King Harold II' train at a colourful stakeholder event at Hastings Station. The train has been decorated with Bayeux Tapestry images, and local schoolchildren boarded immediately after the ceremony to see the Tapestry in London. Read all about it here:
- [In 22 pictures: New Bayeux Tapestry themed train is showcased at Hastings](#)
- Our Norman Path heritage trail collab with Hastings Borough Council continues to get great public feedback. In addition to Hastings Station, route maps are now also available at the Hastings Embroidery exhibition at the Town Hall where they are proving to be very popular.



Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham
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- Chichester station now has working lifts between the platforms! This has been a long time coming, and the subway has now been cleaned painted and ready for some community love. Lots of potential, starting with a chat with our existing partners, Chichester Rotary, who in turn, support a not-for-profit community café very close to the station. *Before and after photos on right*
- Our next Arun Valley Line Meeting will be in October at Gatwick Airport, with a station tour beforehand. Contact me if you'd like more information or an invitation.



Hounslow to Richmond Anna Stearman Line Officer anna@southeastcrp.org

- A lovely SWR Safari with Paula and two new directors of SWR NR Wessex, Angela Prescott and Matt Winnie, exploring the line between Richmond and Staines, with Sandy. We met some of our station adopters, showed off our achievements, and told the stories of our latest projects.
- Lots of meetings this week with station adopters, artists, printer and Turner's House, developing the artwork and organizing the event, for the 150th birthday plans for St Margarets Station next month.



Marshlink Hastings-
Ashford International
Paul Bromley Line Officer
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- Chased progress on station adoption at Rye with youth rangers from Rye Harbour Nature Reserve lined up to fill planters with drought resistant / climate resilient species of plants which are also found on the vegetated shingle habitat of the reserve.
- Finalised and submitted entry for Community Rail Awards for our Marshlink 175 celebrations.
- Prepared an entry for the World Cup of Stations.
- Next week: community engagement event in Hastings and GTR/SER/NR community rail conference in London





North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading
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- A busy week with lots of event planning and preparation for walking festivals and Big Draw events. In Shalford, near where the line crosses the river Wey, I met some volunteers clearing Himalayan Balsam before it sets seed as there is so much of it taking over other plants; I also spotted some deer further along the river. The North Downs Line also travels over the Blackwater River: a peaceful, hidden riverside not always glimpsed from the train. Our Big Draw events with GWR funding will take a group from Berkshire Vision out on the North Downs line and on a walk/draw around Blackwater Station. Another event, open to the public, will leave from North Camp Station, exploring nature by the railway.
- I prepared risk assessments for my walks in the Surrey Hills for Dorking Walking Festival and Guildford Walkfest.
- Additionally I worked on preparing the NDL entries for the CRN awards; had further White Ribbon Reading planning meetings; and a meeting with Line Chair Martin Knowles.
- Photos: Bridge over Blackwater near Sandhurst; volunteers by River Wey; deer by river Wey. SCRP



Sussex Coast
Line Hove to Littlehampton
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- Loads happening this week! Shadowing Cath at Northbrook College for a brilliant workshop with SEND Students
- Really fun trip to Lewes with West Worthing's Superstar Arts – we all met Fiona at the Station, and she became part of the gang for life.
- A meeting at Durrington with local residents who are contemplating a Friends of Durrington Station group.
- Then off to Hove to meet Harry from SupaJam who are starting to plan their Your Community Cares and Christmas events
- A meet up with Worthing FC and Station Manager at Worthing Station to agree plans for the club history boards in the subway
- Working on the CRN Award entries.



Sussex Downs Line Seaford to Brighton

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- I met up with Charlies Grimble and the project team developing a heritage trail for Seaford. The aim is to increase the footfall from the popular Seaford Head to Cuckmere route through the town to help revive the high street. The railway station would be sign posted as a starting point with a new mural to brighten the exit.(see photo).
- Dan Ori from GIA CIC is keen to take up the opportunity to organise volunteers at Lewes station garden. We had a very positive meeting and discussed the development of the gardens.

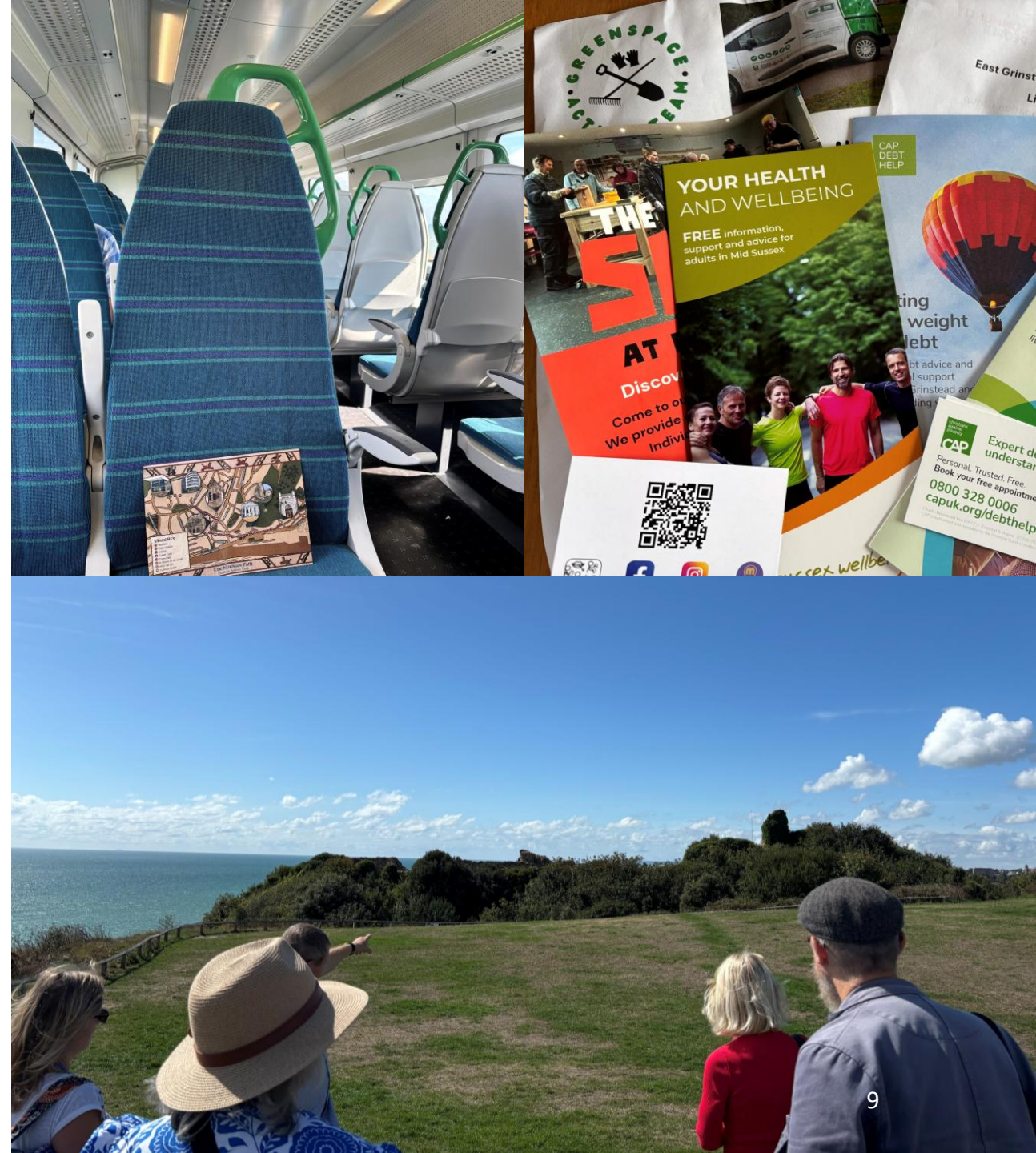


Uckfield - East Grinstead – Oxted &
Ton - Reigate

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- It's been a fantastic week for making and remaking connections:
 - Hastings Trail, sharing best practice with the SCRP team
 - Steering Group meeting for the Uckfield & East Grinstead lines
 - East Grinstead, Dormans and Lingfield Networking meeting, creating powerful new partnership links



Windsor to Reading

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- Enjoyed a lovely day out exploring the Hounslow to Richmond line and Windsor to Reading line with two new South Western Railway Directors. Station adopters and volunteers were on hand to meet us and showcase various projects that we have worked together on.
- Completed my appraisal and returned to Fiona.
- Call with new station adopter for Bracknell and Sunningdale.
- Catch up call with colleague Sara Grisewood regarding joint projects.



Go Learn Education

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- This week is the start of Junior Citizen at The Hawth in Crawley. It is an annual, two-week educational event organized by the [Crawley Borough Council](#) to teach Year 6 students essential safety and life skills. We are running a rail safety scenario alongside GTR and Network Rail.
- Running a Planning a Journey workshop for TwC for a group of students from Northbrook College. They will be planning a journey to the Isle of Wight using train bus , hovercraft and ferry. (11 students)
- Education meeting with Maddy and Philip to catch up on activities booked for this year.
- Trip to the Isle of Wight with St Anthony's Special school using train and ferry for the TwC project. (22 students)



Ready for Junior Citizen with Nick Turner
From Network rail

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

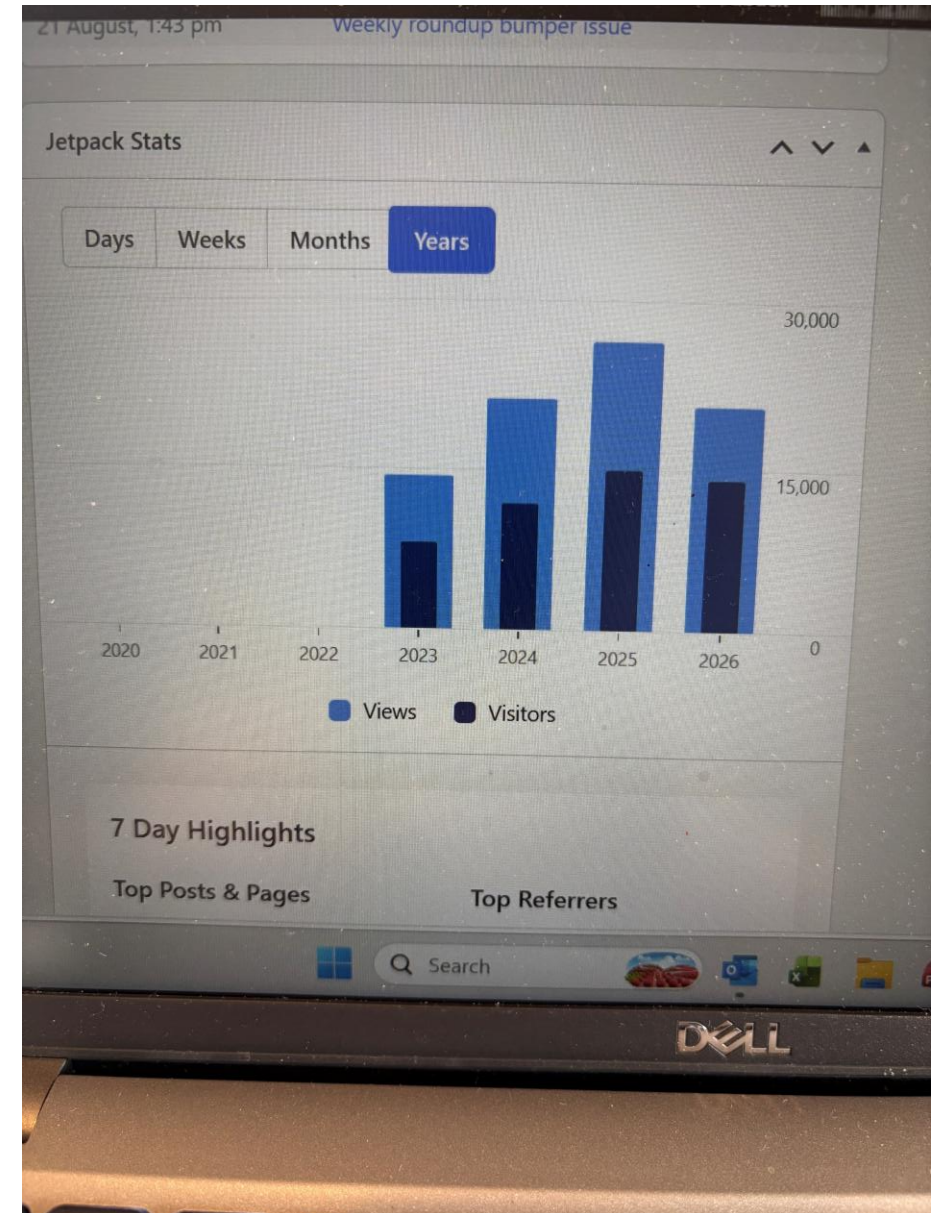
- Shadowed Cath on a Travelling with Confidence trip for St. Anthony's School from Chichester to the Isle of Wight. I filmed the group and hope to use the footage for the CRN award. Filmed some great interviews with the students and staff.
- Met with Cath and Philip to talk about all things education!
- Attended SLT meeting



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* Communications this week have continued to be focused on CRN Award entry and upcoming campaign preparation.

* I was delighted to see that website views appear to be up on this time last year and this is in one small part due to the work of officers, uploading news and case studies.



SCRP CIC News

Fiona Morton CEO, Trevor Field Finance Officer

- New gardening group came to Lewes for inspiration - they loved the vegetable patch
- James Abbott Chair 1066 Line and volunteer Director helps launch the special Bayeux Tapestry Train
- Organising programme for visiting CRPs and others who want to learn from our work
- Preparing bids to Railway Heritage Trust for projects at stations
- Assisting with company audit
- (Photos: Top SupaStar Arts Sept 2026 SCR. Botton L-R Helena Dollimore MP, Steve White MD SER and James Abbott Chair 1066 Line and SCR Director Sept 2026 Kevin Boorman

