

Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

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1066: Hastings to Tonbridge

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- I accompanied the Seaview band to play at the Housing Justice Conference under our Try a Train programme. Seaview is a charity that has been running a wellbeing centre near the station for the last 40 years. Many of the people at Seaview have experienced homelessness, addiction and/or social isolation. Pic right.
- Our 80-metre mural project at Crowhurst is well on its way, with the bulk of the funding coming from the Community Rail Development Fund. SCRCP also made a significant contribution, along with Crowhurst Parish Council who have both been enthusiastic about this project from the start.
- The heritage trail from Hastings Station to the castle continues to get good reviews, not only from the public, but from groups in Bexhill and Seaford who are keen to do something similar. I am setting up a meeting, with the option of a guided trail walk, to share what we know and to answer questions. The trail was made possible with funding from CRDF and Hastings Borough Council.
- It was good to catch up with colleagues, get updates and learn new ways of working at the GTR/SE Community Rail Conference this week.



Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham

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- The CRN Awards are open for submissions, and this year, the Arun Valley Line is well represented.
- I submitted my Ifield entry into the Photo category
- I helped Fishbourne Roman Palace for their first 'It's your station' entry – now submitted by them
- Arundel Green Team has submitted entries in two categories and is considering a third.

Good luck to all colleagues and station partners!

- Received assistance from Anna Jipps, Railway Heritage Trust on several potential projects at stations on the line.
- On Thursday, at GTR/SE Community Rail conference, I facilitated a series of workshops, titled 'how partnership working can help enhance your projects'. This message from one of those partners was a nice endorsement.



"We really value the fantastic working relationship we have with Southeast Communities Rail Partnership (SCRCP), which we've developed over a number of years.

The most recent joint project we funded was the 'Arun Valley Line: Beyond the Rails' series of podcasts and short films. Highlighting the unique character of the local area, these showcase attractions, walks, and community activities that visitors can easily reach by train.

Receiving bronze in the Tourism and Leisure Award at the 21st Community Rail Awards for this project really emphasised the impact that great partnership working can have to help achieve shared ambitions.

Our hope is that we can strengthen the impact of our partnership work even further, through greater engagement from other key partners such as GTR, to extend the reach and impact of promoting sustainable travel and our local visitor economy."

- Enterprise Team at Horsham District Council



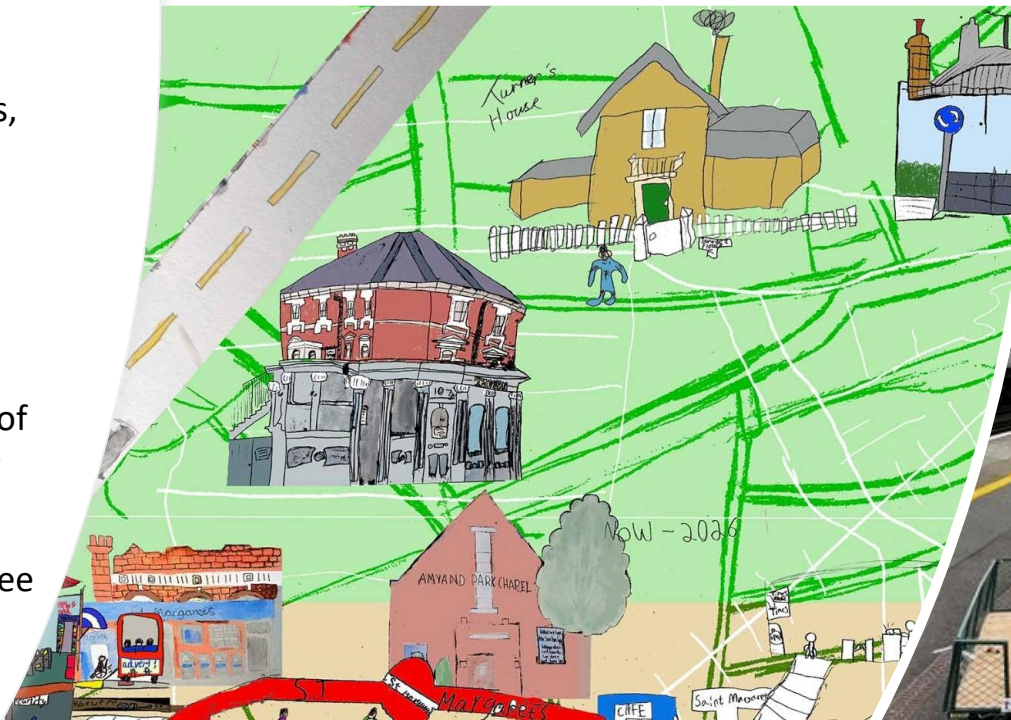
Hounslow to Richmond
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This week, it is all about St Margarets!

St Margarets Station won **the London In Bloom Celebration Stations Silver Gilt Award**, for the stunning new planters, funded by CRN and SCRP, as well as the waiting room decorated with handmade posters celebrating the history of the station and the big birthday.

Turner's House, residents, volunteers, SWR and SCRP worked together finalising preparations for the installation, and the 150th birthday celebration which will feature a very famous heritage bus.

Friends of St Margarets Station and other volunteers cleared mountains of debris from platform 3, ready for the new art panel, and artist Will Parker finished the design he has created using hundreds of drawings from three local schools.



Marshlink Hastings-Ashford
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Busy couple of weeks with community engagement, networking and events.
I attended the 'Communities Creating Change' event organised by Hastings Voluntary Action. This was a chance to network with existing partners and contacts in a more relaxed and informal setting. It was at the former Hastings Observer building ... but I didn't spot any of my stories from my previous career as a journalist on display!

Then on to the combined GTR/SER/NR community rail conference at Blackfriars.

And next week we will be at the 'Live Well Age Well Fair' at the De La Warr Pavilion to promote Try a Train trips and look for more station volunteers.



Presented by Dr Kieran Mullan MP

LIVE WELL AGE WELL Community Fair

WHO WILL YOU MEET?

EXHIBITORS & ACTIVITY PROVIDERS - 2 OF 2

- East Sussex Hearing
- East Sussex MSK Community Partnership
- East Sussex Over 60s Football Club
- East Sussex Vision Support
- Energise with Alex
- Freedom Leisure
- Golden Activities
- Healthwatch East Sussex
- Home Instead
- Homecall
- League of Friends of Bexhill Hospital
- Livify Life
- Macmillan Information and Support Hub
- NHS Health in Mind
- One You East Sussex
- Parkinson's UK and Bexhill Parkinson's Working Age Group
- Pride Community Healthcare
- Prostate Cancer Support Organisation (PCaSO)
- Rother District Council
- Rother Voluntary Action
- Rural Rother Primary Care Network
- Movement 2 Music
- Seaside Campers
- Southeast Communities Rail Partnership
- Southern Housing
- Stagecoach South East
- Sussex Brain Bus, University of Sussex
- Sussex Outreach Support
- Sussex Police and Victim Support
- Sussex Stitches
- The Pelham and Running Space
- Sara Lee Trust
- Theatre Club of Bexhill
- Twin Arts Limited - T'ai Chi Long Yang Form
- Veena and the Moon
- YouNique Wellbeing Studios

North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading
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- Completed CRN award submissions for Big Green Fringe Festival and Surrey Coalition Explore Nature project.
- Had a meeting with Owlsmoor School in Sandhurst to plan an artwork project for the station.
- White Ribbon event preparation and meetings with Harriet at Network Rail.
- Big Draw preparation and venues booked.
- Attended the GWR Partnership Conference in Cardiff.
- Led a Railway History Walk in Dorking and co-led another walk for Guildford Walkfest in Shalford. Both days were sunny!



Sussex Downs Line Seaford to Brighton

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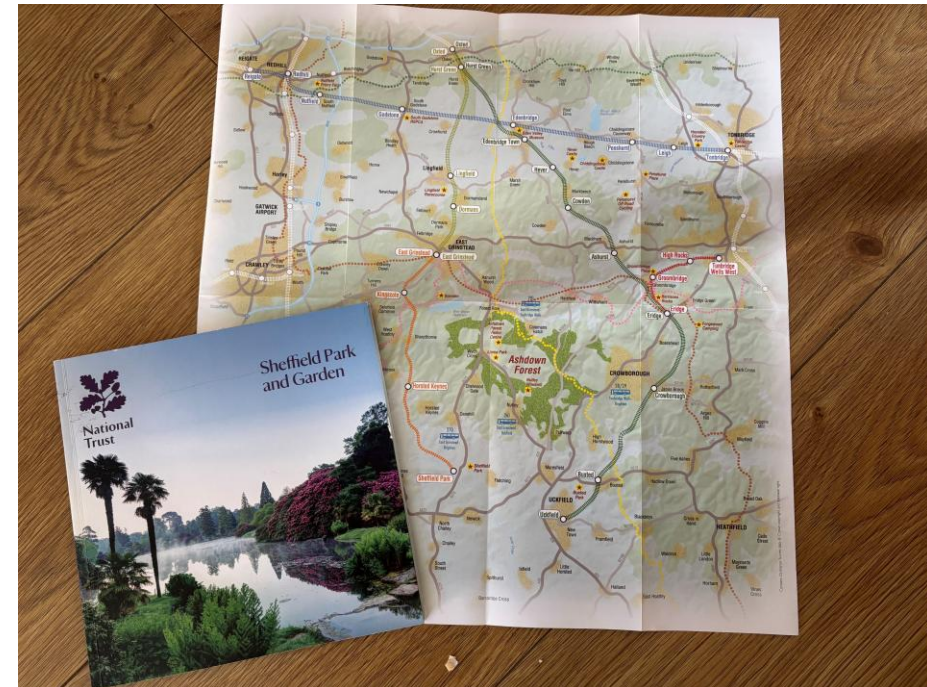
- I've been hanging pictures some newly framed GWR posters to brighten up our Lewes office.
- I have been talking with Creative Futures, arranging to hang a exhibition of work to promote Creative Carers Month later in November.
- Plans are going forward for GIA CIC to take on organizing volunteers for Lewes station.
- Attended the GTR conference in London.



Uckfield - East Grinstead – Oxted & Ton - Reigate

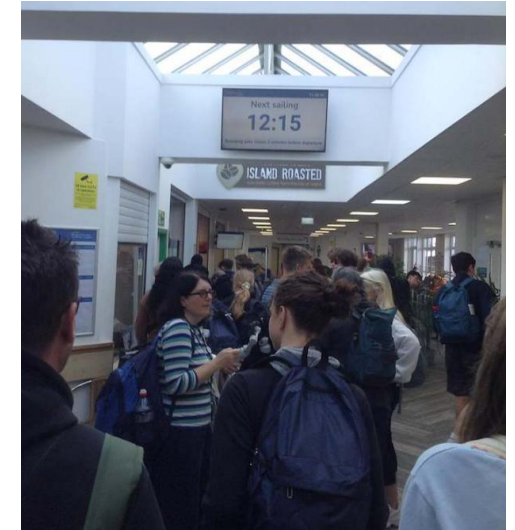
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- Continuing work to create more community connections and expand our project partner base, this week I met with Uckfield Town Council Clerk, East Grinstead Museum Community Lead, Sheffield Park Community and Partnership Manager and Redhill Residents Association Lead. (Some of whom also came along the GTR conference to learn more about community rail)
- As a result of these developing relationships not only are links to the local community strengthening but projects which come from the community, meeting a community need are being developed. Exciting times on both lines.
- Work for the community to adopt phone boxes at both Crowborough and Eridge is also moving forward
- A station partner for the platform planters at Eridge has been secured



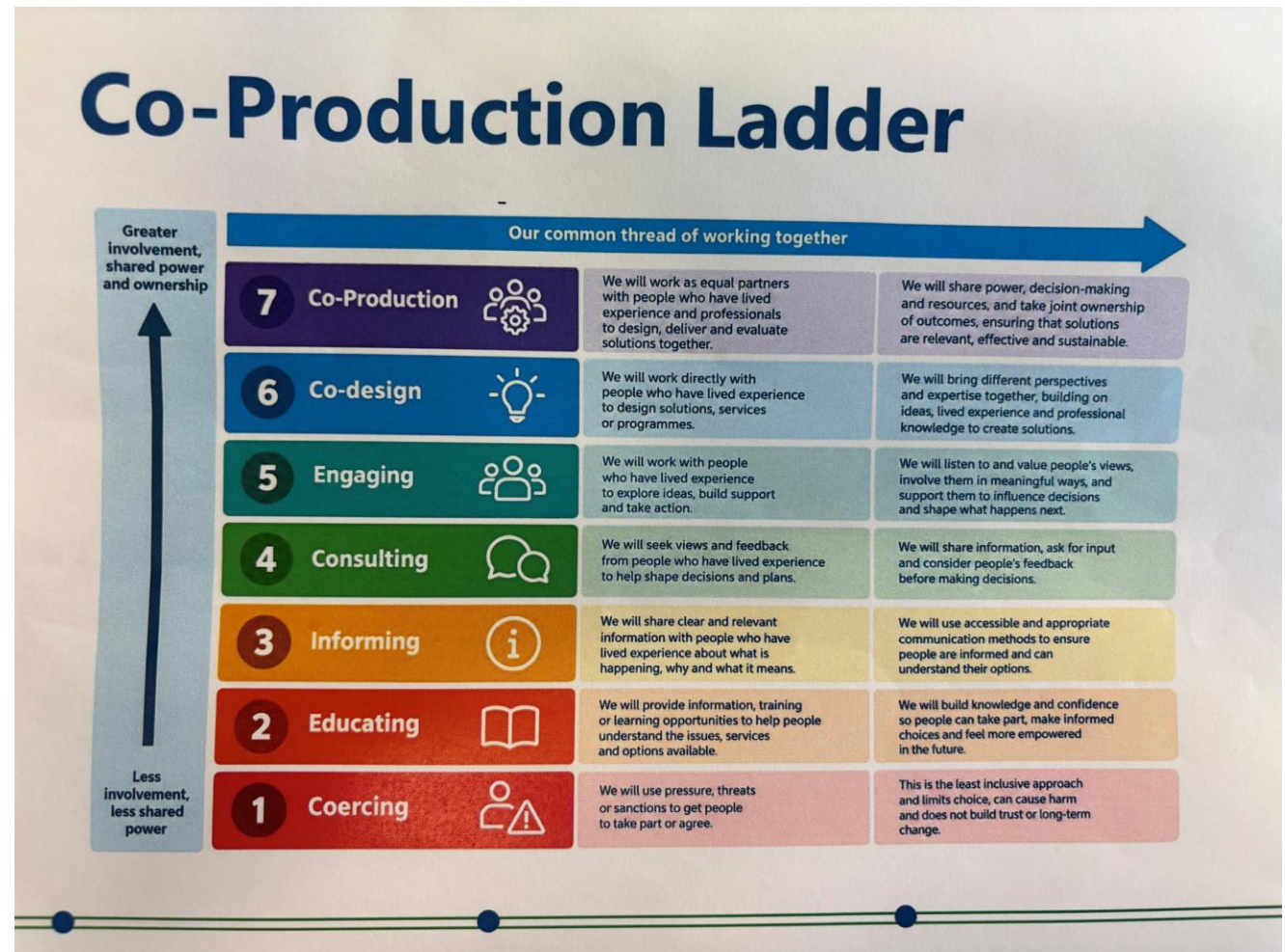
Go Learn Education
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- Delivering Rail safety messages to pupils from Crawley schools at the Junior Citizen event in Crawley. This will involve around 1600 Year 6 pupils .
- Running a TwC workshop planning a trip using aps with students (11 students) from Chichester College.
- Photos are from our recent TwC trip to the Isle of Wight with St Anthony's Special School in Chichester.(22 students)



Go Train GWR Education
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- Attended CRN's Co-production training day in Birmingham
- Attended GTR's stakeholder conference in London
- Had online meetings with Berkshire Vision and Newbury College to plan future Try a Train programmes.
- Continued working on CRN Award submission.



Marketing and Communications
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- During this weeks GTR Station Partner and Community Rail Conference I was pleased to deliver workshops title 'How to tell the world about your excellent project'. Tips and stories were shared highlighting more of the fantastic work done by groups and organisations.



SCRP CIC News

Fiona Morton CEO, Trevor Field Finance Officer



Hosted a visit from Rob Danson South Suffolk and Essex CRP. He said, " I just wanted to say a huge thank you for all your time and support yesterday during my visit. I enjoyed the day immensely and took so much from it in terms of ideas and ways of working which just helps mould my own thoughts whilst trying to get to grips with the community rail world!"

Pictured are Rob, GTR Horsham Station, Cath Reed SCRП Education Officer and Rob Danson visiting Junior Citizen Event in Crawley •