

Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

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1066: Hastings to Tonbridge

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- Current projects requiring varying amounts of work include:
 - The Norman Path Heritage Trail starting from Hastings Station. Look out for the paper maps next to the ticket office at Hastings Station.
 - The Crowhurst Mural Project is an ambitious and exciting project-to-be that has needed some extra TLC this week.
 - The upcoming High Weald Walking Festival includes 2 guided walks that are part of a great new book called 'Walking Robertsbridge'. SCRP paid for the printing and we will be promoting walks in and around Robertsbridge as part of a very productive collaboration with Salehurst PC and others.
 - Pic right shows the fabulous OneYou crew at the last of the station health checks last week. This one was at Etchingham and was fully subscribed. We have been partnering with OneYou on the 1066 line for 3 years, and it would be great to see this continue into next year and beyond.
 - Next week's highlight will be the Team Day in Hastings. We will walk the heritage trail and see the Hastings Embroidery along the way.



Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham
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- I'm working on the presentation for the upcoming GTR conference on 24th September, with help from partners and other CRP officers.
- I met with the Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Club at Crawley station, hoping to take over two redundant, but very smart, white poster frames.
- I popped into Horsham station, to visit the QE2 school art gallery and see their new display, taken from two projects last term and installed during the school holidays (photos)
- We have a potential new station adopter, who doesn't have access to the internet, or a mobile phone. Andrew Chillingsworth and I have been helping him through the various forms required, which are online only. This has highlighted a need to consider those who are digitally excluded to make sure they are not excluded from being active in Community Rail.
- I was contacted by a Local Authority Active Travel Officer, regarding the removal of cycle straps from some trains, to make room for disabled access. As well as responding with the background to this decision, GTR Public Affairs pointed me and the LA officer to Southern Rail guidance and policy on their website. It is helpful and useful to know about:

www.southernrailway.com/travel-information/onboard-travel/bringing-a-bike



Hounslow to Richmond
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- Good News on the Hounslow / Richmond Loop Line – SCRP were successful with our application to SWR Community Benefit Scheme, for the Hounslow Station Sensory Garden project.
- Meeting with Turner's House and St Margarets Station Adopters; gathering community input for new artwork on Platform 3, to be launched as part of the 150th Birthday Celebrations in October.
- A visit to Feltham Station to meet adopters and hear their ideas for future activities at the station.
- Isleworth Station Adoption Group AGM this week.



CREATIVE WORKSHOP

Draw Your St Margarets

Join us to help shape a map of St Margarets! To celebrate the 150th anniversary of St Margarets train station, a map of St Margarets is being created and will be displayed on platform 3 of the train station.

The workshop will be led by Will Parker, a local artist who is putting the map together. The workshop will take place in the garden of Turner's House, and an introduction to the history of the house and its great designer will be provided.

Free All materials provided Just bring your ideas!

 **Tue 18th August**
10am

 **Turner's House**
Garden


TURNER'S HOUSE


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

- 1st September marked the first session at West Worthing station with Superstar Arts. The Superstar Gardening Group came down to the station for their safety briefing and to look at areas where they can plant, weed and potentially, do some artwork. They met Barbara from Friends of West Worthing Station and marvelled at the lizards darting around. I am organising a group trip to Lewes for them on 15th September so they can get some inspiration for what can be achieved.
- I did some weeding at Goring Station so that planters are ready for the station partner to get planting in September.
- I submitted the Supajam Photography Exhibition for a CRN Photography Award. Fingers crossed.....
- Looking at the responses coming in from the Garden Group Survey, we now have 14 respondents and issues around water collection and drought tolerant planting are prevalent. Many thanks to colleagues for sharing the survey with their garden groups.

Photo: Superstar Arts Group at West Worthing



Sussex Downs Line Seaford to Brighton

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- London road volunteers spent the day topping up planters and harvesting before they take a monthlong break from the garden.
- Spent a day researching a walk for BBC Country File Magazine who are looking to write an article commemorating the 100th anniversary of 'To the Lighthouse' by local author Virginia Woolf (see photo).
- We had a very useful Teams meeting, catching up with other CRP officers
- Met with new volunteers at Lewes Station



Bumblebee ID Chart



Bilberry Bumblebee
bombus monticola



Garden Bumblebee
bombus hortorum



Buff-tailed Bumblebee
bombus terrestris



White-tailed Bumblebee
bombus lucorum



Tree Bumblebee
bombus hypnorum

Windsor to Reading
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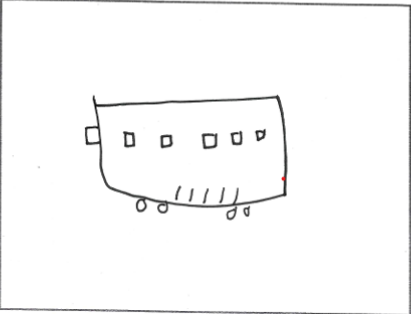
- Attended a webinar with the National Biodiversity Network Trust. The UK is home to 24 species of bumblebee, including 6 species of cuckoo bumblebee. These important pollinators are social insects, with fascinating ecology and life cycles. Will be sharing this information with station adopters.
- Updating activity plan and project summary.
- Liaising with station adopters regarding ongoing plans for stations.
- Happy to receive news of successful funding applications.

Heath Bumblebee
bombus jonellus

Go Train GWR Education
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Henry Tyndale School 'thank you' letters

6.7.26



Dear Maddy.

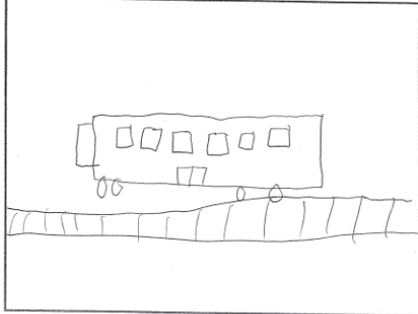
Thank you for taking us on the train.

I enjoyed the train.

I liked how fast the train went.

From Daniel Henry Tyndale School.

06/07/2026



Dear Maddy

Thank you for taking us to the GWR train to GUILFORD we have fun on the train we have looked at the king and we got another train back we want to come back on the train again.

From Aron from Henry Tyndale School



03 Jul 2026

GLD-FNN

Guldford → Farnborough Nth

GLD → **FNN**

TICKET TYPE: GWR COMP STD ROUTE: GWR ONLY (00820)

1 ADULT STD VALID UNTIL: 03 Jul 2026

Dear Maddy

Thank you for Maddy taking us on the train

I liked going fast on the train

I liked going to Guildford.

From Lewis



Dear Maddy

Thank you for taking us on the train

my favourite part was fast on the train

From Rosalene Henry Tyndale

SCRP CIC News

Fiona Morton CEO, Trevor Field Finance Officer

This week we had confirmation that our CRN Accreditation was renewed. Here are some of the comments:

“This is excellent news and a great vote of confidence in our staff team an all the great work they are delivering to our communities”

“.... a tremendous achievement by everyone. It is great to be involved with such an exemplary organisation in the field of community rail”

“Congratulations everyone on this excellent achievement .I reflects the hard work of the team and the continued support of partners and volunteers. A prime example of community rail partnership.”

Don't forget to sign up for the joint GTR/SER Community Rail conference . Agenda on right.

Community Rail Conference 2026 Linking stations and communities through station partnerships

Venue: Networx, 1 Puddledock, London EC4V 3DS (Blackfriars train station 5 minutes walk)

Date: 24 September 2026, 1000 – 1615

1000-10.30	Arrival, tea/coffee, networking
10.30- 11.00	Welcome opening remarks - Louis Rambaud, GTR Chief Customer Officer
11.00-11.30	Mike Knott, Farnborough Street Residents Association Winners of 2026 CRN Award 'Outstanding contribution to community rail'
11.30-12.00	Community Rail Panel- The challenges and opportunities for community rail and station partners as we move to GBR – chaired by Sarah Grove, Cam Valley CRP Panellists include • Tim Barkely Chair of Southeast CRP, • Chris Sutton, Chair of Darent Valley CRP, • Andy Scholes, Friends of Gipsy Hill, • DFTO representative invited and to be confirmed
12.00-12.30	Andy Quinn and Kirsty Austin, St Mungos Making stations and communities safer for vulnerable people
12.30-13.30	Networking lunch:
13.30-15.00 20 mins each workshop	Workshops (attendees to select three) • Finding funding to support community projects – Trevor Field, Southeast CRP • How to tell the world about your brilliant project – Sam Lear, Southeast CRP • Attracting people to travel by rail through community rail – Sarah Newman, Darent Valley CRP • Getting things done at stations drop in session– GTR, Southeastern and Network Rail staff • Finding & working with partners for station community projects – Rowena Tyler, Southeast CRP
15.00-15.15	Coffee break
15.15-15.45	Andrew MacLachlan – Network Rail Southern Region Climate Lead The impact of climate change on the railway and community rail (and what can you do about it)
15.45 –16.15	Closing remarks