# Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

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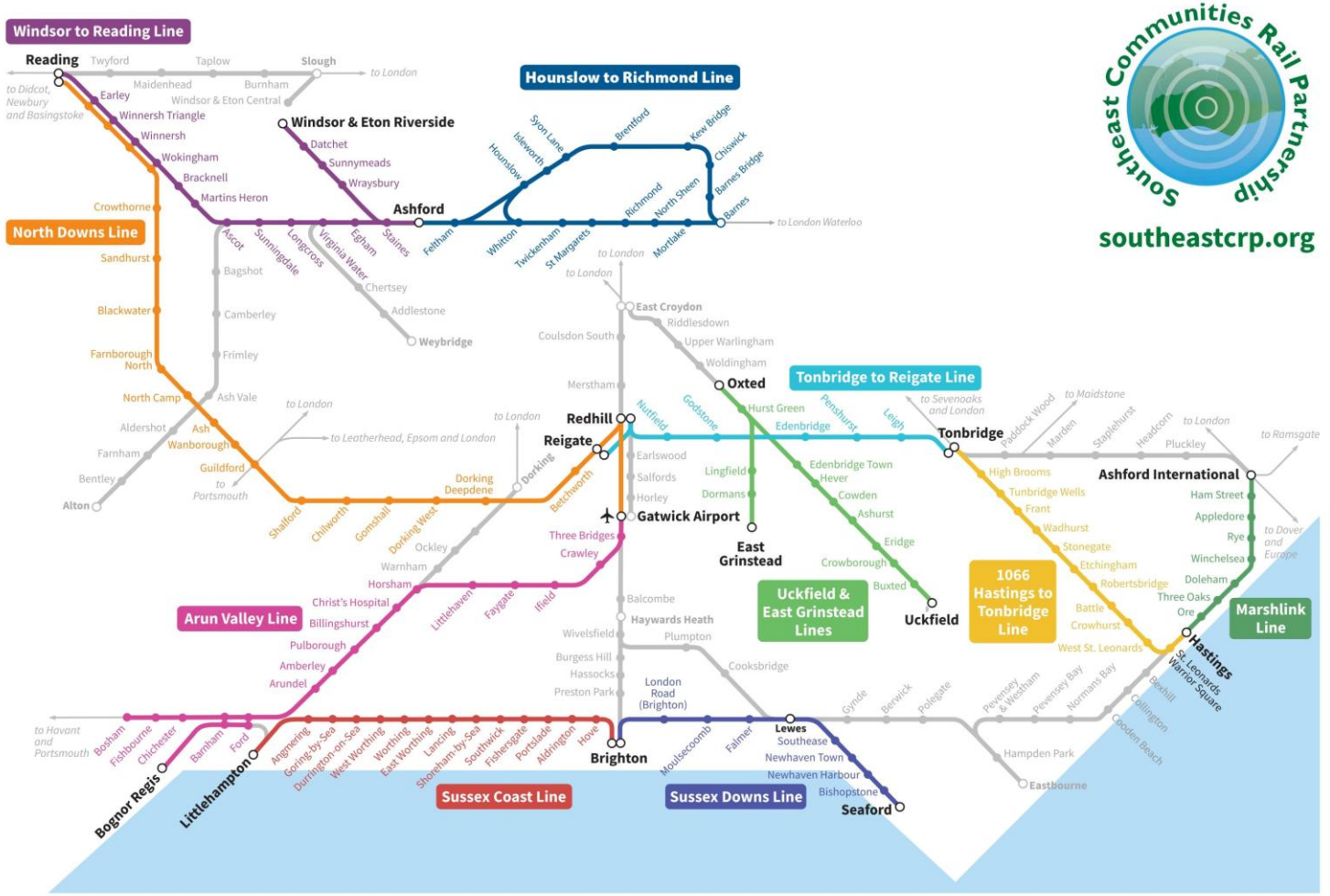

# 1066: Hastings to Tonbridge
## Kanna Ingleson, Line Officer
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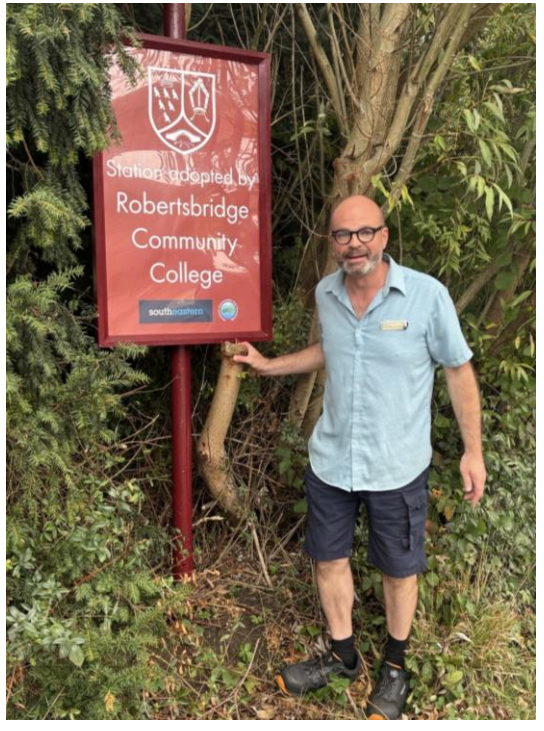
- Crowhurst Mural Project: 20 people turned up at a Sunday afternoon meeting in the village hall to volunteer their help in various ways. Another 18 sent their apologies and expressed an interest in helping out (pic top right).
- Since then, Crowhurst villagers of all ages have been sitting for portrait sessions with artist Emily Johns. These local portraits will be incorporated in the mural. This is a unique opportunity for local inclusion and will no doubt foster a sense of connection and pride.
- Robertsbridge Community College: The station adoption signage is now up, thanks to lots of work behind the scenes by Station Master Ross Browning. (pics bottom right).Discussions have started with Southeastern and SCRP about an activity plan to encourage community service among year 7 students.



Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham
Rowena Tyler, Line Officer
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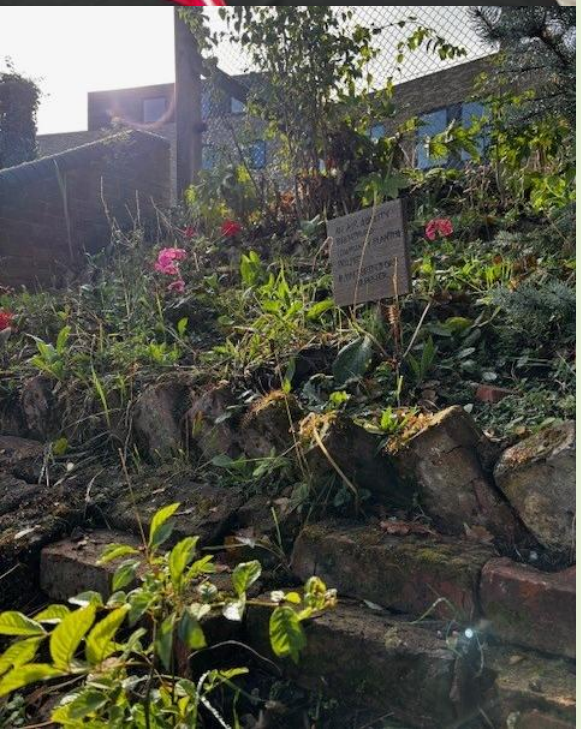
- A very productive meeting with the newly appointed station manager for 4 stations on the line – Chichester, Bosham, Fishbourne, and Bognor, all of which have active station partners and upcoming projects
- I attended the premiere screening of Tracing the Rails, episode 5: West Grinstead to Southwater, at Christ's Hospital Globe Theatre, *(photos)* with an introduction by Laura Kidner, the museum curator. Southeast Communities Rail Partnership were given a credit, and we will be much more involved in Episode 6, filming begins next month.
- On Friday this week, The Line Steering Group will be at Gatwick airport with a tour of the airport improvements led by GTR manager Paul O'Brien. Thanks to Loukas Ioannou, Gatwick Airport Surface Access Manager.
- Crawley Community Youth Services has produced a six- month evaluation report on the work undertaken since adopting Ifield station. It's an inspiring piece of work, and it's available to read on our website. Young station adopters celebrate first six months | Southeast Communities Rail Partnership



Hounslow to Richmond
Anna Stearman Line Officer
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- Fantastic opportunity to meet up with colleagues and make new connections at the CRN Conference in Derby this week.
- Site visit to Brentford Station to discuss a possible mosaic project with a local artist and stained glass maker, Nicola.
- Site visits to Kew Bridge station and meeting with SWR and BFC to expand the volunteer group there.
- Meetings with Hakim, Manoj, Sidonie and Jenni regarding projects at St Margarets, Whitton, Hounslow, Barnes Bridge and Isleworth stations.

Marshlink Hastings-Ashford International
Paul Bromley Line Officer
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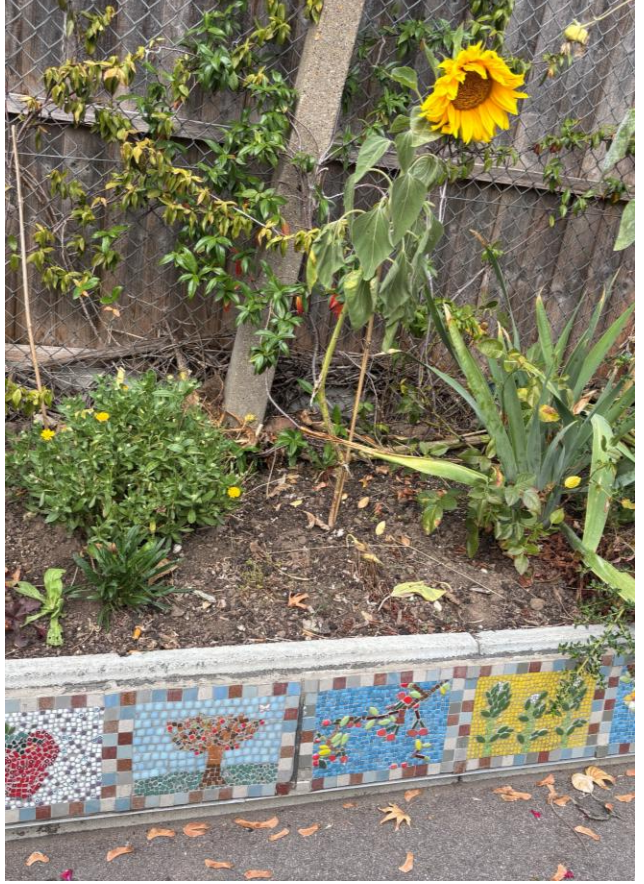
This week has been mainly about sharing ideas, learning from others and discussing common themes at the Community Rail conference in Derby.

I gave a summary report to the SCRP staff meeting.

Last week was all about visiting stations and seeing the fantastic artwork on the Hounslow-Richmond line. Thanks to line officer Anna Stearman for the tour.

Next week will be about preparing for steering group meeting in November.



# North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading Line Officer:
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- The Chilworth Station Car-Free Travel Map was installed in the bus shelter at Chilworth. Illustrated by wildlife artist Claire Watson and showing routes for walking and cycling from the station. It will make a lovely and informative welcome to Chilworth.
- At Shalford station a Car-free travel map, funded by GWR, was installed with Mark from GWR's help and makes an informative welcome for visitors to the station. Thanks to all the volunteers who have helped make these maps possible.
- I attended the CRN Conference in Derby with useful open platform sessions on Climate Resilience and Violence against Women and Girls.
- I ran a Big Draw Workshop, GWR CCIF funded, with members of Berkshire Vision. We travelled from Reading to Blackwater Station, made sensory drawings on our walk and then created paintings with natural materials with the help of artist Gemma Driskell.
- Next week we have our final Big Draw session at Reading Station in the Brunel Arcade with support from Network Rail.
- Photos: Chilworth map, Chilworth bus shelter, Bex and volunteers at Shalford with new map. SCRP

Sussex Coast
Line Hove to Littlehampton
Lynda Spain Line Officer
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- Beautiful display for Remembrance Day installed at Lancing Station
- Finalised plans with Superstar Arts for replacement mural at West Worthing station based on the Tarring Fig Trees
- Your Community Cares branding is finalised and station partners have started to make plans for 26th November

# Sussex Downs Line Seaford to Brighton

Michael Olden Line Officer
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- Last Friday I went on a mindful Autumn walk with staff and partners of GTR starting at Brighton station, celebrating World Mental Health Day. It was great to meet partners and forge new connections.
- I met with Nigel Ryan, Creative Futures Lead, from East Sussex College Group to look at displaying ex students work at Lewes station in support of ‘Creative Futures Month’
- I caught up with all the SCRP news and feedback from the CRN conference at our monthly staff meeting.

## Uckfield - East Grinstead – Oxted & Ton - Reigate

Samantha Lear Line Officer
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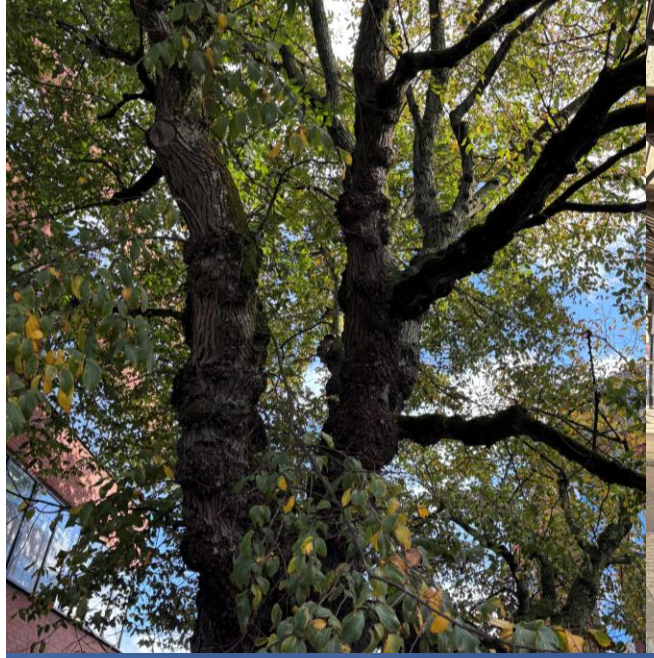
- This week saw the GTR Brighton walk for World Mental Health Day. It was a wonderful and enjoyable opportunity to connect with individuals, organisations and partners of the CRP whilst also exploring the area.
- There have also been a number of useful meetings, including staff meeting, Gatwick Airport and project planning and updates.
- Some attention has also been given to plans for Christmas and the start of 2027.
- And the next Try the Train event with Step by Step school has been booked for the 3rd December.



# Windsor to Reading

Sandy Mahon, Line Officer
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- Lovely to see new artwork by local schools installed at Ascot Station thanks to the Arts Society.
- Meeting with colleague Sara, Hampshire CRP, Network Rail and Reading Borough Council to progress plans for the proposed mural at Reading underpass.
- 1-2-1 and six-monthly appraisal with Fiona.
- General administration and liaising with station adopters to keep things on track and support volunteers.

Go Learn Education
Cath Reed Education Officer
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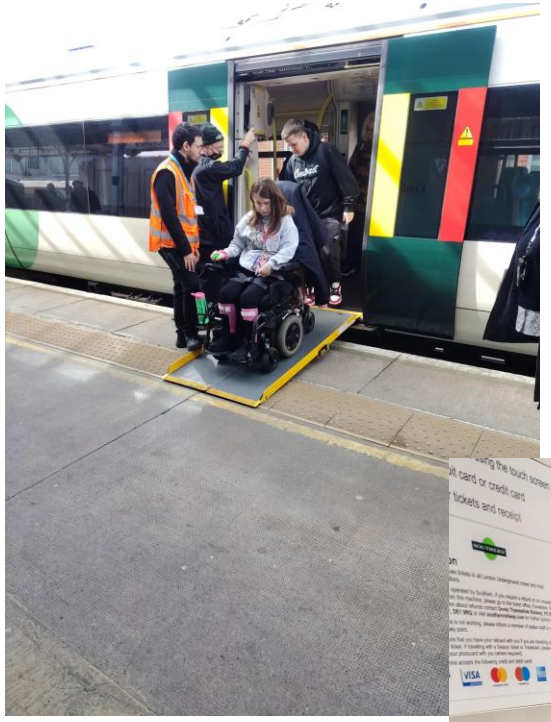
- Workshop with 10  Brighton Forward Students planning a journey from Worthing to Arundel using Apps.( TwC) We are travelling on Friday if the weather isn't too bad!
- Planning a Journey workshop followed by a Try a Train with 6 pupils from the Angmering school. We travelled to Bognor and back. ( Go Learn)
- Planning a Journey to London with Students from St Anthony's Special School ( TwC)



Students from the Angmering School

Marketing and Communications
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- This week publicity about our recent Travelling with Confidence award win at the SWR Community Rail Conference in the Working with Young People category was shared on social media
- And an interview with Fiona was shared to be featured in GTR's Partnership Platform.

# SCRP CIC News
# Fiona Morton CEO, Trevor Field Finance Officer

Start of the business planning cycle for funding for2026-2027

SCRP has updated its business plan. See website for details

Met with campaign group Transport for All

CIC Statement submitted to Companies House

KPIs Q2 data collected Headline figure £96k raised in grants from April to Sept