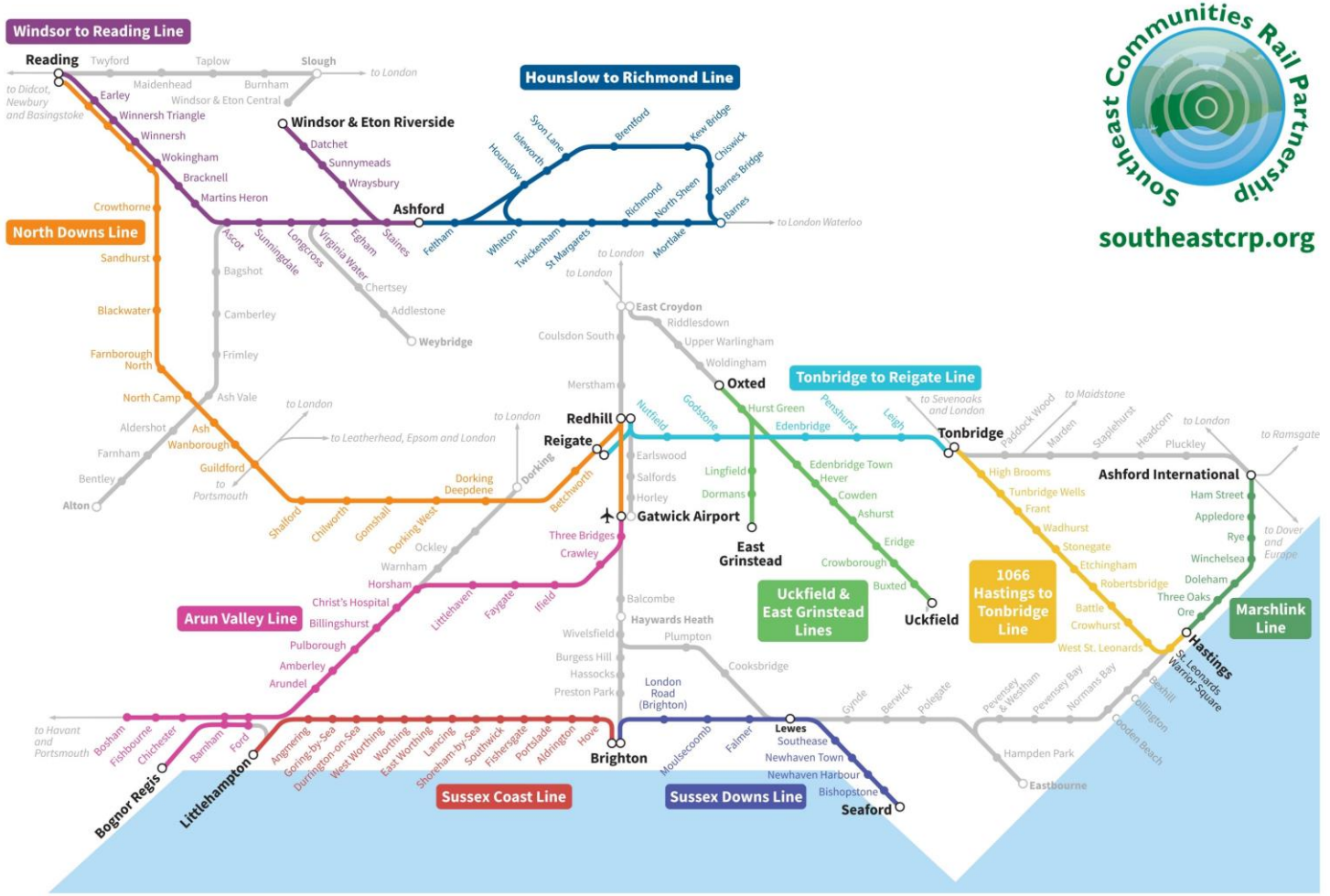
Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Weekly Highlights

DATE 27th Nov 2026



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1066: Hastings to Tonbridge

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- It was my pleasure to join Crowhurst volunteers for a second day to finish cleaning 80m of concrete wall at Crowhurst Station in preparation for the mural installation. Thanks to Sonia Plato for recruiting and coordinating this wonderful group, and Station Manger Harry Stevens for providing everything that we needed. (pic top right)
- White Ribbon Day took us to a freezing Tonbridge Station to do our bit to combat male violence against women and girls. I joined SCRP colleague Sam Lear who organised the event, SER Community Affairs Manager Matt Fraser, and Southborough Cllr Alan Bullion who is always a consistent supporter of SCRP projects and activities. (pic bottom right).
- White Ribbon Day article by Cllr Bullion
- I attended a planning workshop that aims to turn Hastings into a great walking and cycling town. One of the ideas under discussion was a route from Hastings Station to the Conquest Hospital.
- Two new ‘Try a Train’ trips are now in in the works, one for refugees and another for school children.











Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham
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As part of the joint West Sussex County Council and SCRP ‘Your Community Cares’ initiative, volunteers from different groups, charities and local authorities handed out handmade white hearts to visitors at nine stations along the Arun Valley Line.

A huge amount of preparation went into ensuring that this one-day event would be a success, which it was.

The feedback from the public was extremely positive, with people sharing their stories about life’s ups and downs, and thanking us for showing compassion and empathy.

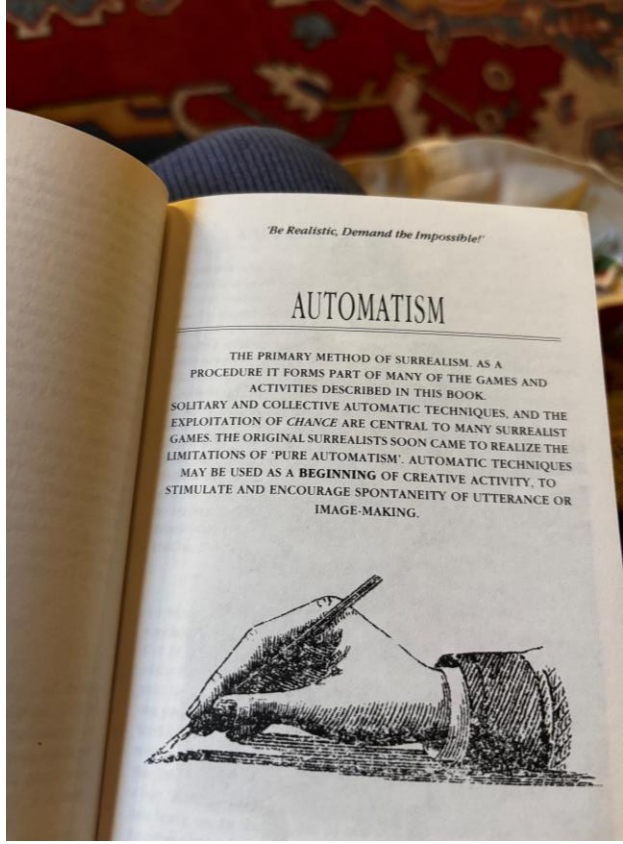
Top left – Horsham; Top right Barnham

Bottom - Chichester









Hounslow to Richmond
Anna Stearman Line Officer
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- Activity on the Hounslow-Richmond Line is mostly about thinking and talking to volunteers, this month, without the usually rather useful right hand.
- Site visits trying out planters for size, and / or chats at Hounslow, Isleworth, Richmond and Kew Bridge stations, for ongoing planting projects. Meeting with Great Oaks and Cultivate London, planning workshops including a winter willow / hazel craft session for all the station gardeners on the loop.





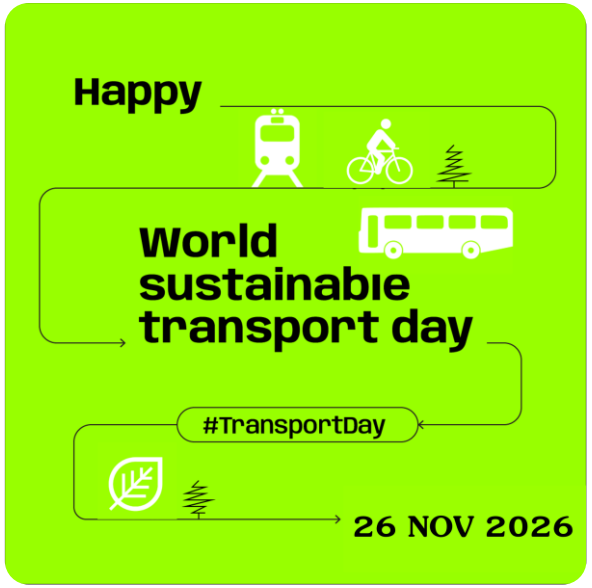
SussexWorld

Further rise in passengers using the Hastings to Rye train service

The number of people using stations on the Marshlink line between Hastings and Ashford, via Rye, continues to increase, says a spokesperson.

Figures show there were 6,965,282 entries and exits at the nine stations on the line between Hastings and Ashford International in the year from April 2025 to March 2026. The number is up by 105,252 on the previous year, representing a rise of 1.5%, the spokesperson added.





Marshlink Hastings-Ashford International
Paul Bromley Line Officer
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- Supported White Ribbon Day event at Eastbourne station and posted on social media
- Watched Christmas Sussex Belle steam train pass through Lewes and at Eastbourne – more social media posts
- Collated press coverage for rise in passenger numbers on Marshlink line – Sussex World online story
- Attended World Sustainable Transport Day event with Eastbourne Area Bus User Group promoting sustainable transport (trains, buses, cycling, walking etc)

North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading
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Our event at Reading Station promoted the White Ribbon campaign, upholding this year's theme **It Takes All of Us**, working together to end violence against Women and Girls.

The mayor Paul Gittings gave a speech highlighting the need to end violence against women and girls and Rachel Geliamassi, GWR Customer Service Director talked about how everyone has the right to feel safe travelling on the railway. It was a collaborative event, working together to engage customers about the campaign. Myself , colleague Sandy, and Mikey from Hampshire CRP, and representatives from GWR, Network Rail, SWR, CRN, Reading Borough Council, Berkshire Women's Aid, and British Transport Police all came together, along with players from Reading Football Club, showing their support for White Ribbon. After the speeches we had a fantastic performance from Reading blues singer Ma Bessie, funded by Community Rail Network.



Rachel Gelliamassi in her speech said: "GWR has a long-established commitment to supporting women and girls who have experienced violence. Fron 'Rail to Refuge, a scheme which provides free rail travel for survivors of abuse, our safeguarding and support systems help both those who travel with us and those who work with us."

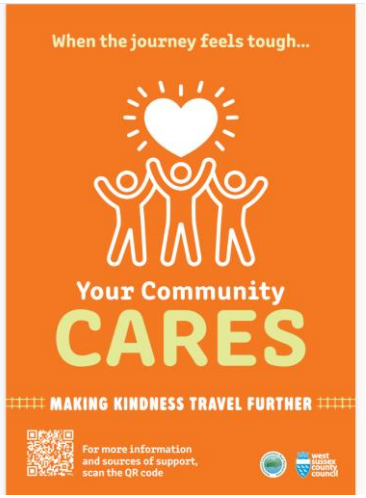
Harriet Sergent, Network Rail, commented " White Ribbon is an important opportunity to stop, reflect and recognise we all have a part to play in ending violence against women and girls. Incredibly proud to see so many organisations across the railway and the wider Reading community come together to support this event."

- Photos: GWR WR 2026

Sussex Coast
Line Hove to Littlehampton
Lynda Spain Line Officer
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- Your Community Cares Campaign has been a joy this week with station partners and a range of other organisations stepping up to spread love and kindness at 21 stations across West Sussex.
- I have been delivering white hearts, posters, badges, cards and posters all over the place and talking to station staff who are 100% behind the campaign.
- Busking with SupaJam at Hove is always a delight and their Your Community Cares set was extra special.
- Filming on Tuesday with Paddy Hawksworth and Whistlestop Arts for the Train to Trail project.

Photos: Friends of Durrington Station and Electric Storm Youth at East Worthing







Sussex Downs Line Seaford to Brighton
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- This week we held a well attended steering group meeting with partners at our Lewes station office.
- I spent a morning with Eastbourne councilors, volunteers and colleagues supporting White Ribbon day. The campaign challenges everyday sexism and says **No** to violence against women and girls (see photo)
- I was reliably informed by someone who knows more than me that I had caught a glimpse of the LMS Black 5 thundering through Lewes station (see photo below) on Wednesday.



Uckfield - East Grinstead – Oxted & Ton - Reigate

Samantha Lear Line Officer

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- Support for White Ribbon Day on 25th was shown at Tonbridge station, along with SER and local volunteers. The engagement and awareness rising event was well received.
- Two volunteers joined me at East Grinstead station for the Your Communities Cares White Heart campaign. Thank you to East Grinstead Town Council and Community People. It was really rewarding to see people smile and share a moment positive of connection.
- There was also time this week to book a new Try the Train trip for early 2027 and next years ONE YOU Health Check sessions for Crowborough station.











Windsor to Reading

Sandy Mahon, Line Officer

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- Wonderful turnout at Reading Station this week in support of White Ribbon, the campaign to end violence against women and girls.
- Entertainment and speeches drew commuters and passers-by to enquire and engage and sign the White Ribbon pledge. There was plenty of White Ribbon merchandise on offer and giveaways to keep you safe on your travels.
- A great show of community support for an important cause.

Go Learn Education
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- Over this week I have visited Manor Green College in Crawley to run 3 workshops and then 3 Try a Train sessions with around 20 students in total. We took the train from Ifield to Horsham where we had a station tour .
- I have also run 3 workshops at Northbrook College where we were Planning journeys up to London and down to Portsmouth with around 25 students. These trips will take place next week.

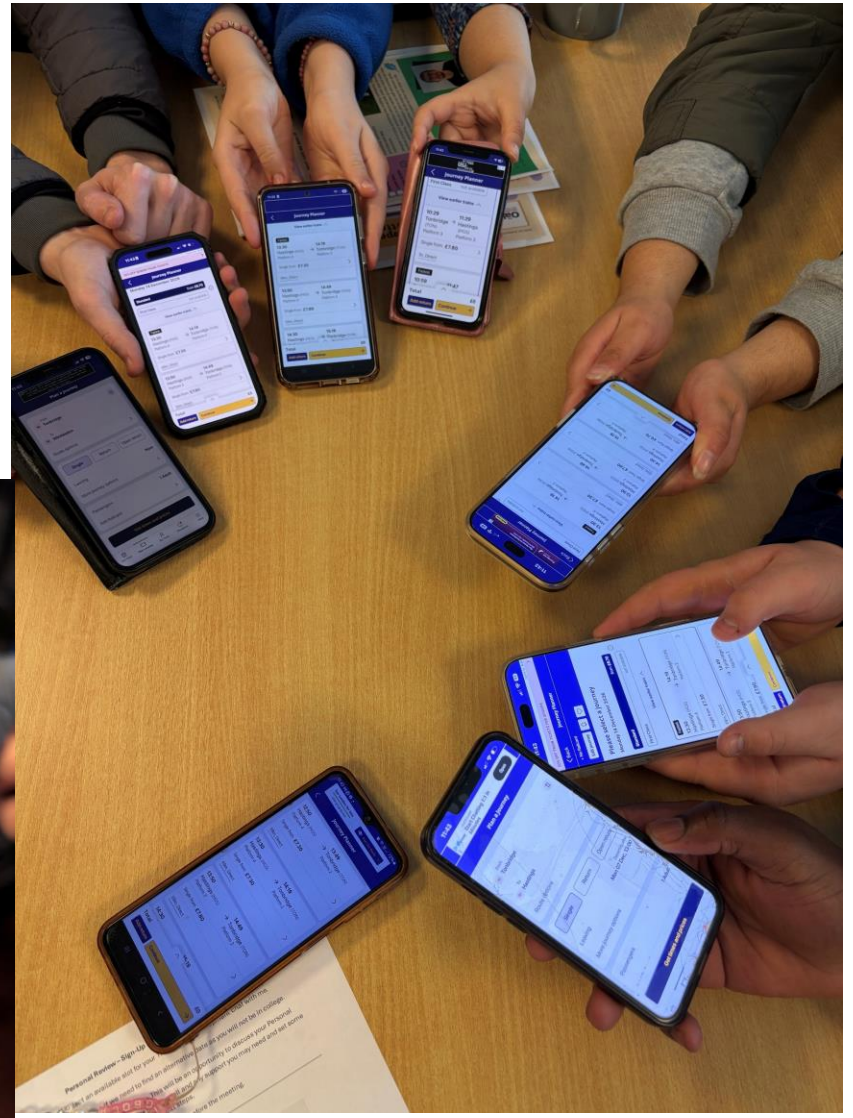


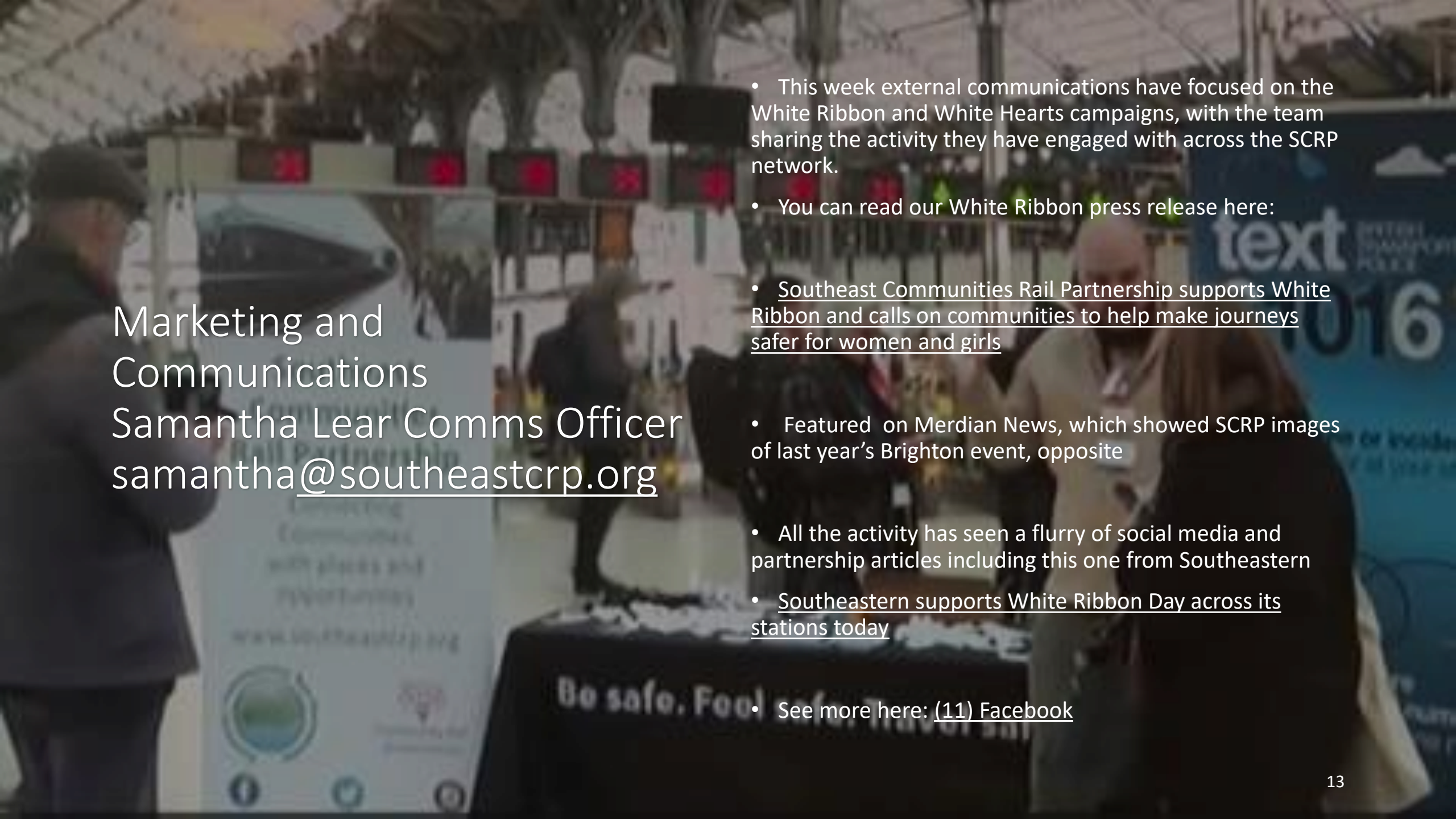
Running a workshop at Manor Green College in Crawley

Go Train GWR Education
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- Delivered a ‘Travelling with Confidence’ (TwC) workshop at The Oaks Specialist College. 9 x young people. They voted on their future journeys and decided to visit Gatwick Airport for a tour and ride in the monorail, and the train and tram journey to Ampere Way (IKEA!). They used the National Rail app to plan their journeys - see photos! One student, whose first ever ride on a train was last week, took the train to get to college on that day! Photo is of her ticket that she bought by herself!!!!!
- Took Surrey Choices on a TwC trip to Reading Bus Depot for a tour and a trip through the bus wash. 9 x young people travelled from Guildford to Reading and back.
- Did a recce to East Croydon to find out the tram stops ready for a trip in December for TwC.







Marketing and Communications

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- This week external communications have focused on the White Ribbon and White Hearts campaigns, with the team sharing the activity they have engaged with across the SCRP network.
- You can read our White Ribbon press release here:
- Southeast Communities Rail Partnership supports White Ribbon and calls on communities to help make journeys safer for women and girls
- Featured on Merdian News, which showed SCRP images of last year's Brighton event, opposite
- All the activity has seen a flurry of social media and partnership articles including this one from Southeastern
- Southeastern supports White Ribbon Day across its stations today
- See more here: (11) Facebook

SCRP CIC News
Fiona Morton CEO, Trevor Field Finance Officer

- Community Interest Company Statement completed
- White Ribbon events across our lines
- Next week more work on rail connect bus proposal
- GTR CRPs meeting
- AI Training



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- Southeast Communities Rail Partnership stakeholders during the year included Network Rail plus train operating companies Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR), Great Western Railway (GWR), South-Western Railway (SWR), South-Eastern Railway (SER) & Cross-Country Trains. Other stakeholders include Community Rail Network, East Sussex, West Sussex, Surrey & Kent County Councils, Brighton & Hove City Council, Reading Borough Council, Hastings Borough Council, London Borough of Richmond, London Borough of Hounslow, South Downs National Park, Surrey Hills National Landscape, Gatwick Airport Limited, Shoreham Port, Brighton & Hove Buses, Reading Buses, Compass Bus, & Metro Bus. SCRP held 2 hybrid strategic advisory board meetings last year.

- Many other stakeholders include district, town & parish councils, universities, local station adoption groups, friends of station groups, schools, rail user & other community groups. Stakeholders are represented on a steering group for each of the 10 CRP lines in Sussex, Kent, Surrey & connecting areas of South West London & Berkshire, with consultation through at least 2 steering groups & 1 annual general meeting during the year. Meetings have been held in person, on-line & hybrid with a blend of both.

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