

Kent CRP

Bat and Ball Presentation

19th December 2018



Kent Community Rail Passengers



Who We Are



School Engagement Officer

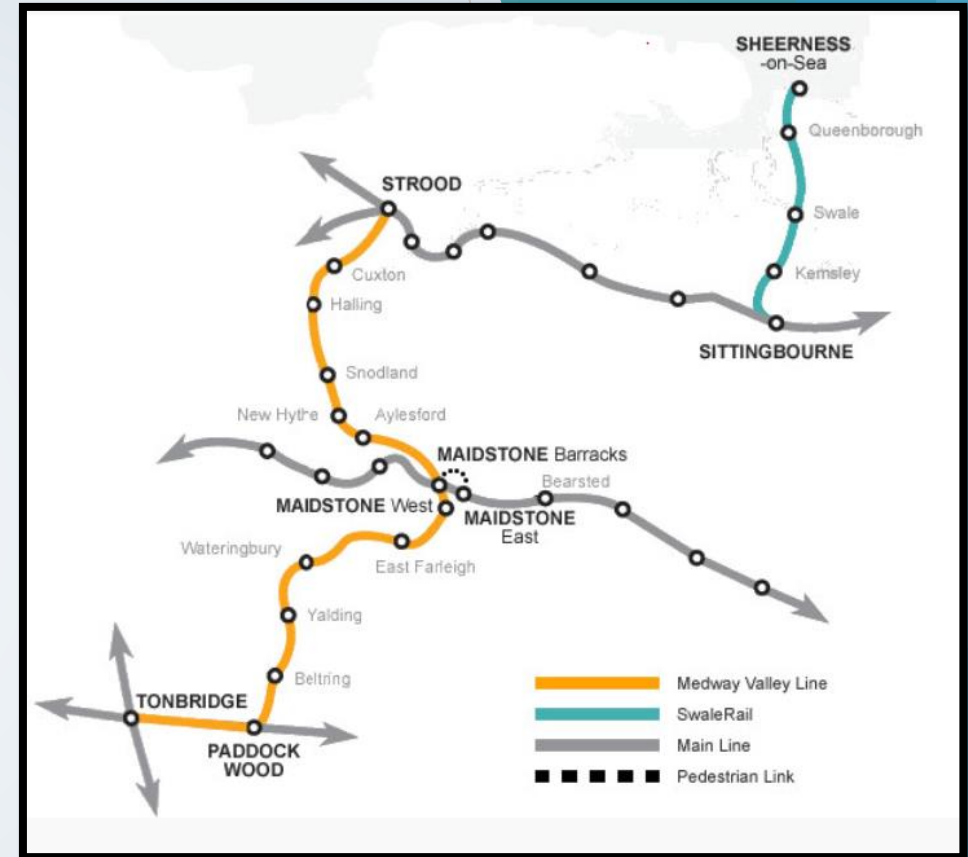


Project Officer

- Kent CRP structure
- Events and Activities - Jan to Dec 2018
- Projects and Events

What We Do

- Work with schools and colleges to help encourage train use
- To help people identify other ways to travel without using a car
- Work with the community to improve and adopt our stations
- To improve rail travel for passengers



Train Lines

Kent CRP Structure

SUSTRANS

- Sustrans (Charity No 326550) hosts Kent CRP
- Sustrans is the charity making it easier for people to walk and cycle. They connect people and places, create liveable neighbourhoods, transform the school run and deliver a happier, healthier commute. To find out more visit www.sustrans.org.uk
- Synergy in aims and objectives

Kent CRP meetings

- Kent CRP Stakeholder Group meets once a year
- Kent CRP Steering Group meets 4 times per year
- Medway Valley Line Partnership Group meets 4 times per year
- Swale Rail Line Partnership Group meets 3 times per year

Current Action Plan

1: Deliver Growth

How: Through Pop-Up hubs offering sustainable travel advice; working in schools to deliver 'Smarter Journey' initiatives and Abellio 'Transition Training'; Scout Personal Safety badge; general promotion of KCRP and the two lines.

2: Contribute to Cost Savings

How: Station Improvements - currently one station adoption (Maidstone West), various improvement initiatives (Sheppey College and FAW projects), identifying possible funding streams, crocus planting in partnership with Rotary Club (Maidstone Barracks).

3: Increase Community Involvement

How: Collaborate with local community groups, local authorities and planning officers; engage volunteers and successful bidder during franchise renewal (Jan-Mar 2019); station surveys

4: Support Social and Economic Development:

How: Community events, develop tourism and workplace engagement around rail travel, new housing developments and access to the station. (walking routes, places to visit etc all on our website)

2019 Action Plan - The Four Pillars

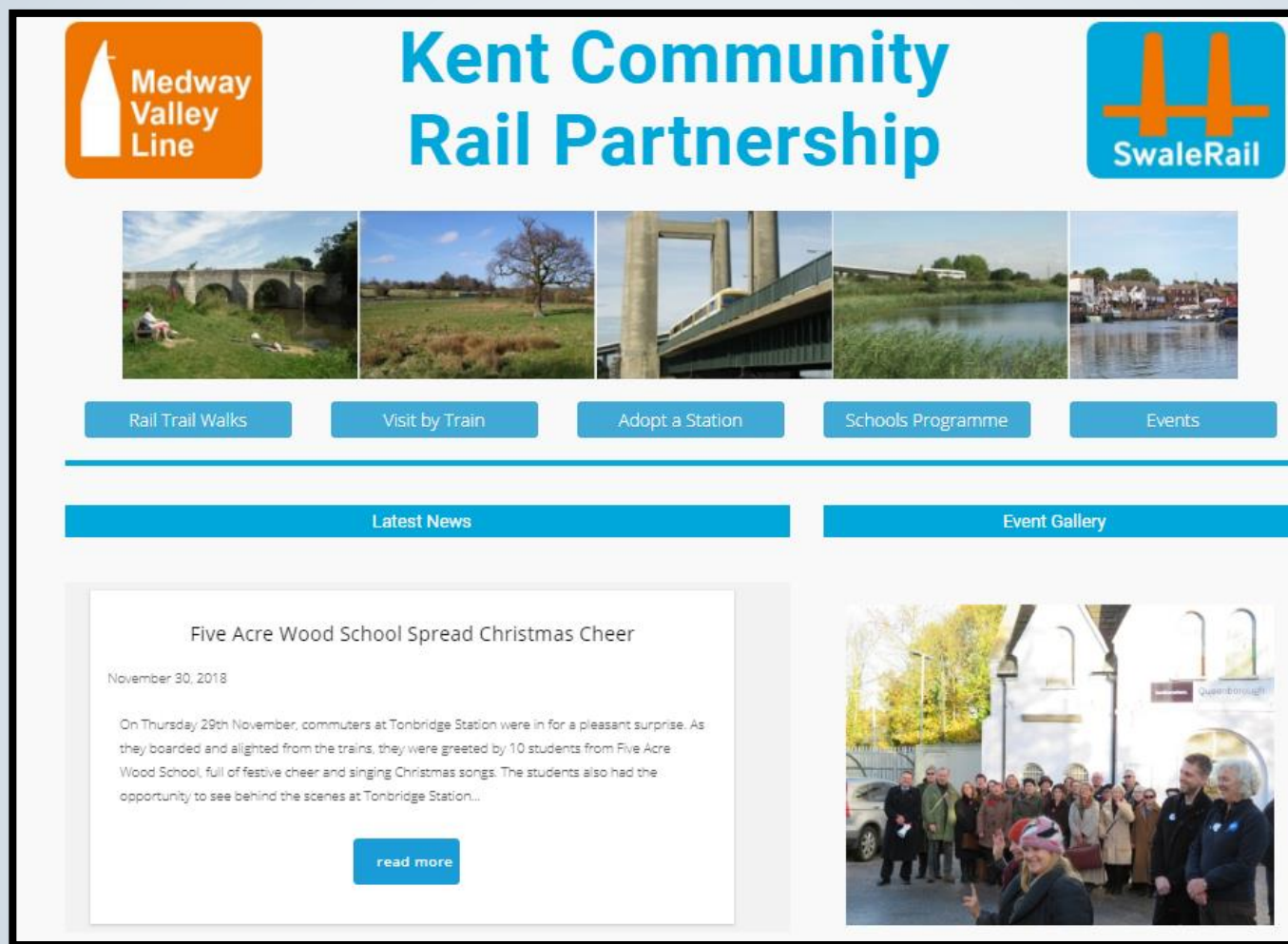
- ❑ Providing a voice for the community
- ❑ Promoting sustainable, healthy and accessible travel
- ❑ Bringing communities together and supporting diversity and inclusion
- ❑ Supporting social and economic development

Based on guidance from ACoRP (Association of Community Rail Partnerships)

Communication Channels

- 12 annual meetings - minutes
- Web site
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Annual Review
- 3 Newsletters per year
- Quarterly emails to 450 strong database
- Press Releases

Kent CRP Website



<http://kentcrp.org>

Social Media



www.facebook.com/Kent-Community-Rail-Partnership-185764031481270



@KentCRP1



Annual Report and Newsletters

Kent Community Rail Partnership



The map shows the Kent Community Rail network. It includes the Medway Valley Line (orange), SwaleRail (green), and Dover Line (blue). Key stations marked include Maidstone, Ashford, Dover, and Canterbury. The map also shows the River Medway and the English Channel.

Annual Report 2017 - 2018



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Kent Community Rail Partnership



Sept 2018




Message from the Chair

Well, what a summer we've had not only weather wise but also event wise. We've enjoyed school assemblies presenting certificates and badges to Years 5 and 6 pupils who have taken part in cycling, scooting, and walking to school also learning how to travel by train safely when transferring to secondary school.

Early July saw us at Snodland Carnival with our pop-up gazebo in sweltering heat and later in the month a family cycle ride alongside the river Medway. In mid August a weekend event at Tonbridge commemorating the centenary of the First World War with a Troop Train complete with re-enactors - civilians, nursing and military - riding the train from Strood to Tonbridge on both Saturday and Sunday morning.

As you may know, Sarah Oaklin is part way through a six month career break and Linda Bell has left and is exploring the possibility of re-locating to Spain with her husband as Theresa Hammond has carried out the events, mainly single handed, and I would like to say a big THANK YOU to her for coping so cheerfully with a smile on her face and a "can do" attitude.

I am delighted to say that we have successfully recruited a Schools Project Officer in the shape of Andy Place who will very shortly be out and about on our two lines.

A reminder that our **Stakeholder Meeting** takes place at Maidstone Town Hall on **Tuesday, 25 September at 2pm** when I look forward to seeing you there.

Sue Murray, Chairman, Kent Community Rail Partnership

Diary Dates

Sat 1 Sept 'Those Magnificent Men and Women' Laysdown, Isle of Sheppey 10am-4pm. Come and ride the smoothie bike and learn more about aviation, cycling, walking and taking the train on the Isle of Sheppey.

Wed 25 Sept Kent CRP annual Stakeholder meeting Maidstone Town Hall 2-4pm. You are invited to join our annual meeting to learn more about Community Rail and it's future, we will also be awarding our volunteer of the year shield.

Sat 29 Sept 'Maidstone CycleFest' 15' Jubilee Square Maidstone 10-4pm. Come and join in the cycling fun and learn how to take care of your bike and make cycling safer. We'll be bringing the Smoothie Bike!

Sun 11 Nov Come and listen to 'Sea Folk Sing' will be traveling along the Swale Rail line from Sittingbourne to Sheerness singing a specially composed piece in celebration of reconciliation.

Sat 15 Dec Santa Train. Boarding at Maidstone West for a 2 hour return journey. Join us for fun on the train with a visit from Santa and a goody bag for every child, we'll have fun with crafts, face painting, ballooning and more. All for the price of the train ticket! Booking essential on Eventbrite.

Full details including booking information can be found on our website kentcrp.org.uk

Tonbridge Troop Train

On the weekend of 16/19 Aug we promoted 'Tonbridge 100' a celebration of all things WW1 taking place at Tonbridge Castle. Re-enactors joined us on the train from Strood to Tonbridge to engage with passengers. Thank you to Howard Porter and Matt Frazer our weekend volunteers.





School Engagement

July was a very busy school engagement month taking year 5's and 6's on train trips to stations, visiting primary schools to undertake end of year surveys and award ceremonies and also visits to secondary schools to undertake travel planning with their new September intake. Thank you to those schools who hosted us this year and to the station staff who have facilitated the fun station visits, we look forward to working with you next year!



The Day We Cycled to Kent Life!

On 24 July an excited group of 10 children and 7 adults plus cycle leaders Matt, Mike and Sarah met at the bike shed at East Farleigh railway station. After a quick cycle safety check they set off for the 40min cycle ride along the fantastic Maidstone Tow Path. Quote of the day, "Hot work but worth it for the tea in the village hall!" Thank you to our cycle leaders and to Kent Life for providing free entry and tea to our happy cyclists who enjoyed their time exploring the animals, play areas and tractor ride.

"Joke of the month"
How do locomotives hear? Through the engineers!

Maidstone West Station Improvements - the grampus and the garden!

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers led by Maidstone West's station adopter Ian Patterson we now have a newly painted grampus and flower borders to be proud of. Thank you Ian, Margaret and Matt for all of your hard work the station really is looking colourful this summer. If you are interested in being part of a station adoption team please contact us at kentcrp@sustrans.org.uk. You could be an individual or member of group, training will be provided and all project costs will be covered.




Pop-ups

Tonbridge Station 27 June with Sussex CRP and Snodland Carnival 7 July. Both events offered valuable public engagement opportunities to promote train travel and tourism along the Medway Valley Line. Join us on 1 Sept at Laysdown when we will be promoting opportunities along Swale Rail.




Keep up to date !

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Press Releases and School Newsletters

Well-trained choir sing moving piece

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You might have heard of moving music. But how many times have you seen music on the move?

That was the sight and sound which greeted passengers on Good Friday at 1.30pm when the choir from St John's Church, Queensborough, performed a moving piece.

Chapman Family Group had created a moving musical work to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War using archive sound clips.

Queen's School, Whitton was chosen for the choir, all aged seven and from South, Midway and Downend, both on the station and standing on the platform bridge spanning the tracks at Queensborough Railway Station.

With them were Lucy Medhurst, director of St John's, who has been based in Whitton which was bombed in 1940, and John Kettle, who lives in Queensborough.

Medhurst said: "It is called Never Again and is part of the One Minute Project. I hope people won't see it as a war



The 55 plus choir on the bridge at Queensborough.

to a horrible thing. This piece is a horrible thing. This piece is a horrible thing.

The performances were in association with the King's Cross, which was bombed in 1940, and John Kettle, who lives in Queensborough.

There will be more shows on Friday at Chesham Historic Dockyard at 1.30pm and 1.45pm. Call 07700 800000 or visit www.cheshamhistoricdockyard.co.uk



Functional Phase

This week we went to the cinema to watch the Grinch. Christmas jumper day was good fun and I got to wear my Christmas jumper—Oliver W.



In swimming we practiced butterfly techniques. We got to jump in and swim lengths—Charlotte P.

We went to gravity. I like to jump—Carl A.

On Thursday we cooked for Andy from the train station and we presented our ideas for garden design in Snodland station —Chantelle S.

Construction

In construction we build a bench by Thomas P.

Grow 19

At Grow 19 I sieved and moved the soil—Harry M.



Pop Up Events

Community Activities

Work Place



Community Events



**Troop Train
Tonbridge**



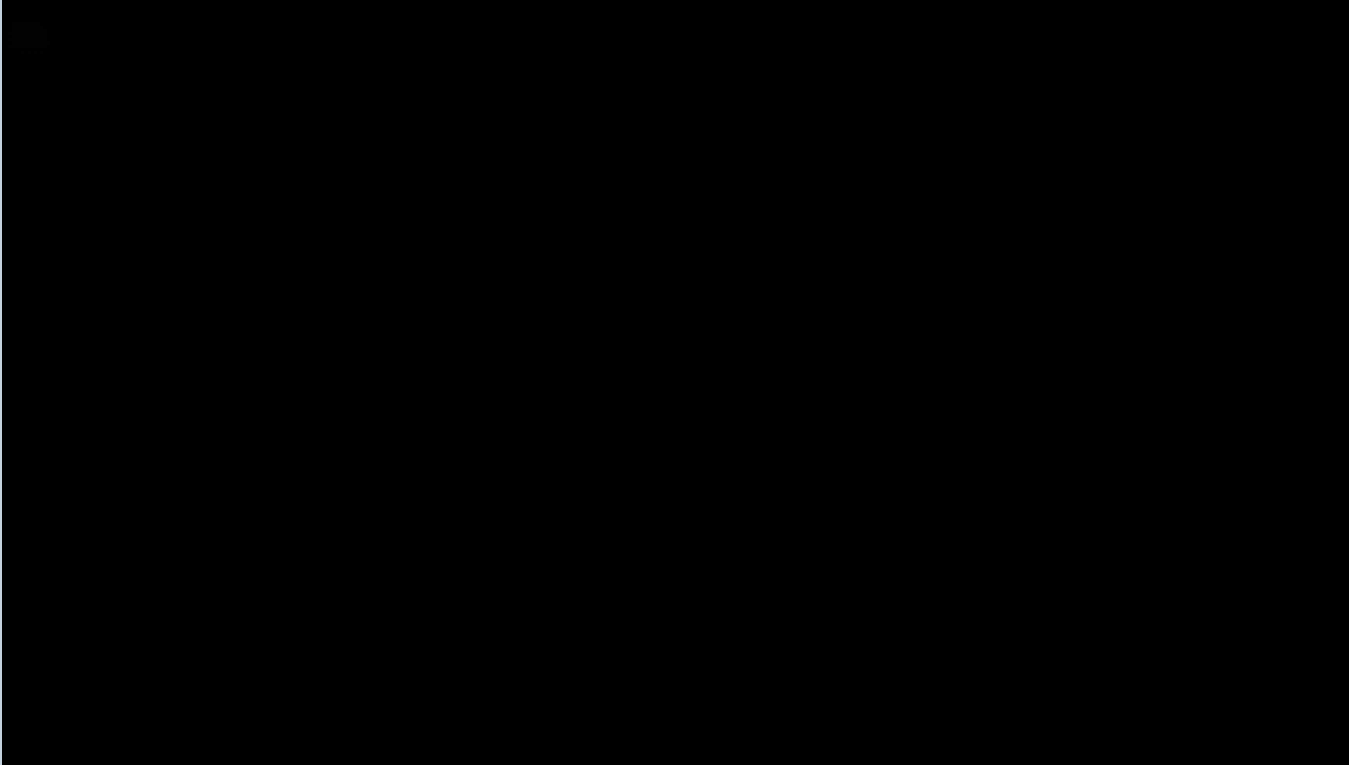
**Crocus 3500
Maidstone Barracks**

Community Events



Family Cycle Ride

Community Events



**Sea Folk Sing
Strood and Queenborough**

Community Events



**Santa Train
Maidstone Valley Line**

Station Adoption



Maidstone West

School Engagement



Travel Training

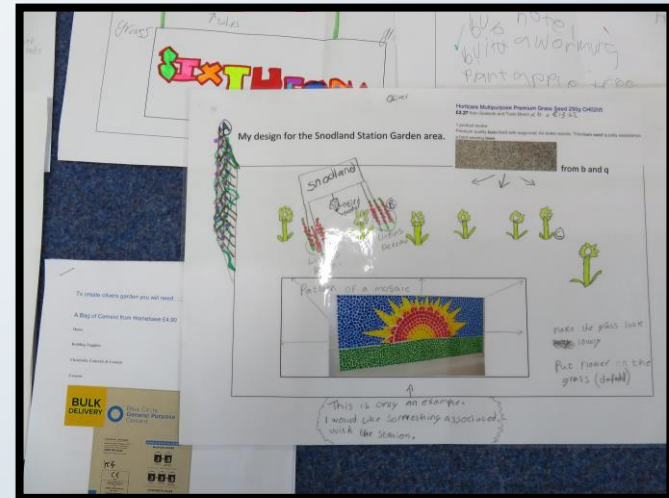


Singing to Commuters

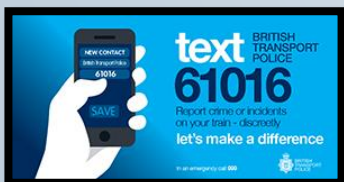
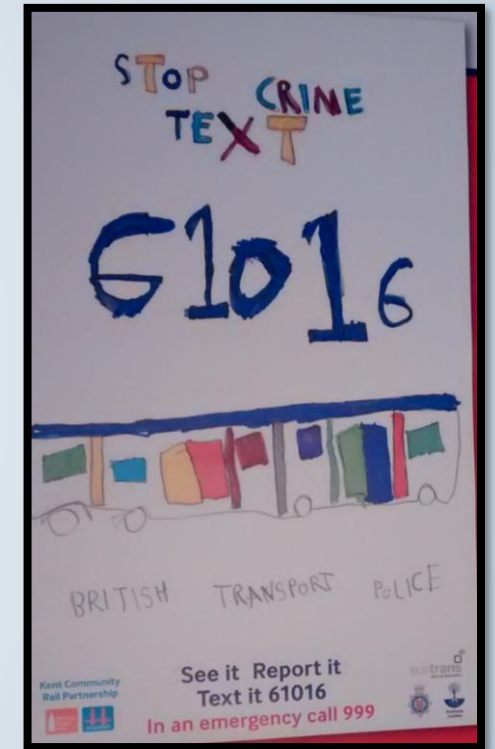
School Engagement



Station Improvements



School Engagement



**ACoRP Awards
Bradfields Academy**

Sheppey College Project

Overview:

- Working with ICT and construction students to enhance work-skills, confidence and take pride in community.
- Students will evidence skills learnt at college on our stations.
- Construction students will design and make planters, bird boxes etc.
- ICT students will produce a short video to promote the stations from any aspect e.g. historical, tourist, economic etc. and all works will be video diarised.

Objectives:

- Students will gain confidence and experience to travel by train independently. This is a collaborative project helping to build confidence and transferable skills, such as team working and social skills, planning and negotiation.
- Students will contributing to their local community and develop a sense of pride and belonging.

Sheppey College Project

- 209 students
- Construction, IT and Business Project
- Station improvements on the Swale Line
- Safety presentation and project overview
- Station visits
- Students are identifying areas to improve



Behind the Scenes

- Risk assessments
- Funding applications
- Working with councillors
- Writing minutes/ agendas
- Event organising (permission to use photos etc...
- Maintaining website and communication channels
- Attending Meetings with stakeholders
- Training (first aid, managing volunteers, safe guarding etc...)
- Forming relationships, ACoRP, Network Rail, Southeastern, BTP etc...
- Supporting with planning routes around new builds