

Press Release

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Partnership is the National Overall Winner!!

At this year's National Community Rail Association's Awards Southern Railway and the Sussex Community Rail Partnership (SCRP) won 5 first and 2 third places and were then awarded with 'Overall Winner' for their 'Outstanding Delivery of the Community Rail Development Strategy'.

The awards scooped included 'Best Station Garden' for Southern's Lewes Station, 'Community Art Schemes' for Southern and Oxted School's Oxted Artwork Competition and 'Outstanding Railway Staff Contribution' for Laura Englestone formally of Crowborough Station.

The Chairman of the SCRP who also got an award in the 'Outstanding Volunteer Contribution' category said "these awards are doubly welcome after a very difficult year in reconstructing the partnership and reflect all the hard work put in by the Partnership members"

The Development Officer for the SCRP, Sam Bryant, was "over the moon with the evening and was most proud to take home recognition for the work the partnership had done with Rye Primary School. This project was a lot of fun for me and the children involved. The results were amazing, I thank the school for inviting us to work with them and the children for working hard and making me so welcome."

Notes to Editors

The SCRP brings together local authorities with local community representatives and Southern Railway to improve services and facilities and access for communities along the Uckfield line and the Marshlink line. The overall aim is to reconnect the community with its railway and create a sustainable relationship with it.

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