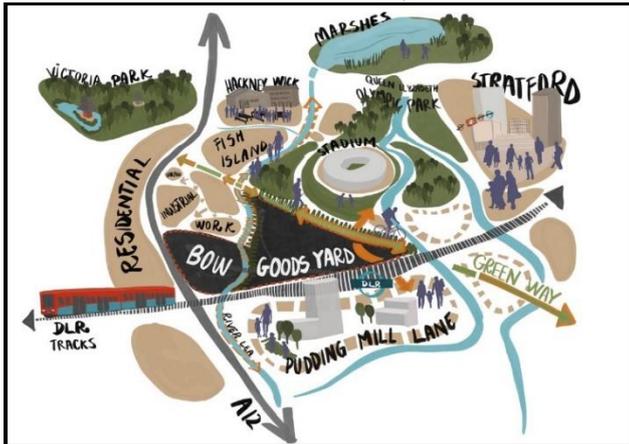


The **monthly** branch newsletter of **railfuture** in London and the South East

Britain's leading *independent* campaign for a bigger better railway for passengers and freight

## Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

Network Rail launched its master-planning process for Bow Goods Yard, East London, to see the regeneration of over 30 acres of brownfield land, on 20 June.



The strategically important site is the final parcel of land to be unlocked as part of London's 2012 Olympic and Paralympic legacy. Initially used as the main construction hub for the Olympics, during the games it became home to the Olympic warm up track.

More information at [Bow Goods Yard](#)

## What shall we be doing this month?

London and South East regional branch members, and / or committee members, will be:-

~ participating in a second workshop for Network Rail's Southern Region / Kent and Sussex Routes' study for Kent-Gatwick Strategic Advice on rail connectivity.

~ considering our response to the City of London Corporation on the yet-to-be validated planning application for the Liverpool Street station upgrade.

~ contributing in various meetings of the Southeast CRP - the MarshLink, Tonbridge-Redhill-Reigate, and North Downs Line Steering Groups, and the Stakeholder Advisory Board.

~ participating in Railfuture's national AGM and awards presentations, held this year in London.

~ holding regular meetings of our Herts & Beds Division (in-person) and Sussex & Coastway and Eastern Divisions ([online](#)).

~ holding a regular meeting of the L&SE regional branch committee, in-person.

## What has @RailfutureLSE been doing?

Since the early-June edition of *inter-railse* no.60, Railfuture's London and South East regional branch members, and / or committee members, have, amongst their various other activities:

~ run our "Bridge the gap" campaign stall at Uckfield & District Lions Club's Sunday afternoon Family Fun Day and Car Boot Sale, in Uckfield.

~ participated in a meeting of SCRP's East Grinstead / Uckfield lines Steering Group.

~ observed the joint Public Inquiry in Lewes for two appeals against refusals for new homes in Ringmer.

~ represented Railfuture in TfSE's Transport Forum.

~ joined GTR / Southern in an event to celebrate the collaboration for May 2023's East Coastway timetable.

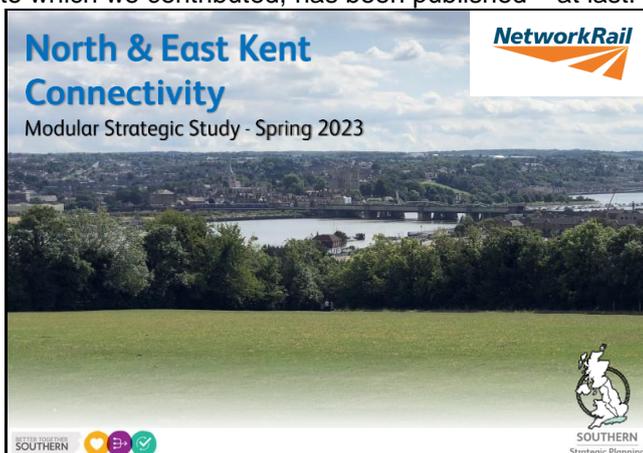
~ joined meetings of our Herts & Beds Division [online](#) and Sussex & Coastway Division in-person, Brighton.

~ held a regular meeting [online](#) of the L&SE regional branch committee.

**Our vision for Railfuture:** An independent organisation whose views are respected by the rail industry, to which decision makers come for advice, which rail users are proud to join and recommend.



Network Rail's North & East Kent Connectivity Study, to which we contributed, has been published – at last!



See [Running the railway / Long-term planning / Southern](#)

## Britain's Growing Railway in London and the South East: July birthdays

~ on the 15<sup>th</sup>, King's Cross Midland City, re-opened in 1983 (opened 1863, closed in 1979, re-named King's Cross Thameslink in 1988, closed 9<sup>th</sup> December 2007).

~ on the 18<sup>th</sup>, Southend Airport, in 2011.

~ on the 18<sup>th</sup>, Barking Riverside London Overground extension and station, in 2022.

~ on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Stevenage, in 1973 (second station, a mile south of the original – below – opened in 1850 and closed to coincide with its successor's opening).

~ on the 25<sup>th</sup>, in 2015, a 'soft opening' to passengers of London Overground's Hackney Interchange walkway.

**Our vision for rail:** *A railway system that provides services which travellers and freight forwarders want to use, and which offers more journey opportunities to more people and more freight.*

## Calendar of forthcoming diary dates

**Tuesday 4 July** Public drop-in event for East West Rail Bedford-Cambridge route, in Lidlington.

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**Friday 7 July** Public drop-in event for East West Rail Bedford-Cambridge route, in Tempsford.

**Wednesday 12 July** Eastern Division **online** evening meeting. [Invite non-members!](#)

**Thursday 13 July** Sussex & Coastway Division **online** evening meeting. [Invite non-members!](#)

**Friday 14 July** ORR publishes Passenger rail performance: P-coded train cancellations data for Period 3, 28 May – 24 June.

**Saturday 15 July** Railfuture's national AGM, in the Woburn Suite of University of London's Senate House, Malet Street, London, WC1E 7HU. It will be followed by presentation of the Member (formerly Campaigner) of the Year Award, then lunch, and then presentation of the Rail User Group Awards.

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The Awards and commendations will be presented by Hon. President Christian Wolmar.

**Saturday 22 July** Herts & Beds Division daytime in-person meeting, London. [Invite non-members!](#)

**Thursday 27 July** ORR publishes Annual summary for 2022/23 of key TOC statistics covering passenger usage, performance and complaints alongside reference data on number of employees, route kilometres operated and number of stations managed.

**Saturday 19 August** Kent Division afternoon meeting. Full details in our [Events](#) and [Rail dates](#) web pages.

## Railfuture is 'in the news' / 'making the news' / sharing 'news and views'

~ Stay abreast of Railfuture members making, not just watching, things happen in our website [media extracts](#).  
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~ Stay abreast of Railfuture's and others' reports and thoughts published in our [website articles](#).

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## Railfuture publications by email

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