

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

## Railfuture's 10-point Rail Action Plan



With the whole country going to the polls on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, Railfuture nationally has this time opted for a Question and Answer format communicated via our social media outlets, rather than a written manifesto. Our original [10-point plan](#) was published in February.

## What shall we be doing this month?

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

~ returning to East Sussex with our *"Bridge the gap"* campaign stall, at the Uckfield & District Lions Club Family Fun Day on Luxford Field, central Uckfield.

~ finalising our response to the survey from Transport for the South East in preparation for the refresh of its Transport Strategy, which closes on Sunday 2 June.



~ finalising our response to Central Bedfordshire Council on their pre-draft Local Transport Plan consultation, which will close on Sunday 30 June.



~ holding regular meetings of our Herts & Beds and Sussex & Coastway Divisions **online**.

~ holding a regular **online** meeting of L&SE regional branch's 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.

## What has @RailfutureLSE been doing?

Since the early-May edition of *inter-railse* no.71, Railfuture's London and South East regional branch members, and / or committee members, have:

~ responded to Wealden District Council's consultation for their draft Local Plan.



~ participated in Medway Council's public drop-in events for a Community Infrastructure Framework for the Hoo Peninsula, to inform the Medway Local Plan.



~ run a regional branch and Kent Division campaigns stall at the Faversham Festival of Transport,



In collaboration with Kent Community Rail Partnership, KenEx Tram and Southeastern.

~ participated in a pre-election meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Rail Group asking "What next for rail?"



~ shared our aspirations for the next contract for the



Elizabeth line with one of the bidders' representatives.

~ held regular meetings of our Herts & Beds and Eastern Divisions [online](#), London Metro and Kent (at Faversham Festival of Transport) Divisions in-person.

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

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

~ on the 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2008, Mitcham Eastfields station.  
~ on the 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2019, Meridian Water station.  
~ on the 23<sup>rd</sup> in 1998, Heathrow Airport Junction <> Heathrow Terminal 4 station (via Heathrow Terminals 1, 2 & 3 station).  
~ on the 23<sup>rd</sup> in 1998, Heathrow Terminals 1, 2 & 3 station (later Terminals 2 & 3, now Heathrow Central station) and Heathrow Terminal 4 station.  
~ on the 26<sup>th</sup> in 2013, Hitchin ('Down Cambridge') flyover.

***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.*

## 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](#).  
~ Stay abreast of Railfuture making, not just reporting, the news through our [press releases](#).  
~ Stay abreast of Railfuture's and others' reports and thoughts published in our [website articles](#).  
~ Railfuture is active on [Twitter](#) / [Facebook](#) / [LinkedIn](#).

## Be in it to win it - join Railfuture's Lottery!

Members – individual, joint, affiliated organisation such as a rail user group or similar, or a business – can support Railfuture by joining our monthly [lottery](#).

## Railfuture publications by email

~ All members – individual, joint, affiliated organisation such as a rail user group or similar, or a business – are being encouraged to receive [Railwatch](#) direct to their Inbox immediately on publication by logging-in at [Member services](#).  
~ All members receive Railfuture's regular monthly newsletter [Rail User Express](#) and occasional [Rail Action](#) bulletin direct to their Inbox upon publication.

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## Calendar of forthcoming diary dates

**Sunday 2 June** ["Bridge the gap"](#) campaign stall at Uckfield & District Lions Club Family Fun Day, Uckfield.



**Uckfield and District  
Lions Club**

**Thursday 6 June** Sussex & Coastway Division [online](#) evening meeting. [Invite non-members!](#)

**Thursday 6 June** ORR publishes Freight rail usage and performance data for January-March 2024 (Q4).

**Thursday 13 June** ORR publishes Passenger rail usage for January-March 2024 (Q4).

**Friday 14 June** ORR publishes Passenger rail performance: Cancellations data for 28 April - 25 May 2024 (Period 2).

**Thursday 27 June** ORR publishes Passenger rail service complaints: Q4 2023/24 (January – March).

**Thursday 27 June** ORR publishes Delay compensation claims: Periods 11-13 (7 January – 31 March 2024).

**Thursday 27 June** Herts & Beds Division evening [online](#) meeting. [Invite non-members!](#)

**Monday 1 July** Railfuture Member of the Year award – close of nominations to [wendy.thorne@railfuture.org.uk](mailto:wendy.thorne@railfuture.org.uk)  
Click to see [entry criteria here](#).

**Saturday 13 July** 19<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Railfuture Ltd, then presentations of award for Railfuture Member of the Year and Rail User Group awards and commendations, at Edinburgh Holyrood Hotel, 81 Holyrood Road, Edinburgh EH8 8AU.



Full details in our [Events](#) and [Rail dates](#) web pages.