

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

"Still attracting passengers to rail!"



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Our first national webinar is available to [watch online](#).

[COVID-19 briefing to Railfuture members](#)

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Britain's Growing Railway in London and the South East: Happy November birthdays

- ~ Braintree Freeport new station, on the 8th in 1999.
- ~ Channel Tunnel, Waterloo Curve / Stewarts Lane viaduct, Waterloo International, on the 14th in 1994.
- ~ Channel Tunnel Rail Link phase 2, and London St. Pancras International, on the 14th in 2007.
- ~ Ebbsfleet International (Eurostar), on the 19th in 2007.
- ~ Southbury, Theobalds Grove, and Turkey Street, all on the 21st in 1960.
- ~ Luton Airport Parkway, on the 21st in 1999.
- ~ Basildon ('New Town' in 1949), on the 25th in 1974.
- ~ Stratford International, on the 30th in 2009.



Exhibition pays [tribute to Euston's first black train guard](#) in 1966, 40 years after his death

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.

What has @RailfutureLSE been doing?

Since the early-October edition no.28 of *inter-railse*, events - shown as **online** in our [events page](#), including meetings of our local Divisions - have stayed virtual and Railfuture London and the South East members have:-

- ~ reflected on the passing of the Rev. Michael Davies, so much more to us than just the Minutes Secretary for our Sussex & Coastway Division.
- ~ held a virtual Sussex & Coastway Division meeting with a presentation by Network Rail's Paul Best on the West Sussex Connectivity Modular Strategic Study.
- ~ responded to the England's Economic Heartland consultation on its draft Transport Strategy.
- ~ participated in virtual meetings of Transport for the South East's Transport Forum, its annual conference, and its first Outer Orbital Area Study Forum.
- ~ participated in the All-Party Parliamentary Rail Group meetings with HS1 Chief Executive Dyan Crowther and with Network Rail Chief Executive Andrew Haines.
- ~ participated in line steering group meetings of the Southeast Communities Rail Partnership.
- ~ participated in the 12th Kent Rail Summit.
- ~ missed the launch of the new SCRP line group for Hastings-Tonbridge, owing to COVID-19 limitations.
- ~ held a virtual monthly Herts & Beds Division meeting.

What shall we be doing (remotely)?

- ~ holding **online** meetings of our Eastern, Herts & Beds, Kent, and Sussex & Coastway Divisions.
- ~ meeting Uckfield Railway Line Parishes Committee, Brighton Transport Partnership, and MarshLink CRP.
- ~ participating in the All-Party Parliamentary Rail Group meeting on "*The case for rail line re-openings.*"
- ~ responding to the consultations on the Luton Local Transport Plan and the Kent Rail Strategy 2021, and drafting our response to the East Sussex Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan public consultation.

Your comments to roger.blake@railfuture.org.uk who will be co-ordinating Railfuture's responses.

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

Calendar of forthcoming diary dates

For any regular updates on “Decarbonising Transport”, the DfT’s [Transport Decarbonisation Plan](#) due to be published ‘later in 2020’, email TDP@dft.gov.uk

Kent County Council’s “[Kent Rail Strategy 2021](#)” is open for consultation until Tuesday 17th November.



Hitachi’s DfT-specified class 800 series 140mph-capable electric or electric / diesel bi-mode.

Our usual t’s and c’s apply: please respond individually as private citizens without making any reference to Railfuture, and contribute your ideas to Railfuture’s response via Kent Division Convener Chris Fribbins. [Ely Area](#) and [Cambridge South station](#) consultations ideas to East Anglia branch contacts (see website).

See Railfuture submissions in [Consultation responses](#).

Monday 2 November Abbey Flyer Users’ Group.

Tuesday 3 November Rachel Skinner gives **online** Presidential Address to Institution of Civil Engineers.

Tuesday 3 November “*Investing in rail’s future.*” Evening **webinar** by Mary Grant, Porterbrook CEO.

Wednesday 4 November “*Rail accident investigation in the UK.*” Free lunchtime **webinar**.

Wednesday 4 November “*East West Rail.*” Free afternoon **webinar**.

Wednesday 4 November “*How do we embrace technological disruption?*” Free evening **webinar**.

Thursday 5 November Office of Rail and Road publishes annual data on Rail Emissions 2019-20.

Thursday 5 November Sussex & Coastway Division **online** evening meeting. [Invite non-members!](#)

Monday 9 November “*Rapid Innovation and Successful Technology Transfer for Rail Safety and Performance Improvement.*” Free evening **webinar**.

Tuesday 10 November “*The value of community engagement on infrastructure projects.*”

Free morning **webinar**.

Tuesday 10 November “*Tackling Air Pollution in Practice.*” Free lunchtime **webinar**.

Tuesday 10 November “*The history and development of the London Underground.*” Free evening **webinar**.

Wednesday 11 November Eastern Division **online** evening meeting. [Invite non-members!](#)

Wednesday 11 November “*The long history and exciting future of railway systems thinking.*”

Free evening **webinar**.

Thursday 12 November “*New trains for Abellio Greater Anglia.*” Free evening **webinar**.

Monday 16 November “*Kent’s railways look to the future.*” Guest speaker: James Abbott, consultant editor for Modern Railways. Evening **webinar**.

Tuesday 17 November “*Decarbonisation of transport: land use, localisation, and accessibility.*”

Morning **webinar**.

Tuesday 17 November “*Decarbonisation of the railway – the judicious mix.*” Free evening **webinar**.

Tuesday 17 November “*The Light Rail Safety and Standards Board.*” Free evening **webinar**.

Thursday 19 November “*Traction decarbonisation.*” Free lunchtime **webinar**.

Friday 20 November “*Bullying vs banter.*” Free lunchtime **webinar**.

Saturday 21 November Kent Division **online** afternoon meeting. [Invite non-members!](#)

Tuesday 24 November “*Green hydrogen displacing diesel in commercial vehicles.*” Free evening **webinar**.

Wednesday 25 November “*Engineering Climate Change.*” Free breakfast **webinar** with ICE President Rachel Skinner.

Thursday 26 November “*Resilience and climate change.*” Free evening **webinar**.

Thursday 26 November “*Light rail and what it does for the UK.*” Free evening **webinar**.

Saturday 28 November Herts & Beds Division **online** morning meeting. [Invite non-members!](#)

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

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