

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

## Great Britain's Railways Passengers more flexible than tickets?

One difference which some passengers noticed came on Monday 28 June when some flexible season tickets commenced operation – to very mixed reviews! As Britain's leading independent national rail campaign we had [been asking for this](#), for [quite a while](#), but ... ?



**Flexible rail season tickets on track to match the new normal?**

**Flexi Season ticket**  
8 days of travel in 28 days – any time between two stations  
[Find out more](#)  
Commute, your way  
National Rail

### Season Ticket Calculator

<b>Monthly Season</b> Cost per day: £47.74 Total cost for 1 month: £620.20	<b>£620.20</b> per month
<b>Weekly Season</b> Cost per day: £53.83 Total cost for 1 month: £699.30	<b>£161.50</b> per week
Minimise ticket options ^	
<b>Anytime Day Return</b> Cost per day: £64.20	<b>£64.20</b>
<b>Flexi Season</b> Cost per day: £74.93 Total cost for 1 month: £899.20	<b>£449.60</b> for 8 passes

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

~ 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).



Credit: creator afc45014 – 16-08-83

~ on the 18<sup>th</sup>, Southend Airport, in 2011. Could they have imagined circumstances for their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday?

~ 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).



Credit: Stevenage Locomotive Society

A declining majority of rail users (84%) feel confident about travelling in safety; this may be related to trains being busier. Most rail non-users (60%) are confident. Source: Transport Focus weekly [Tracking Research](#).

"*Transport User Voice*" – the national watchdog's monthly newsletter. Click [here](#) to subscribe.

The final step in lifting pandemic restrictions set for Monday 21 June is deferred to Monday 19 July when all legal limits on social contact are due to be removed.

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

Stay abreast with Railfuture's web [articles](#) and [tweets](#).

**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-June edition, no.36, of *inter-railse*, Railfuture's London and South East members have:

~ submitted responses on Tunbridge Wells Borough Council's pre-submission Local Plan and on East West Rail Company's second non-statutory consultation. All Railfuture submissions can be found [here](#).

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

~ participated in an **online** presentation by senior TfSE and SE LEP officers on "*Towards a Strategic Investment Plan for Transport in the South East*."

~ participated in the joint Southeastern / Network Rail Kent Route annual stakeholder conference **online**.

~ participated in an **online** Southeast Communities Rail Partnership MarshLink Steering Group.

~ participated in a quarterly meeting **online** of TfSE's Transport Forum.

~ contributed in the first meeting **online** of TfSE's South East Radial Area Study Forum.

~ commenting on a non-compliant application to Lewes District Council for outline planning permission for 97 new homes in Ringmer, East Sussex.

~ observed an **online** session of the All-Party Parliamentary Rail Group hearing five industry leaders' views on Great British Railways.

~ participated in an **online** meeting of Tunbridge Wells Public Transport Forum.

~ held regional Branch committees meeting **online**.

## What shall we be doing this month?

~ drafting our response to the 'Issues and Options' consultation, closing 3<sup>rd</sup> September, for Lewes District Council's new Local Plan. Our usual t's and c's apply: please **contribute your ideas** for Railfuture's response to [roger.blake@railfuture.org.uk](mailto:roger.blake@railfuture.org.uk) who will be co-ordinating it, and respond individually as private citizens but without making any reference to Railfuture.

~ participating in a launch event at Farnborough North station under the auspices of Southeast Communities Rail Partnership North Downs Line Steering Group.

~ participating in an **online** Southeast Communities Rail Partnership North Downs Line Steering Group.

~ contributing in the first meeting **online** of TfSE's South West Radial Area Study Forum, and in the second meeting **online** of TfSE's South East Radial Area Study Forum..

~ participating in an **online** Southeast Communities Rail Partnership Stakeholder Advisory Board.

~ contributing in an **online** alternate-monthly meeting of the Uckfield Railway Line Parishes Committee.

~ participating in an **online** alternate-monthly meeting of the Brighton Transport Partnership.

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

~ holding a regional Branch committee meeting **online**.

**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

**Thursday 1 July** "Return to Rail ... the challenge. Preparing for the post-pandemic railway. Today and the Potential Passenger." Free **online** morning webinar.

**Friday 2 July** "Return to Rail ... the challenge. Preparing for the post-pandemic railway. Enhancements and the Future." Free **online** morning webinar.

**Thursday 8 July** "Great British Railways: a discussion with Network Rail Chairman Sir Peter Hendy CBE." Free **online** evening webinar.

**Saturday 10 July** Railfuture's "Bridge the gap" and "Electrify Uckfield" stall at Uckfield Festival's 'Big Day', on Luxford Field, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 5AD.

**Saturday 10 July** Herts & Beds Division daytime meeting in St. Albans. Invite non-members!

**Tuesday 13 July** "Project management and delivering outcomes." Free **online** Community Rail Network morning webinar.

**Tuesday 13 July** "Community engagement in transport planning." Free **online** evening webinar.

**Wednesday 14 July.** Eastern Division **online** evening meeting. Invite non-members!

**Thursday 15 July** "Kent and East Sussex Coastal Connectivity Programme." Sussex & Coastway Division **online** evening meeting, with speaker from Network Rail. Invite non-members!

**Saturday 17 July** National Annual General Meeting, including Board election results, Birmingham.

**Sunday 25 July** Railfuture East Anglia branch open meeting, in Ipswich.

**Saturday 21 August** Kent Division afternoon meeting.

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

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