

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

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

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

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



Credit: creator afc45014 – 16-08-83

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

~ on the 23rd, 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](#)

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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 3rd 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 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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