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# ...LOCAL STATION

Love your station and make an impression in your community

For more information, visit:

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or [www.sussexcrp.org](http://www.sussexcrp.org) or complete the form inside the leaflet and post it to:

Sussex Community Rail Partnership  
Eridge Railway Station  
Groombridge Lane, Eridge  
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# BE PART OF OUR STATION PARTNERSHIP

**At Southern, we're committed to involving local people in the life of our stations. We invite you to become a volunteer partner of your local railway station and help build the real sense of community that having a thriving station creates.**

Southern is working with the Sussex Community Rail Partnership to find people who can add the special touch and flair that makes their station a welcoming and interesting place with a distinctive environment that reflects local interests.

## What does being a Station Partner involve?

Flexible volunteering opportunities could include:

- Renovating a disused room at the station for your community group to use
- Maintaining plant displays and creating new ones, ringing the changes with the seasons
- Producing artwork
- Organising a book or plant swap

But these are just some ideas. Projects are agreed locally with the Sussex Community Rail Partnership and your suggestions will be welcomed.

## Why volunteer?

Volunteering with your local Station Partnership is a rewarding experience:

- Enjoy meeting and working alongside like-minded people from all walks of life
- Make a visible difference to your local community
- Practise your skills and learn new ones

## What happens next?

1. Complete the form opposite and post it to the address on this leaflet
2. The Sussex Community Rail Partnership will contact you to discuss the Partnership further
3. You'll be helped to complete a standard risk assessment
4. Your projects will be agreed
5. Your project begins!

Please note that we welcome group applications; these may be existing groups or you may wish to team up with friends.

## Station Partnerships are happening all around the country. They broadly cover four main types of activity:

- Improving the station environment; for example, tending gardens or providing community artwork
- Reinstating redundant buildings or rooms at stations for community use
- Undertaking station checks
- Commercial sponsorship by a local group or business.

## To find out more about Station Partnerships, visit:

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## Get in touch and be part of the action

Southern is working with the Sussex Community Rail Partnership to encourage partnerships at its stations. If you are an individual or a group interested in the Station Partnership scheme, please complete the form and post it to:

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## Your contact information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Group (if established already): \_\_\_\_\_

Station of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Your ideas for activities at the station: \_\_\_\_\_

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