



Hamsey Parish Rail Group

Report to Hamsey Parish Council – September 2025

Key issues / developments since the last Hamsey Parish Rail Group report to Hamsey Parish Council are outlined below:

Cooksbridge Station Environment

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the first passenger train in Great Britain on 27th September, Cooksbridge Station Partnership has been working hard progressing a number of initiatives....

- A weathervane has been erected by the station car park featuring a design of Locomotion No 1 which hauled the first train, complete with a dapper driver in a top hat. Our team was assisted in the laser cutting of the design by Cirrus Laser Ltd in Burgess Hill and the weathervane was forged and put together at Studio Forge in Offham.
- All aboard! A number of creative locos have been added to Railway 200 themed artwork on display in the platform 1 waiting room at Cooksbridge station although there is still space for some more! We are grateful to the pupils at Hamsey School for colouring in some trains during breakfast club and we always appreciate all the art they make to decorate the boards.
- Lastly, but by no means least, a special 1825-2025 display has now been created on the flower bed alongside platform 1 to mark this auspicious occasion.

The gardens at the station are still looking nice and tidy after a recent trim and are turning green again after the recent rain.

Train Services from Cooksbridge

Our local train operator GTR (Southern) has now advised the detailed timings for the re-instated direct London Bridge service from the December 2025 timetable change:

Up (to London)

- Cooksbridge depart 07:19
- London Bridge arrive 08:25

Down (to Eastbourne)

- London Bridge depart 17:03
- Cooksbridge arrive 18:01

The service will run from Monday to Thursday only initially until demand is sufficient for GTR to make the necessary justification to the government's Department for Transport for a Friday service.

Next meeting of the Hamsey Parish Rail Group – The next meeting of the Hamsey Parish Rail Group will be held on 30th October 2025.

Full details of all current rail issues within Hamsey parish are contained in the notes of the last meeting of the Hamsey Parish Rail Group held on 24th June 2025.