

Petersfield Community Hub refurbishment works complete

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South Western Railway (SWR) has announced the completion of its Petersfield Community Hub refurbishment project. Situated next to Petersfield railway station, SWR invested £45,000 through its Customer and Communities Improvement Fund (CCIF) to improve the facilities available to the network it serves.

Residents of Petersfield will notice the former Red Star Parcels office has received a makeover with upgrades to electrics and heating, a new security door, a clean water feed and improvements to the bathroom and kitchen facilities. The investment has unlocked the facilities for the community, allowing for far more potential uses.

For tourists visiting the area, the Hub also serves as a tourist information centre.

Mark Youngman, Customer and Communities Improvement Fund Manager at South Western Railway said: "We are delighted to complete this makeover of the Hub in Petersfield. We understand the pivotal role the Hub plays in the community for both locals and visitors to the area, and we are pleased that we were able to help transform the facilities, unlocking an expansion of community services offered by the Hub and

Community Rail Partnership.”

Mark Miller, East Hampshire Community Rail Partnership Officer, said: “This has been a fantastic project and we are thrilled with the investment put into the Hub by South Western Railway.

“East Hampshire Community Rail Partnership has been running the Tourist Information Point and Free Shop facility at the Hub for the past few years on a lease from SWR and this investment meets many of our aspirations to enhance facilities so that we can encourage more community use of the Hub.

“It has been great working in partnership with SWR and we are so grateful for the improvements made. We look forward to further collaborative projects in the future.”

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