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PRESS RELEASE

Lighter and brighter look for Wivelsfield Station area helps enhance community connections.

Improvements to the station bridge and area surrounding Wivelsfield station will begin in September as part of the Burgess Hill Place and Connectivity Programme.

Work will soon begin to brighten up Wivelsfield Station bridge following the recent installation of murals. The artwork was recently created by artists working alongside the Worlds End Association and Manor Field Primary School. By repainting the underbridge, replacing and upgrading the lighting, these improvements will help to make the station area more welcoming to residents and visitors.

The bridge will remain fully open to pedestrians and traffic throughout the duration of the improvement works although it will require pavement closures. The local community will be informed when the pavement closures are required.

This project is part of the Place and Connectivity Programme which is gathering pace with projects taking place across Burgess Hill to improve public spaces and encourage people to walk and cycle. The scheme is part of a wider package of improvements to Wivelsfield Station area to provide better walking and cycling connections to the station and a lift for step-free access. The Programme is being delivered by Mid Sussex District Council and West Sussex County Council in partnership with other agencies.

Councillor Judy Llewellyn-Burke, Deputy Leader at Mid Sussex District Council said, "This lighting and brightening work at Wivelsfield station has been a long-held ambition of the local community. It will enhance and improve the existing features to create a safe and



attractive space. We are really pleased that it will be one of the first of the many projects across the town leading to transport and public space improvements for residents.”

For further details on Place and Connectivity Programme improvements and to keep up to date with the Burgess Hill Growth Programme please check www.burgesshill.net

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Notes to editor

Mid Sussex District Council, in partnership with the Local Enterprise Partnership Coast to Capital and West Sussex County Council, has secured £10.9 million from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) for the Place and Connectivity Programme. The funding supplements the £16.96m already secured from the Local Growth Fund to assist with the upgrading of the A2300.

- 1. Local Enterprise Partnerships are playing a vital role in driving forward economic growth across the country, helping to build a country that works for everyone. That's why by 2021 Government will have invested over £12bn through the Local Growth Fund, allowing LEPs to use their local knowledge to get all areas of the country firing on all cylinders. Analysis has shown that every £1 of Local Growth Fund invested could generate £4.81 in benefits.*
- 2. If you would like some further facts about the Fund, or the wider regeneration work going on across the country, contact MHCLG press office by emailing NewsDesk@communities.gov.uk*

Key facts:

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 - The government has awarded £9.1bn in three rounds of Growth Deals to local areas to drive economic growth.*
 - LEPs are investing in a wide range of projects informed by detailed analysis of the most pressing economic needs in each of their areas, including transport, skills, business support, broadband, innovation and flood defences.*

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