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Scotland's first hydrogen powered train has begun test runs in as part of the country's biggest change to rail propulsion in more than 60 years.

An article from The Scotsman said a former ScotRail train converted to run on hydrogen is being trialled on the five-mile Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway heritage line.

Hydrogen is being considered for a new ScotRail fleet on Highland and other rural lines where electrification of the routes is not seen as cost-effective.

Project chiefs said the trial would help make hydrogen trains north of the Border “a reality in the not-too-distant future”

Network Rail has announced an 80% fall in its year-on-year profits despite revenue remaining relatively stable.

An article from New Civil Engineer said the company’s annual accounts recorded a £324M pre-tax profit, down from £1.6bn profit recorded in the previous financial year.

Network Rail said the decrease in profits was mainly caused by rising inflation.

Docklands Light Railway (DLR) network is introducing a new timetable that will see passengers benefit from quicker, easier and more comfortable journeys across the network.

The new timetable will launch on Monday 26 September and mean more frequent services will run for longer in the evening and on weekends.

With the integration of Elizabeth line services from Sunday 6 November, customers will also be only one change away from destinations such as the West End and Heathrow Airport.

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Finally, A joint project by Network Rail and a local community has revamped the appearance of an unpopular railway bridge rebuilt over three years ago in rural Lancashire.

Locals said the designs of the steel bridge were out of keeping with the countryside, and a campaign was launched for the structure to be entirely replaced. With funding not feasible, a local artist was instead allowed to paint a country scene on the controversial steel parapets at Meadow Lane in Croston.

Network Rail and contractor Murphy’s worked together to deliver the project, which locals said has given them their countryside back.

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