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The UK government says it will provide £20 million of funding to look into potential transport improvements including to the West Coast Mainline.

An article on ITV.com also says two experts have also been asked to look into the feasibility, cost and timescale of a tunnel or bridge that could link South West Scotland with Northern Ireland.

The Prime Minister said he wanted to “build back better” after the coronavirus crisis in a way that brings “every corner of the UK closer together”.

The measures were announced following the interim report of Sir Peter Hendy’s Union Connectivity Review, published today.

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Passengers using the Wales and Borders network will have access to more seats and improved trains from this month as part of a £15m investment by Transport for Wales (TfW).

The latest four-carriage Class 769 went into all-day service at the end of February and the first of the new-look Class 150s leaves TfW’s Canton depot this week ready for use across the Wales and Borders network.

They are part of a wider investment of more than £15 million to provide customers with trains offering more seats, better accessibility and revamped interiors.

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The most frequently hit bridge in Scotland is to be raised to prevent it being damaged by high-sided vehicles.

An article in the Daily Record says Bellside Bridge, near Motherwell, is regularly struck by lorries, causing traffic chaos and train cancellations.

North Lanarkshire Council and Network Rail are set to replace the bridge deck to raise the height and prevent collisions caused by drivers.

Finally, and as schools go back this week, Railway Benefit Fund (RBF) has received thanks and praise from families across the industry for the invaluable help received during home schooling and lockdown.

RBF has awarded direct financial support to over 100 families in the first school term of 2021, including over 170 pieces of home-schooling equipment to 217 children including laptops, tablets and printers.

The fund was created as an emergency measure as RBF saw that many families did not have the equipment to effectively home school.

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