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Construction of the HS2 line between Birmingham and Crewe has been delayed by two years by inflationary pressures, the government has said.

An article on Insider Media Limited says the government noted that the next two years will be used to rephase construction and “optimise future delivery” of Phase 2A between Birmingham and Crewe so this is done in the “most cost-effective way”.

It added that it will prioritise the completion of the opening stage of HS2, with the first high-speed rail services running between new stations at Old Oak Common in west London and Curzon Street in Birmingham by the early 2030s.

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A mainline rail firm is to sell tickets to holiday destinations on a heritage line in Dorset.

An article on the BBC website says on Monday South Western Railway (SWR) will add Corfe Castle and Swanage to its destinations on sale, for travel between April and September.

Tickets to the Purbeck stations have not been offered to network purchasers since the line was torn up in 1972.

SWR said the deal was a “historic moment” for Swanage Railway’s efforts to reconnect with the main network.

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FirstGroup PLC (LSE:FGP) said on Friday it anticipates profits for the financial year ending 25 March 2023 to be ahead of previous expectations following strong trading in its bus and rail operations.

An article on Proactive Investors says in a statement, the FTSE 250-listed firm said the improved performance at First Bus was driven by higher passenger volumes in the second half of the financial year and driver resource pressures easing in certain locations.

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Network Rail has announced a £6 million investment which will fund the crucial revamp of the Camps Viaduct.

An article in the Glasgow Evening Times says the project will take 13 months, beginning this month and ending in April 2024.

A team of Network Rail workers will undertake the essential repairs to extend the lifespan of the bridge.

The multi-million-pound cash boost is part of a larger £4 billion investment to modernise and improve Scotland’s Railway.

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