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For the first time in nearly 50 years, regular passenger services will run on the Dartmoor Line, connecting Okehampton to Exeter.

Services will launch on Saturday 20th November, marking the first reopening under the Government's Restoring Your Railway programme which is exploring ways to return old lines and stations to service across the country.

Network Rail's team of engineers has worked tirelessly to deliver a huge programme of work to physically reopen the line in just nine months, including laying 11 miles of new track and installing 24,000 concrete sleepers and 29,000 tonnes of ballast in record time.

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ScotRail has offered staff a pay rise of 2.5 per cent in a bid to stop strikes during COP26.

That's according to an article on the Mail Online, that says the government-controlled rail operator wants to avoid disruption to the Glasgow summit next month.

Workers at the firm have been holding a series of strikes over pay in recent weeks, with plans to continue each Sunday between now and November 28th.

A new timetable for rail services in and around Manchester has been approved for December 2022, focussed on improving the performance of rail services and providing more punctual, reliable journeys for passengers.

The article on ITV's website says the timetable follows an extensive public consultation which was launched in January 2021, and has the support of both Government and Northern leaders.

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Transport for London (TfL) has teamed up with Black Cultural Archives to launch the first ever Black History Tube map, celebrating the rich and varied contribution Black people have made to London and the UK from pre-Tudor times to the present day.

The reimagined map replaces station names across the iconic Tube map with notable Black people from history, with the associated Tube lines renamed to link them together by common themes – Firsts and Trailblazers; Georgians; Sports; Arts; LGBTQ+; Physicians; Performers; Literary World and Community Organisers.

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