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Grant Shapps has implored commuters to avoid public transport as millions returned to work yesterday.

In an article in the Daily Express, the Transport Secretary said commuting was a matter of 'life and death' and urged travellers not to flood back on to trains.

He has warned parts of the system could be shut to prevent overcrowding.

Meanwhile The Guardian writes that unions have warned that industrial action could be taken to stop trains if drivers and passengers are not protected.

In Scotland and ministers are drawing up plans to get the country moving and back to work again without overcrowding the transport network.

That's according to articles in several of the Scottish newspapers, which say the two-metre social distancing guidelines means a dramatic reduction in passengers.

It is estimated only 10 passengers will be able to travel in ScotRail carriages at any one time.

Network Rail has revealed that trespassers disrupted vital passengers and freight services over 1,000 times during the first month of lockdown.

It led to more than 380 hours of delays. Network Rail is urging people to stay off the tracks and not put themselves and others at risk.

Read more about the work [here](#).

Jeremy Long is to retire as chief executive of MTR Europe, the company that will run the Elizabeth Line when the construction of Crossrail is finished.

That's according to an article in The Times, that details his decades in the industry, which included GB Railways and 25 years at MTR.

Finally, and North Yorkshire's iconic Ribbleshead viaduct will undergo important maintenance this summer to secure its future for decades to come.

The £2.1 million work will see its drainage improved and brickwork restored making journeys for passenger and freight trains more reliable.

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