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Transport for Wales has announced the opening of the new Bow Street station.

The first train stopped at the station in mid Wales yesterday morning, providing a link to the national rail network for the community for the first time since the former station was closed in 1965.

It is the first station to open in Wales since December 2014.

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Security costs for the HS2 rail project have soared by £49 million due to a spate of protests.

An article in the Sunday Express says the company responsible for the controversial multi-billion-pound rail link says it has been targeted by 'political activists' who are putting lives in danger.

The project has sparked opposition from environmentalists who have warned of threats to ancient woodland and high carbon emissions.

The Tottenham Court Road Elizabeth line station has reached an important milestone with construction works sufficiently finished for final commissioning activities to start, Crossrail has confirmed.

The station has reached the T-12 landmark, this means the station is now considered to be 12 weeks away from being ready for handover to Transport for London (TfL), who will operate the Elizabeth line.

Work at the station will now primarily focus on the extensive testing and commissioning of systems ahead of the Elizabeth line opening. The railway is still on track to open in the first half of 2022.

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Finally, and specialists restoring one of the country's most treasured railway structures have found it needs some extra TLC to secure its future for passengers and tourists.

Network Rail has today released progress pictures of work taking place as part of a £2.1 million investment into Ribbleshead viaduct.

Stone blockwork and drainage is being upgraded on the structure, which carries the picturesque Settle to Carlisle railway 400 metres across the Ribbles valley in Yorkshire.

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