

In The News | 15th October 2021 | Latest Rail News

October 15, 2021



Click here to listen to the latest rail news on Friday, 15th October 2021

Click here to listen to the latest rail news on Friday, 15th October 2021

The COP26 climate conference will be disrupted by rail strikes after members of the RMT union backed industrial action.

An article on Glasgow Live says ScotRail workers will strike from November 1st to 12th amid a dispute over pay and conditions.

RMT members on the Caledonian Sleeper service, which is run by Serco, will also strike from October 31st to November 2nd and from November 11th to 13th.

In response, ScotRail says a pay offer, negotiated over several weeks, has been made to the trade unions. It continues that “to build a more sustainable and greener railway for the future and reduce the burden on the taxpayer, we need to change”.

New data has been published from the Office of Rail and Road (ORR) showing that the UK is not electrifying its railways quick enough to meet Net Zero by 2050.

The statistical release shows that in 2020-21, 179 track kilometres were electrified, less than half the 448 kilometres required each year to meet Network Rail’s target of a Net Zero railway by 2050.

Responding, David Clarke, Technical Director of the Railway Industry Association said: “We need to get a programme of electrification work underway today, so we can decarbonise the network, bring greater benefits to passengers and freight user, and support the UK economy as we look to ‘build back better’.”

[Click here for more details.](#)

Most Southern trains that run between Victoria and East Croydon will be diverted to London Bridge this weekend.

It comes as Network Rail carries out work to modernise 1980s track and signalling on lines into London Victoria station.

The work includes the replacement of all signalling equipment in the Clapham and Balham areas, and lines into London Victoria.

[Click here for more details.](#)

A narrow gauge steam railway team, which runs through the spectacular Snowdonia countryside, is celebrating after securing a massive funding boost from the National Lottery.

An article on North Wales Live says the £3,144,000 investment will allow the Ffestiniog & Welsh Highlands Railways’ plans to attract more visitors by providing “a high-quality tourism experience”, and work and training opportunities for local people.

Recruiting five people will be started next week.

Photo credit: Railway Industry Association