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A town's new £20 million railway station will open by the end of the month after delays due to the COVID pandemic.

An article on the BBC website says Reading's Green Park Station on the Reading to Basingstoke line will open to the public on 27 May.

The station will be served by a half-hourly service north to Reading and south to Basingstoke through the

day.

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Transpennine Route Upgrade (TRU) has revealed its strategy to improve rail links between Manchester, Huddersfield, Leeds and York.

An article on The Business Desk says the multi-billion-pound railway programme will deliver major upgrades on the 70-mile route between Manchester and York, transforming journeys across the North, better connecting towns and cities through more frequent, faster, greener trains, running on a better, cleaner and more reliable railway.

As well as delivering benefits for passengers, the programme's new sustainability strategy titled 'Our Guiding Compass' outlines its commitments to delivering environmental benefits, social value and employment opportunities.

HS2 Ltd reports that construction of its station at Old Oak Common is making progress with the first base slab concrete pour at the western end.

An article on The Construction Index says the 850-metre station box reaches 20 metres below ground and is where the six platforms for HS2 trains will be located.

The first base slab concrete pour comes after the excavation of approximately 80,000 cubic metres of spoil in the west box by Balfour Beatty Vinci Systra joint venture (BBVS JV), HS2's main contractor for the west London station.

A York-based railway firm has marked 100 years in business by naming a train and unveiling a new design.

An article on the York Press website says London North Eastern Railway (LNER) has launched its first named Azuma train as part of the fleet on the east coast route, connecting London with Yorkshire, the North East of England, and Scotland.

Named 'Century', it celebrates the firm's history since the LNER brand first came into being in 1923.

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