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Oxford station is set for a £161 million revamp, which will deliver quicker journeys, increased freight and passenger services and a brand new fully accessible entrance.

Announced by Rail Minister Wendy Morton, the upgrades will be completed by 2024 and have been specifically designed to improve passenger experience, better integrate the station into the local road networks and boost economic growth by supporting the creation of almost 10,000 jobs in the area.

Among the upgrades will be the creation of a brand new track, platform and fully accessible entrance on the west side of the station, making travel far easier for all passengers.

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Fares on Transport for London (TfL) could rise by the rate of inflation plus one per cent, London Mayor Sadiq Khan has warned in an article on Rail News, as negotiations over the government funding of TfL continue.

The Retail Prices Index for July was 12.3 per cent, the Office for National Statistics has announced.

The government has already indicated that any increase in regulated fares on National Rail next year will be under the July inflation rate and has also postponed any changes until March for the second year running.

Meanwhile on a story on railbusinessdaily, the Campaign for Better Transport is calling on the government to introduce a fuel tax on domestic flights and use the money to fund a rail fare freeze for 2023.

People living in Troon will get the first chance to see proposed plans for the redevelopment of their station building after a fire destroyed it in July last year.

Network Rail is inviting the local community – and any other parties that are interested — to a community drop-in event at the Walker Hall in Troon between 4pm and 7pm on Wednesday 24 August to see and discuss the initial concept plans.

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A heritage railway will restart its steam engines after they were temporarily suspended due to the risk of fire during the UK's extreme heatwave.

Severn Valley Railway (SVR) switched to run diesel-hauled passenger services due to lineside fires starting from ashes and cinders emitted by steam locomotives.

Steam services restarted on Wednesday.