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A survey has been launched on reconnecting three Midlands cities with a direct rail link.

An article on the BBC website says regional transport body Midlands Connect said the plans would see direct services resume between Nottingham, Coventry and Leicester for the first time since 2004.

It has launched an online survey urging businesses in the area to have their say on the proposals.

A report last year outlined a strong case for the work.

Railway engineers are using 21st century technology to fix an underground tunnel in Liverpool city centre.

An article on Insider Media Limited says Network Rail, for the last six months, has worked on a key section of the Merseyrail network.

The £3.5 million investment involves waterproofing and strengthening the ceiling of High Neck Tunnel between Liverpool Central and Brunswick stations.

It's all change for passengers in the West Midlands, who will soon be climbing aboard a brand new fleet of trains – the first to be introduced in the region in more than a decade.

Twenty-six Class 196 trains are being rolled out as part of West Midlands Railway's £690 million investment in new trains and infrastructure.

The first will enter service on the Shrewsbury Line in coming weeks, serving destinations including Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Telford.

It will be named 'Charles Darwin', in honour of the Shrewsbury-born naturalist recognised as one of the greatest Britons of all time.

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It's a very happy birthday to a famous elderly gent of the railways, as the Flying Scotsman started its 100th birthday celebrations.

The world's most famous steam locomotive, owned by the National Railway Museum, made its first appearance in a year-long programme of events to mark its centenary, with an appearance at London's Kings Cross, which is also celebrating 170th anniversary.

The double celebration saw the celebrity train make its way down to the capital, following an overhaul by Riley & Son (E) Ltd in preparation for its busy upcoming anniversary year.

February 2023 will mark the 100th anniversary of its maiden voyage, when it travelled from the sheds at Doncaster Works.

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