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Southeastern services have been handed over to the Government-owned SE Trains, following the ending of franchise.

The transfer was completed yesterday to SE Trains, part of the Department for Transport's Operator of Last Resort Ltd.

SE Trains has vowed to relentlessly focus on improving the service and bringing back more customers to the railway.

The future of rail engineering in Leeds is in safe hands after Northern confirmed it now has full control of the city's Neville Hill depot.

The depot, which currently employs around 550 engineers, technicians and train presentation operatives, is a critical element for rail services in the North and had previously been jointly managed by Northern and East Midlands Railway (EMR).

All former EMR employees have transferred to Northern as part of the deal and join the more than 6,000 colleagues already working for the publicly owned operator.

The inaugural Community Rail Week, which takes place this week, is involving hundreds of community rail partnerships and volunteer groups running the 'Go Green by Train' campaign with activities to promote their local railways, and giving communities and young people a voice on green transport.

Organised by Community Rail Network and sponsored by Rail Delivery Group, the campaign week is focusing on young people's views, voices and futures.

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Stourbridge has been named Britain's favourite station after winning the World Cup of Stations 2021.

Out of more than 2,500 stations across the country, Stourbridge was shortlisted as one of 48 qualifying stations participating in the week-long tournament of Twitter polls.

Stourbridge was one of twelve group winners to go to the semi-finals winning the most votes in its group.

Each group was categorised by what the stations and local area are well-known for such as being the gateway for adventure, culture, history or nights out.

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