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The Government and rail industry have launched a first-of-its-kind Great British Rail Sale, with over one million rail tickets set to be slashed by up to 50%.

The move comes as The Department for Transport (DfT) aims to address cost-of-living pressures with cheaper rail travel in April and May, with journeys from Manchester to Newcastle reduced to just over £10, while seats on some London to Edinburgh services will be cut from £44 to just £22.

The DfT said reforms to the rail industry through the Williams-Shapps plan for Rail will mean that network-wide sales of tickets should occur more easily in the future.

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<https://news.railbusinessdaily.com/over-one-million-half-price-rail-tickets-in-first-ever-great-british-rail-sale/>

Police say fifteen passengers have been injured after an emergency stop was made on a service from Newcastle to King's Cross last weekend.

An article from The Mirror said panic-stricken passengers were thrown from their seats and hit by falling luggage on the 08.20 service after the driver applied the brakes near Peterborough on Sunday.

British Transport Police said 15 people had been treated for minor injuries and the Rail Accident Investigation Branch had been informed of the incident.

Network Rail has said that "tremendous progress" is being made on its green commitments, with more than two-thirds of its suppliers now signed up to its Science Based Targets initiative to reduce their carbon footprint.

Science Based Targets form an important part of the infrastructure owner's Environmental Sustainability Strategy, which looks to reduce emissions to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius and mitigate the worst effects of climate change.

About 97% of Network Rail's emissions are currently within 'scope three', coming largely from suppliers. To address this, it has set a target for 75% of suppliers to have their own science-based targets by 2025.

Finally, the charity Samaritans says generous Northern customers who donated refunds from their delayed train tickets have helped it answer 600 additional calls in the last 12 months.

Passengers have been given the option to divert a refund from the Delay Repay scheme to charity, rather than receive the payment themselves, with more than £3,000 being raised through the initiative so far.

Every £5 donated means volunteers can answer one call for help, potentially saving lives and helping the charity's volunteers be on hand to listen 24/7.

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