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Network Rail is continuing to make progress on essential railway upgrades over the August Bank Holiday to improve journeys for passengers and prepare for services to call at the new Brent Cross West station.

Between Saturday 28 August and the first service on Tuesday 31 August, teams will continue with vital work to reconfigure the track layout and improve the signalling system.

This work will allow trains to call at the new station when it opens next year, linking people in the community to Central London and the Midland Main Line.

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Eurostar has announced it is adding more trains between the UK and the continent in response to growing demand following the removal of quarantine for fully vaccinated travellers from France to the UK and the easing of restrictions for travel to Belgium and the Netherlands.

During August, Eurostar has seen double the amount of bookings and has added 39 trains for travel between the UK and the continent this month alone.

The operator says there has been a 105 per cent rise in August and September weekend trips between London and Paris compared to the same period last year.

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Emissions from trains across Great Britain fell to their lowest level on record, according to data released today by the Office of Rail and Road.

Both diesel and electricity consumption on the railway reduced, largely because of fewer trains running across the network during the pandemic, resulting in lower CO2 equivalent emissions.

Diesel use by passenger trains fell in the last year to 354 million litres – a reduction of 26 per cent on the previous year. The amount of electricity used by passenger trains fell by 12 per cent to 3.7 billion kilowatt hours.

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Head of Steam, Darlington's Railway Museum has received a national award for its education programmes.

An article on Teeside Live says the Sandford Award for Heritage Education is an independently judged, quality assured assessment of education programmes at heritage sites, museums, archives and collections across the British Isles.

It is the second time the museum has been awarded the accolade – the first was back in 2016.

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