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Nearly £48 million has been awarded to upgrade the railway between Sheffield and Huddersfield, the government has said.

An article on the BBC website says track and stations would be improved on the Penistone line in a bid to boost journey times and service reliability on the route, officials confirmed.

The funding has been awarded as part of the government's Levelling Up agenda.

Miriam Cates, Conservative MP for Penistone and Stocksbridge, welcomed the £47.9 million cash boost, saying the route had been "slow for too long".

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A new look Gatwick Airport station has this morning opened to passengers, transforming the journey from train to plane and giving passengers travelling between Brighton and London easier, faster, more reliable journeys.

A bigger, better and brighter station with a new, second concourse and airport entrance has now opened, doubling the space for the millions of passengers that use the station each year.

The first passengers to use the new concourse and airport entrance arrived on the 05.48 Thameslink Bedford to Brighton service on platform 7.

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TransPennine Express (TPE) has announced its support for the launch of the Sustainable Rail Blueprint, a significant milestone in the pursuit of environmental and social sustainability within the rail industry.

With train travel being the most sustainable mode of long-distance transport for people and goods, the Sustainable Rail Blueprint is the rail industry's consensus view of how rail can deliver even more across environmental and social issues.

Nicola Martin, Head of Sustainability at TPE, said: "We have closely collaborated in shaping the Sustainable Rail Blueprint, aligning our Sustainability Strategy with its early draft version."

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A mural celebrating a town's 185 years of railway history has been unveiled.

An article on the BBC website says the bespoke 12m (39 ft) artwork can be seen inside the station at Crewe, a town transformed by the introduction of the railway.

The display marks the end of a 12-month celebration of 185 years since the station was identified as a junction on the West Coast Main Line.

It features the work of railwayman and poet Gareth Williams with his poem Tracks are our Veins.

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