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An investigation has been launched after 'seven' wagons of a freight train came off the rails in Carlisle.

The Whitehaven News says some of the wagons of the train, believed to be carrying cement, derailed near Petteril Bridge junction, off London Road into the River Petteril.

The incident, at where the Settle to Carlisle line joins the Newcastle line, happened shortly before 9.30pm on Wednesday (October 19); fortunately however, Cumbria Constabulary have confirmed that no-one was injured as a result of the derailment.

Berwick MP and Transport Secretary Anne-Marie Trevelyan's plan to minimise the impact of train strikes has been criticised as 'unworkable' by trade unions.

An article on the Chronicle Live says before her resignation, former Prime Minister Liz Truss announced the government is pressing ahead with the new law to introduce minimum service levels during strikes.

Under the proposed law, a certain amount of train services would have to run during strike periods and a number of 'specified' staff would have to work. If unions flouted the law and allowed those specified staff to strike, they could lose their legal protection from sanctions like automatic dismissal.

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The [Railway Industry Association \(RIA\)](#) North has published a new vision for how they believe the North's railway should be electrified.

The plan, entitled 'Greener, Faster, Better - Decarbonisation Route Prioritisation for the North's Railways', sets out to improve journeys and help decarbonise rail freight and passenger lines across the region.

The document was written by RIA North's Decarbonisation working group, made up of cross-industry experts, and forms part of their ongoing engagement with partners in the supply chain, government, [Transport for the North](#) and [Network Rail](#).

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[Network Rail](#) is helping keep train services in Devon running reliably this autumn, by banishing the issue of leaves on the line.

With the help of a specially-adapted Land Rover designed to travel on rails and on the road, troublesome leaf mulch could be a thing of the past on Devon's railways.

The vehicle, known as a Sand Rover, is being deployed this autumn on Devon's branch lines following a successful trial which saw an average reduction of 80 per cent in delays as a result of leaf fall on the tracks.

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