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A milestone has been celebrated on the Wolverhampton City Centre Metro extension following the successful installation of the first stretch of tram tracks outside the city's revitalised railway station.

A total of 40 metres of double track has been installed on Railway Drive as progress on the highly-anticipated project continues to move forward at pace.

Last week also saw the installation of the extension's switch and crossing, an intricate section of rail that allows trams to move from one track to another, following days of intricate construction activity outside of the new-look station building.

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British Transport Police (BTP) is planning to develop a mobile app and platform to help people – especially women and girls – report any incidents on the rail network.

An article on UKAuthority.com says it has published a notice looking for support in the design and development of the system, saying it wants to create a user-friendly tool for safer journeys on the transport network.

Health economists at RSSB have developed a new Health and Wellbeing Index (HWI), specifically for the rail sector.

The index allows organisations to calculate the impact of health and wellbeing risks to employees, and compare health-based investment choices and decisions.

Rail companies will get an objective assessment of the options and see more clearly how health compares to other safety considerations and competing calls on budget.

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Finally, A team searching for Scotland's oldest railway have "rewritten history" after finding hidden tracks in East Lothian.

An article in The Scotsman says archaeologists and volunteers with the 1772 Waggonway Project made the finds while searching for the relic of the salt and coal industries of the 17th and 18th centuries.

The tracks were discovered on the line of the Tranent Waggonway, Scotland's earliest railway that moved coal from pits at Tranent to salt pans.

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