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Engineers have been working to clear debris and re-connect communities following landslip at the Falls of Cruachan.

Network Rail is working with BEAR Scotland and Transport Scotland to re-connect communities along Loch

Awe following a landslip at the Falls of Cruachan.

The railway line to Oban and A85 trunk road, east of the Falls of Cruachan, were blocked on Monday, December 19, when around 100 tonnes of debris slipped 80m down Ben Cruachan's slopes.

Even a below inflation increase in rail fares could put people off travelling by train altogether, according to campaigners.

Norman Baker, director of external affairs at advocacy group Campaign for Better Transport, told City A.M. that any increase to ticket prices will come "as a further blow to long-suffering passengers" after months "of cancellations and delays to train services".

Set by the government at the beginning of each year, rail fares are usually calculated based on the retail price index (RPI) of the previous July.

As inflation rates have soared over the past twelve months, hitting 11.1 per cent in October, the government initially announced in August it wouldn't hike fares to July's 12.1 per cent inflation rate.

The Levenmouth Rail Link project has been recognised by the Institute of Collaborative Working for its ground-breaking approach to project delivery.

In a ceremony at the House of Lords, the project team collected the award in the category of sustainability – reflecting the early and proactive work undertaken to integrate the delivery contractors and to build positive relationships with local stakeholders.

With an early focus on improving safety, the team have engaged with more than 250 young people from local schools through sports, STEM activities and in-class safety presentations.

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Heroic police officers leapt into the path of an oncoming train at a railway station, saving the life of a suicidal person with just "seconds to spare".

An article on the Evening Standard says the two British Transport Police officers were on patrol at Maidenhead in Berkshire, west of London, when they spotted the suicidal person standing on the tracks as a fast train approached.

They dashed onto the tracks, saving both the member of the public and just managing to escape from the train's path themselves.

A statement issued by British Transport Police (BTP) on Twitter said: "The PCSOs acted quickly & bravely to remove the person and themselves from the path of the oncoming train with only a couple of seconds to

spare.”

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