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Special trains due to clear the leaf mulch that caused last year's double train crash near Salisbury had been delayed, an interim report has found.

The article, which features in the Salisbury Journal, says the Rail Accident Investigation Branch has published the findings of its own investigation, suggesting leaves crushed by passing trains had contributed to low friction between the train wheels and the tracks.

Strong winds and heavy rain also played a part. Thirteen people were taken to hospital after a South Western Railway service collided with a train from Great Western Railway just outside Fisherton Tunnel on October 31 last year.

Both trains, carrying around 200 people, derailed and slid into the tunnel.

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People have been rescued, properties evacuated and trains cancelled due to flooding caused following Storm Franklin.

An article on the BBC website says Transport For Wales said there were no trains between Hereford and Shrewsbury on Tuesday because of flooding on the line.

In Yorkshire, Rotherham Central railway station was closed due to “severe flooding” and train services across the region have been disrupted.

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The Mayor of London has said he expects rules on wearing face coverings on the Transport for London network to be lifted following the PM’s announcement of the end of COVID restrictions.

The article in the Evening Standard says Boris Johnson said on Monday that all domestic restrictions would be lifted in England as he unveiled his ‘Living with COVID’ plan.

However, Sadiq Khan has urged people to “continue to wear a face covering where appropriate unless exempt”.

An automatic sliding step that will transform accessibility on the Tyne and Wear Metro’s new trains has been revealed.

The sliding step is a key feature of the new £362 million Metro fleet, making life easier for thousands of customers when boarding and alighting by eliminating the gap between the train and the platform edge.

They will be located at every door of the new trains, making boarding easier for Metro’s 50,000 wheelchair customers as well as people with children’s buggies, luggage or bicycles.

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