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Unsecured train wagons broke free and derailed after “miscommunication” between staff, a report has found.

An article on the BBC says the Rail Accident Investigation Branch (RAIB) said 22 wagons ran two red lights near the Old Bank sidings at Toton, Nottinghamshire, at about 04:45 GMT on 17 January.

An inquiry found the wagons “ran away because no-one had secured them with either handbrakes or scotches”.

The report made four safety recommendations.

A railway line that closed more than 50 years ago in Staffordshire could be reopened under plans being investigated by local councils.

Passenger services between Stoke-on-Trent and Leek stopped in 1965 and Leek’s railway station closed in 1970.

But a feasibility study is now being carried out looking at options to reopen the line.

Bure Valley Railway (BVR) has conducted further tests on bio-coal, putting it under more arduous conditions.

The Heritage Railway Association member had initially carried out some tests in June. These were conducted under normal Bure Valley operating conditions.

This second batch of tests was to see how the fuel fared under tougher working conditions and on a different engine. The team wanted to see how the bio-coal would work in different situations and on different locomotives.

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A recycling initiative at Northampton train station and other town locations has resulted in tens of thousands of paper cups being saved from landfill.

An article on Northants Live says ‘Up for the Cup’, part of a national environmental campaign from London Northwestern Railway, enables local commuters to recycle their tea and coffee cups with ease.

Overall, 63,000 paper cups have successfully been recycled since the bins were installed in Northampton – the equivalent of more than 0.75 tonnes.

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