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South Western Railway (SWR) has announced that the upgraded Island Line is set to reopen on 1 November, subject to a final round of train safety tests being successfully completed.

Once reopened, customers will return to a transformed Island Line, with new trains running along upgraded infrastructure and through improved stations.

The £26 million project, which has been funded by the Department for Transport, Isle of Wight Council and Solent Local Enterprise Partnership, has taken longer to complete than first anticipated.

This has been due to several factors including train testing complications, the pandemic and even the flash flooding which engulfed the Isle of Wight earlier this summer.

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Rail improvement works will impact train services at London Paddington and Bristol Temple Meads this weekend.

Network Rail is carrying out an essential signalling upgrade in the London Paddington area on Sunday, closing the station to all trains for half the day until 1200.

And final work on a recently upgraded railway junction on the approach to Bristol Temple Meads will affect trains on Saturday and Sunday.

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A proposed new railway station on the outskirts of York is set to move forward with councillors set to vote

on the purchase of land to support the project.

An article on Insider Media Ltd, says at a meeting of City of York Council's Executive on 30 September 2021, councillors will be asked to note the progress being made with partners on the new railway station in Haxby.

They will also be asked to consider a budget of £250,000 to fund the purchase of land to support the project, and associated acquisition costs.

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People using the Tube network will see Pride roundels specially designed by staff and prominent figures in the LGBTQ+ London Community as part of Transport for London's (TfL's) continuing support for the community.

Ten roundels have been installed across London, carrying positive messages and vibrant colours as well as visual representations of the London LGBTQ+ community.

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