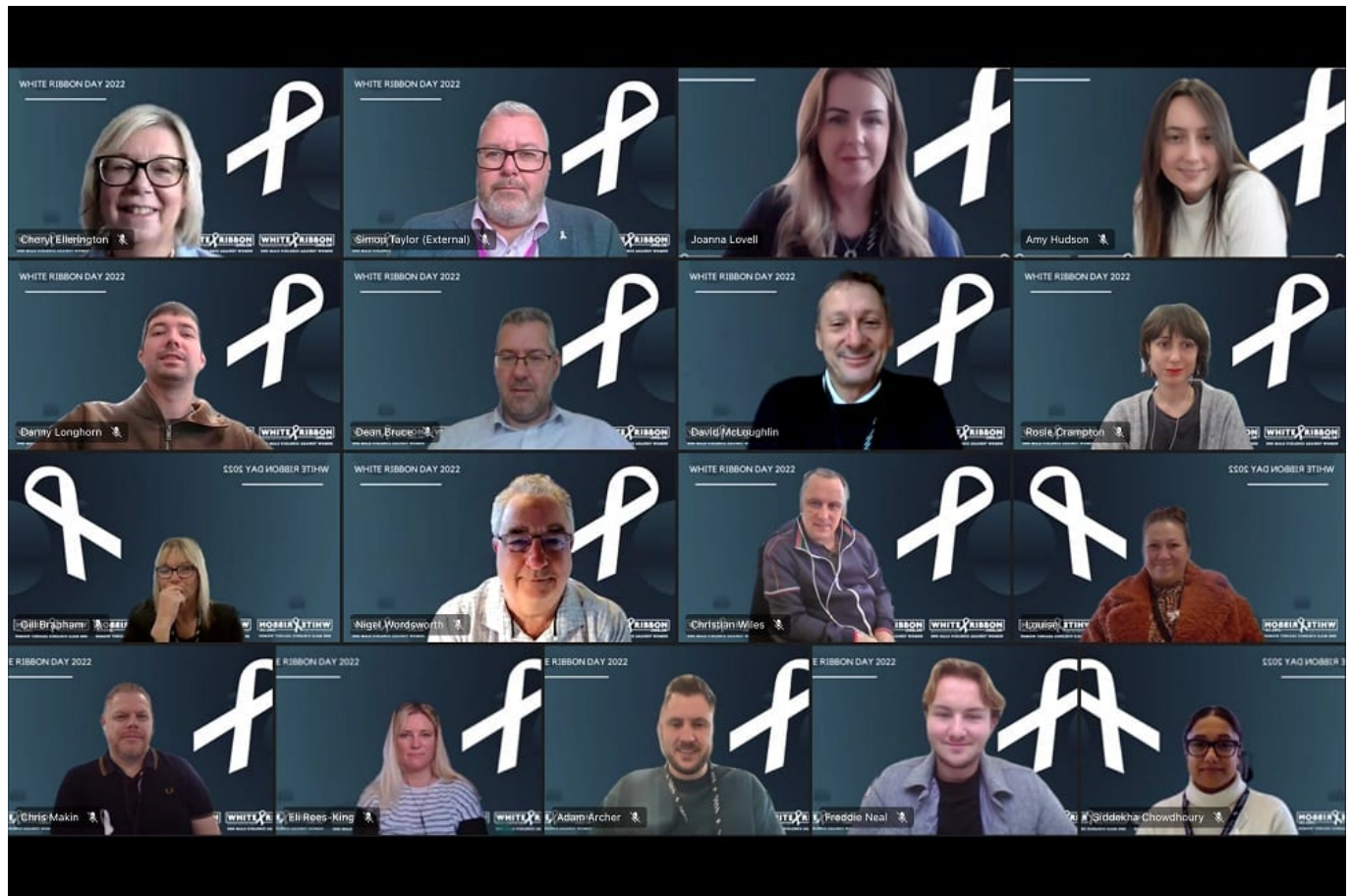


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ScotRail staff have accepted a new pay offer with the RMT union, calling off a series of strikes in the lead-up to Christmas.

An article in the Press and Journal says RMT members had planned to strike from Saturday, December 3, and were to continue on Fridays and Saturdays leading up to Christmas.

This would have caused severe travel disruption across Scotland but has been averted due to an increased offer of five per cent plus an extra £750.

However, a separate RMT dispute involving Network Rail staff is continuing with four 48-hour strikes planned through December and January, which are likely to cause widespread disruption across Scotland.

However RMT's Mick Lynch has confirmed that a meeting yesterday with the Transport Secretary Mark Harper was "positive".

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Battery and hybrid train manufacturer, Vivarail, has announced its intention to appoint administrators.

Adrian Shooter CBE founded Vivarail in 2013 and the last nine years have been spent investigating, trialling and developing battery technology.

An article on Rail Advent says the company has had the financial support of a sole investment partner – however, Vivarail's board of directors had agreed to operate without reliance on more funding in early 2022.

Since that decision, the Board of Directors have approved a sale process and have worked to attract new investors.

Although Vivarail has had a 'positive level' of interest, the Board has had to file a Notice of Intention to appoint Administrators with the courts, which took place on the 23rd November.

Railways are bustling their way back towards pre-pandemic levels, official figures show.

An article in the Metro says London Waterloo is the busiest station in the country again as commuters recover from coronavirus-related cuts to services, according to the Office of Rail and Road (ORR).

It was used by an estimated 41.4 million passengers in the year to the end of March – up from 12.2 million in the previous 12 months but still below half the estimate of 86.9 million in 2019-2020.

"Don't leave it until it's too late to step in." That was the powerful message from Rail Business Daily's CEO as he reminded staff about the importance of calling out violence against women, on White Ribbon Day.

During an educational seminar with all staff, David McLoughlin – who runs the UK's largest media company within rail – shared his own personal story of witnessing harmful behaviour against a family member, as he reminded the team about the importance of 'stepping up' against harmful attitudes, behaviours and violence towards women.

The seminar was held for White Ribbon Day – a campaign to end male violence against women and children.

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