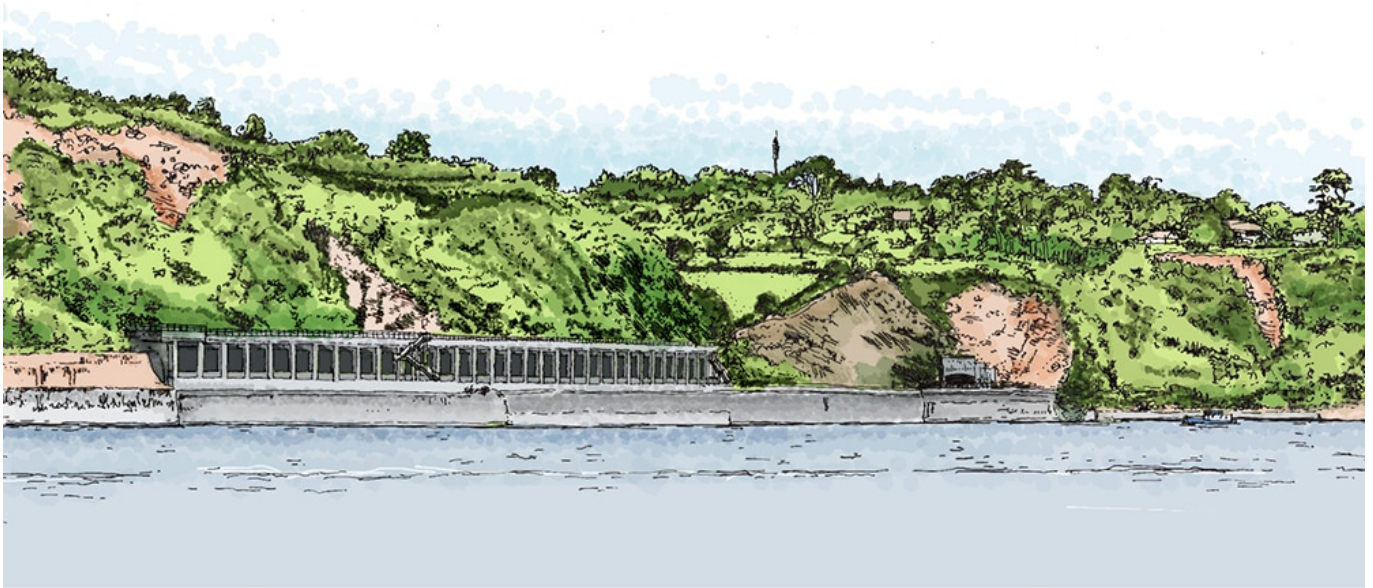


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Commuters should get used to fewer trains after the pandemic but can expect better reliability, the chairman of Network Rail has indicated.

In an article in The Daily Telegraph Sir Peter Hendy has said “too many trains on the track” does not improve the service, adding: “We’ve proved that.”

In an address to the National Rail Recovery Conference, he said that old commuting patterns may not return once the country opens up again.

A lone HS2 protestor remained in the Euston tunnel in London after three more activists emerged yesterday.

An article in The Guardian says the tunnel protest, which has been going on for 30 days, is one of the longest in UK history.

The climate activists say the tunnel protest is necessary to raise awareness about the HS2 rail scheme, which they say is causing extensive environmental damage.

HS2 officials said the rail scheme is environmentally friendly and have repeatedly urged the protestors to leave the tunnel for their own safety and that of the bailiffs.

Network Rail has submitted plans to Teignbridge District Council to extend an existing rockfall shelter over the railway line between Dawlish and Holcombe.

The 209-metre long extension of the rockfall shelter north of Parsons Tunnel will help protect trains against falling rocks.

Parsons Tunnel was previously extended a hundred years ago and Network Rail proposes to extend that further by providing a rockfall shelter in modern materials, but with open sides rather than the previous brick built enclosed tunnel extension.

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Finally, and 1970s car parts, fishing rods, British Rail advertising posters, a sack of fertilizer and two individual vintage wooden water skis believed to be from the 1950s, have all be unearthed at Bishopstone station.

It comes as workers have been tidying up inside the station to get ready for a major refurbishment of the Grade-II listed building.

As they pulled up the wooden shutters of the old parcel office, unopened for over 30 years, they had no inkling of what they were about to reveal.

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