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Rail union RMT has announced it is cancelling its planned strike action on 3 November after it was made aware the Royal British Legion's Poppy Day would be on that same date.

An article on City A.M. says workers will now strike on 5, 7 and 9 November as part of a long-standing dispute over salaries, jobs and working conditions.

Network Rail members will strike during the three-day period while staff at 14 railway companies will only walk out on 5 November.

Network Rail have released the latest update as to when travellers will be able to travel as normal following the derailment of a freight train carrying cement.

An article on the Carlisle News & Star website says the train, which was the 5:15pm Clitheroe to Carlisle Yard freight service, derailed at Petteril Bridge Junction, on October 19.

As a result, the train line between Carlisle to Newcastle and Leeds remains temporarily suspended whilst works continue.

A spokesperson for Network Rail said disruption is expected to continue until the end of Friday November, 4.

Forest of Dean MP Mark Harper has been announced as new Secretary of State for Transport. It comes as Rishi Sunak appoints his new cabinet hours after becoming Prime Minister.

An article on Gloucestershire Live says Mr Harper previously backed Mr Sunak to become PM, saying he “represents a return to traditional Conservative values and has an exciting vision for the future of our country”.

Tweeting about his appointment he said he was delighted, saying: “Transport affects us all, and I can’t wait to tackle the challenges we face so we can deliver for communities across our United Kingdom.”

Greater Anglia has appointed a new safeguarding and trespass prevention manager, who will be prioritising the safeguarding of vulnerable individuals who travel on the network.

Georgia Payne joined the train operator from British Transport Police, where she worked as a vulnerability researcher.

Georgia said: “I’m really pleased to join the railway. My previous role gave an overview of vulnerability across the UK, and I am now able to focus on a specific area.”

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