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A fatigued train driver passed a stop signal and almost had a head-on crash with another train, investigators found.

The article on the BBC website says the Rail Accident Investigation Branch (RAIB) said the near-miss happened on a Chiltern Railways service in Buckinghamshire in 2020.

The RAIB made a series of safety recommendations, including the railways firm should improve its management of drivers, and review the risks associated with resetting train protection equipment on London Underground infrastructure.

Chiltern Railways said it had taken on board the findings of the RAIB's report by adjusting its "processes and procedures", and expanding its driver management team with several new roles and appointments.

The Levenmouth rail link project has taken another huge step forward with the start of work to remove the old disused track and redundant infrastructure from the former branch line.

Following on from last month's confirmation that the line will be double tracked and electrified, and announcement of the station locations when Transport Minister Graeme Dey visited Leven, the removal of the old disused tracks is another clear signal that project is gathering momentum.

Work is now underway on the route between Thornton Junction and Leven and will be ongoing until the end of August, though not continuously at any one location.

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New trains being built as part of the transformation of the Wales and Borders network have reached another key milestone as testing gets underway in Europe.

The Fast Light Intercity and Regional Trains (FLIRTs) are being built by leading train manufacturer Stadler and are now being tested in Switzerland, where the company's headquarters are located.

They will then be transferred to South Wales for further tests on the Wales and Borders network, where they will begin to enter service from the end of next year.

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London North Eastern Railway (LNER) nameplates from the retired InterCity 125 fleet have raised more than £12,000 for charity as enthusiasts bid for their own piece of East Coast history in an online auction.

Three famous names from the iconic Intercity 125 High-Speed Train (HST) fleet, which was retired in 2019, went under the hammer, with proceeds from the sale going to LNER's partner charity Campaign Against Living Miserably (CALM).

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