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Poor flood management led to a train colliding with debris in Northamptonshire last June in an incident that left passengers stranded for several hours.

That's according to an article in The Herald, which says the RAIB investigation has found Network Rail, the Environment Agency and local authorities were among the parties that 'did not engage and communicate effectively' about the potential risk of flooding.

Five recommendations have been made including calling on Network Rail to review how it manages similar locations prone to 'safety critical flooding'.

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Key Crossrail stations in central London will be handed over to Transport for London earlier than planned.

That's according to the New Civil Engineer which says TfL board minutes reveal stations including Tottenham Court Road and Farringdon will be handed over under the revised plan.

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Train passengers in Scotland are being urged to bring their own face coverings and maintain a distance of two metres between themselves and others.

The comments from Scotland's transport secretary Michael Matheson feature in several of the newspapers today.

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Hundreds of railway engineers carried out vital maintenance to track, bridges and railway equipment in Cumbria, Lancashire, the West Midlands, Kent, Sussex and London.

The work, which took place over the weekend, was part of Britain's Railway Upgrade Plan.

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Finally, and children have been offering their pocket money as part of an appeal to get the Bluebell Railway back on track.

More than £200,000 has been raised for the railway which runs steam trains along an 11-mile line from Sheffield Park to East Grinstead.

An article in the Argus says there have been over 1,500 donations ranging from children offering their pocket money, to several thousand pounds from members and supporters.

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