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Labour has confirmed it will renationalise the railways if it wins the next general election.

An article on the Daily Mail website says transport spokesman Louise Haigh told the conference yesterday that rail would be placed back in public hands after the current contracts with operators expire.

RMT boss Mick Lynch said yesterday the union would 'welcome' the move to public ownership.

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Essential landslip prevention work has started at Honiton Tunnel between Axminster and Pinhoe.

The five-day work is the start of a long-term programme to make the railway cutting more resilient.

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A campaign to stop the National Railway Museum's Central Hall project has been abandoned after not enough funds were raised to pay for a legal challenge.

An article on the BBC says the project will see two halves of the museum united with a rotunda, cutting off a direct route in York for about 4,000 residents.

The scheme had attracted opposition as it will see Leeman Road cut off, with a 437-yard diversion in place instead.

Northern is fitting new technology to a number of its trains to help combat leaves on the line and stop disruption for passengers during autumn.

At present, railway lines are cleaned using railhead treatment trains, also known as RHTTS, but there are only a limited number of these trains available.

But the train operator is now fitting new 'leaf-busting' technology to 16 of its 170 passenger trains. Water-Trak creates rainy-day conditions on the rail surface by spraying a small amount of water from the train onto the track when a slippery rail is detected.

This might seem as if it has the opposite effect – but the team discovered that leaf coated rails only become slippery if damp, noting that trains still stop safely in heavy rain.

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