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Environmental activists protesting about the HS2 rail project last night revealed that veteran campaigner Swampy has joined them in their tunnels by Euston station.

An article in The Guardian says the activist spoke of his involvement as they held out for a second night. The article says they have accused constructors of intimidating behaviour and an eviction team warned the tunnels they have dug sit close to gas and water pipes, putting lives at risk.

The network has two main tunnels stretching in different directions from the downshaft and is said to be at least 30 metres long. They were built over several months following an environmentalists' camp being set up in Euston Square Gardens.

Meanwhile today HS2 has launched a brand-new jobs site to promote the estimated 20,000 roles that phase one of the project is creating in the months and years ahead.

Key rail infrastructure in the North of England will be upgraded this summer to support the delivery of the Transpennine Route Upgrade (TRU) programme.

The work forms part of TRU's wider goal to deliver sought-after improvements along the full 76-mile Transpennine route – stretching from York to Manchester, via Leeds and Huddersfield.

It will take place east of Manchester Victoria station, closing the lines towards Stalybridge and Rochdale, with a 16-day railway closure between these destinations from the 31st July to 16th August.

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Women in Rail is launching a series of weekly after school sessions – Kid's Hour – to support #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek.

It will take place every Thursday afternoon and consist of a series of one-hour free online fun and education sessions, with the chance to speak to professionals.

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Finally, and model Katie Price's disabled son Harvey is set to fulfil his dream of being a railway announcer.

The article in The Sun says fans started an online campaign after a BBC documentary on the pair showed his love of trains.

Yesterday Katie posted on her Instagram Stories that Harvey was going to be a train announcer for

Network Rail.

It is expected Harvey, who is severely disabled and needs constant care, will pre-record some messages for the stations.

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