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Storm Arwen hit the UK at the weekend, killing at least three and causing major disruption to travel.

Winds of near 100 miles per hour battered the country. By 9pm on Friday, the Department for Infrastructure said its workers had dealt with 130 weather-related incidents.

An article on the Daily Record said a rare red weather warning was issued by the Met Office for parts of

Scotland during the storm with seven trains needing to be repaired due to storm damage.

The article says ScotRail says it's dealing with the aftermath of "one of the most severe storms in years" with wind speeds of more than 80mph over Friday and Saturday littering the railway with fallen trees, debris and power lines.

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Work has started on a new railway station that will pave the way for the long-awaited return of passenger services on the Wolverhampton to Walsall line.

An article in the Express & Star says that as part of a £54 million project Willenhall station is being built on waste ground off Bilston Street, where workers are currently clearing rubble.

The scheme will also see a new station built at James Bridge, Darlaston, ahead of the reopening of the line to passenger services for the first time since 2008.

The world's first rapid battery charger for Very Light Rail has won an Engineering and Technology Innovation Award in the Future Mobility category.

Judges highlighted the charger's vital role in unlocking a new type of lower-cost, battery powered tram for smaller cities, called Very Light Rail (VLR).

A VLR system is currently being built and trialled in the West Midlands, at Dudley's VLR Innovation Centre. The first VLR system is destined for Coventry and is expected to be operational by 2025.

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Network Rail has today released CCTV footage which shows serious misuse of a level crossing in Attenborough in Nottinghamshire.

The footage – which includes two teenage girls doing hand stands on the track – was captured at Nature Reserve level crossing in Attenborough, where trains travel on the busy line to and from Nottingham at up to 80mph.

It also shows incredibly dangerous behaviour, including people taking selfies on the railway, laying down on the track for irresponsible photo opportunities or stopping to sit on the crossing – which could have all resulted in fatal or life changing consequences.

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