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The first of Tyne and Wear Metro's new trains have been built by Stadler and are about to enter a crucial period of testing.

Nexus, the public body which owns and operates Metro, said that first two new trains were now ready to roll off the production line in Switzerland.

They will now go through a rigorous process of what is known as dynamic and static testing.

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An internal upgrade and refurbishment of Romford station has been completed including an improved entrance hall, ticket office and lift access to Elizabeth line platforms.

As part of Network Rail's Crossrail programme to upgrade the existing surface stations that are served by the Elizabeth line, the interior of Romford station has been completely refurbished with increased circulation space and improved access into the station via a new northern entrance from The Battis.

The existing entrances under the rail bridge have also been improved to give a better experience upon entering the station.

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Expertise from the other side of the world is helping British heritage railways to revise their hot weather plans following a long, hot summer.

The Puffing Billy Railway, based near Melbourne in Australia, has shared some of its extensive fire risk management documents with Heritage Railway Association members.

After several weeks of dry and hot weather, heritage railways across the UK are looking again at how they operate during such extreme weather conditions. The Puffing Billy Railway has extensive experience of operations during extremes of weather that are still rare in the UK.

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Train operator, Northern, has launched a flash sale with over a million tickets for journeys across the North of England available for just £1.

The £1 fares are available on bookings made online or through the Northern app, whilst stocks last, for travel between Tuesday, September 6 and Thursday, October 20.

An article on the Yorkshire Evening Post features comments from Mark Powles, customer and commercial director at Northern, who said: "This is our way of helping to extend the summer holiday feeling by a further six weeks – getting people through until the start of the October half term."

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