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Lost railway stations in the north-east could be brought back to life as part of radical new plans to galvanise Scotland's rail network.

An article on Aberdeen Live says Railfuture Scotland has mapped out an extensive list of stations that could be opened or reopened in a bid to ease the country's travel times.

And among those that could be brought back into use include some forgotten stations in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire.

The think-tank believes that Kittybrewster and Newtonhill stations have the highest potential in the north-east, predicting that it could serve around 200,000 passengers each per year.

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Integrated rail and road business, Maritime Transport Ltd, has signed an agreement with Peel Ports Group to expand its existing transport depot at the Port of Liverpool.

As a result of the agreement, a multi-million-pound project will increase facilities from four acres to ten.

There will be a new storage yard for loaded containers, which Maritime said will significantly enhance its operation in the northwest.

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Network Rail has announced two new appointments.

Mark Tarry will be the Supply Chain Operations director, succeeding Rob Morton, who recently became managing director for Route Services.

John Lauder, deputy CEO of Sustrans, will join Scotland's Railway next month on an 18-month secondment to lead a special strategic project to reduce car journeys to the nation's train stations.

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Three Ancient Roman busts that were found under the site of a Norman church in Stoke Mandeville, Buckinghamshire, are being cleaned up to reveal their delicate facial features.

An article on the Mail online says archaeologists for the HS2 railway uncovered the three stone busts beneath the ruins of the old St Mary's church, which was demolished in 1966 for being unsafe.

Two of the figures are adults — a man and a woman, both of which have had their head split from their body — while the third is the head alone of a child.

Archaeologists have now cleaned the female carved head, revealing intricate details on the sculpture such as tear ducts and the curvature of the lips.

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