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The last Pacer to carry Northern customers completed its swansong journey having travelled from Kirby to Manchester Airport.

The trains have been used for over 35 years of continuous service in the north of England and clocking 3 million miles in the process.

Chris Jackson, Regional Director at Northern says having kept millions of northerners on the move, it is time to give them a well-earned rest.

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Police should be called in to enforce social distancing on Christmas trains, railway unions said last night amid fears of travel chaos during the five-day relaxation of coronavirus restrictions.

The article in The Daily Telegraph says with reduced capacity and holiday travel crunched into the period from December 23 to 27, the RMT union said police would be needed to ensure people followed the rules.

The paper says Network Rail and the Department for Transport hope to release Christmas travel plans this week.

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Passengers, and freight customers, will benefit from more than £16 million of investment in Scotland's Railway over this Christmas and New Year.

Network Rail will be working at dozens of locations to carry out vital projects to renew key pieces of rail infrastructure.

Engineers will be relaying track, renewing junctions and refurbishing structures across the country with work taking place in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Stirling, Perth and Inverness.

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Finally, and a record of new Metro drivers are in training at a new £8.4 million Nexus Learning Centre in South Shields.

Thirty recruits – Metro’s biggest ever single intake of drivers – are among the first to use the purpose-built facility, which has opened its doors for the first time following the completion of construction work over the summer.

Nexus has built the new Learning Centre to bring a wide range of rail infrastructure and operations training under one roof in a modern new setting.

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