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The Government has re-introduced national regulations making face coverings compulsory on public transport and in shops from today, unless an exemption applies.

Transport for London says it will continue enforcing the requirement, including the reintroduction of powers for them and police to issue £200 fines for a first offence.

TfL's 500 uninformed enforcement officers and its police partners will be out across the transport network ensuring that customers comply with the Government regulation.

Tyne & Wear Metro staff "worked a miracle" to get train services back running after the trail of destruction left by Storm Arwen.

An article in the Chronicle says the fierce 90mph winds over the weekend brought trees crashing onto train tracks, downed overhead power lines, and left debris strewn across the rail network.

Nexus' chief operating officer, Martin Kearney, described the colossal clean-up job as "our biggest ever recovery operation" in the Metro's 41-year history.

HS2 today confirmed that Derbyshire-based Stanton Precast Ltd, has been awarded a major contract to deliver three innovative 'green tunnels' for the high-speed rail project in a move that is set to create up to 100 local jobs.

Four miles worth of tunnel will be built in thousands of sections at the Ilkeston factory before being shipped to site and assembled at three locations in rural Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire, to reduce disruption and improve efficiency.

An appeal to restore a heritage railway station which has featured in Downton Abbey and scores of TV programmes and films is steaming ahead thanks to public support.

The Bluebell Railway has asked for donations to finance the repair of leaking roofs and replacement of rotting beams at Horsted Keynes station in West Sussex.

The railway's appeal co-ordinator Trevor Swainson said so far, they have raised more than £120,000 – 70 per cent towards the target of £170,000 from the public.

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