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Network Rail has successfully completed a key milestone in the development of the new railway station for Soham which will pave the way for trains to start to call at the station from December.

Over the August bank holiday weekend, the station at Soham was connected to the wider signalling network.

Completing this work means that from December, Greater Anglia's Ipswich to Peterborough service will be able to stop at Soham – the first time a timetabled passenger train has called at the town for 56 years since the last station was closed and demolished.

Rapid progress is being made on the development of the new Perry Barr Railway Station ahead of next year's Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

A steel frame which will support the new station building is now taking shape on site as work continues at pace to get the structure ready for opening next spring.

Deputy Mayor of the West Midlands, Councillor Bob Sleight, was among guests to visit the site to see how the £30.9 million development project is proceeding and sign the steel girders – thus preserving their names on the building for posterity.

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Drivers have been warned not to ignore railway crossing signs following concerns from people living in a coastal town.

An article on the BBC says North Wales Police said drivers had been going through red flashing lights that warn of oncoming trains in Porthmadog, Gwynedd.

Network Rail said there had been more than 400 incidents at level crossings in Wales since the pandemic began.

Having to get two separate tickets for a weekend to Edinburgh may soon be a thing of the past.

An article in the Glasgow Times says ScotRail is launching open-return tickets between Glasgow and the capital which passengers have up to one month to use.

From this week, these can be booked online, in stations or at ticket machines.

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