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HS2 Ltd has announced the start of a major refurbishment project to restore the Grade 1 listed Old Curzon Street Station in Birmingham, one of the world's oldest surviving pieces of monumental railway architecture.

Over the next twelve months, a team of local experts will carry out intricate restoration work on the iconic building.

It was designed by the notable architect Philip Hardwick and opened in 1838 as the Birmingham terminus for the London and Birmingham Railway Co. (L&BR) line that connected to Euston Station in London.

UK rail passengers returning after the summer holidays can now access customised real-time travel information for their journeys through WhatsApp, the most popular private communications service in the world.

The launch of '*Alert me by WhatsApp*' by National Rail Enquiries marks a step-change in passenger communications by delivering personalised journey information directly through the channels people use the most.

Rail passengers can now opt-in to receive personalised journey information generated using revolutionary AI-based data technology developed by British company Zipabout and sent proactively via WhatsApp.

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A new entrance, more comfortable waiting facilities, sheltered platforms, better lighting, and a brand new 85-space cycle hub are just some of the benefits for passengers in the new £7.5 million extension to

Denmark Hill station – the first carbon positive upgrade of its kind at a station in Europe.

The innovative design includes a new type of photovoltaic film fitted to the new roof which is able to produce more energy than the new building needs and put energy back into the electricity grid.

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Ecologists are relocating fish in the River Trent during work to protect two major railway viaducts on the West Coast main line.

Network Rail is carrying out the £1.4 million repairs at Rugeley in Staffordshire to make journeys for passengers and freight safe and reliable on the crucial section of railway line.

The river is being diverted and drained around the supports so that pieces of rock weighing up to three tonnes can be laid to protect them from further erosion.

As the water is lowered, any fish which become trapped are safely caught and released into the open river.

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