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People intending to travel by train for King Charles III's Coronation should check their journey in advance and allow plenty of time, say rail bosses.

An article on the BBC website says Great Western Railway (GWR) said it would run extra "early" trains from South Wales and the south-west and west of England to Paddington.

It added that an "hourly, overnight service is being provided Friday into Saturday, and for the return journey".

Timetables had been updated and were publicly available, managers said.

GWR said about 1.2m people were expected to line the streets of London for the Coronation on 6 May, for “an event not seen since 1953”.

An action group is campaigning for the full restoration of a railway line in east Scotland abandoned in 1968 during the Beeching Cuts.

An article on New Civil Engineer says Rail Action Group East of Scotland (Rages) has called for the reconstruction and reopening of Haddington station to support the reinstatement of a local service from Edinburgh to Berwick, which closed to passenger traffic in 1949. The rail route remained open to freight traffic for a further 19 years before the line was fully closed in 1968.

Originally, the line ran from the west of Haddington to Longniddry, joining the main line there to Edinburgh. From Haddington, it travelled through stations at East Linton, Dunbar, Reston and onto Berwick in the other direction.

Network Rail has completed a range of essential upgrades to the railway between London Euston, the Midlands, North West and Scotland over the early May bank holiday.

Between Saturday 29 April and Tuesday 2 May, teams carried out vital work on the railway to improve passenger and freight services on the West Coast main line – the Backbone of Britain.

Earlier on this week trains resumed again after some sections of track closed so engineers could quickly and safely carry out the major improvements over the bank holiday weekend.

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TransPennine Express (TPE) has unveiled a Eurovision wrapped train that will be used by passengers heading to and from the world’s biggest singing competition in the host city, Liverpool.

The TPE Nova 2 train, that features a ‘Welcome to Liverpool’ message along with iconic Eurovision livery, was serenaded by a soprano as it set off on its inaugural journey across the North.

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