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Hundreds of train services cancelled as one in ten rail workers off due to COVID.

That's according to an article in the Mirror that says train companies including ScotRail, CrossCountry and LNER announced reduced timetables yesterday and commuters were warned of more disruption to come.

The Rail Delivery Group estimated more than 6,000 crews and drivers could not go back to work on

Monday.

The First Group has announced that the Managing Director of new open access operator Lumo is leaving to take up a position outside the rail industry.

Helen Wylde joined First Rail in March 2020 to lead the mobilisation of the new East Coast train service. Passenger services started in October last year.

Phil Cameron, First Rail's Commercial Projects Director, will act as Interim Managing Director.

A major rail upgrade in Manchester is now complete after Network Rail improved track and signalling equipment to boost reliability.

Across seven days, between Saturday 25 December 2021 and Monday 3 January 2022, more than 100 railway workers installed four new track components – used to direct trains – completed two sections of new electric wiring and upgraded signalling equipment near Manchester Victoria station.

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An appeal to restore a historic heritage railway station which featured in 'The Larkins' on ITV has hit its initial £500,000 target.

The article on the ITV website says the Bluebell Railway launched a fundraising effort last autumn to help to finance the repair of leaking roofs and the replacement of rotting beams at Horsted Keynes station in West Sussex.

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