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MPs and regional leaders are gathering in Westminster today (Tuesday 5th September) at 11am to call for improvements to the road and rail links in Shropshire and neighbouring areas.

An article on Greatest Hits Radio says the event, which will be chaired by Helen Morgan MP, will bring together local MPs like Lucy Allan and Simon Baynes as well as local businesses and councils with the Welsh Government, Network Rail and Midlands Connect.

Helen Morgan MP said: “Residents are really crying out for upgrades to rail and road links, from the Llanymynech bypass to bus services and getting trains back in Oswestry and Baschurch.

“I’m delighted to support local campaigners as they make the case for improvements directly in Westminster.”

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Buckingham Group Contracting Limited has been placed into administration after refinancing attempts failed.

An article on The Construction Index says employee-owned Buckingham Group Contracting ceased trading on 17<sup>th</sup> August but continued to seek a way of reorganising. On 4th September 2023, Rob Parker, Jon Roden and Kevin Coates of Grant Thornton were appointed as joint administrators.

Kier has agreed to acquire substantially all of the company’s rail assets, saving 180 jobs.

But close to 500 people have been let go.

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Global logistics company DP World has launched a new programme in the UK to help cargo owners reduce their carbon emissions by shifting from road to rail.

An article on The Business Desk says the Modal Shift Programme, which is being trialled at DP World’s Southampton Logistics Hub, offers customers a financial incentive to move their imported goods off the road and onto rail, cutting carbon emissions and air pollutants – the programme could prevent as much as 30,000 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide being emitted per year.

The financial incentive will be paid for by a relatively small charge on all import laden containers coming through DP World Southampton.

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A volunteer for a heritage railway who has retired from driving its locomotives says it has been a “brilliant” part of his life.

An article on the BBC website says John Giles, from Stourport-on-Severn, Worcestershire, started helping at Severn Valley Railway (SVR) in 1969 alongside his day job as an engineer.

The 75-year-old said his highlights included driving the famous Flying Scotsman locomotive.

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