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Network Rail has completed its major upgrade of Bristol East Junction, removing a bottleneck into Bristol Temple Meads and replacing the 1960s track and components.

This will allow more trains to enter and exit the station, increase capacity, reduce congestion and help make journeys more reliable.

This £132 million Department for Transport-funded project started on Saturday 10 July and over the past eight weeks Network Rail engineers have worked day and night using a total of 50 engineering trains to replace over 5km of track, install over 300 track panels and lay around 26,000 tonnes of ballast.

Transport for London (TfL) has confirmed that the two new Tube stations making up the Northern Line Extension will open to the public on Monday 20 September.

The two step-free, Zone 1 stations at Battersea Power Station and Nine Elms are set to dramatically improve the connectivity of these vibrant south London neighbourhoods and contribute to the capital's recovery from the pandemic at a vital time.

Major construction on the 3km twin-tunnel railway between Kennington and Battersea Power Station, via Nine Elms, began in 2015.

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Fare dodgers who have avoided paying to travel on Greater Anglia trains have been ordered to pay just under £325,000 in fines and court costs.

In three months, 1,032 people admitted to travelling on Greater Anglia trains without a ticket or any intention of buying a ticket.

The offences took place from May to July this year across the whole of the Greater Anglia network, which covers Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire and three stations and east London.

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Transport for Wales (TfW) customers are being encouraged to check their journey details as an increase in train services comes into effect this month.

From Monday 13 September, new rail timetables will be in place across the Wales and Borders network.

These changes will see an overall increase of 8.5 per cent in services. It will also see the introduction of two high quality 'Mark IV' long distance trains into passenger services, which will include catering and refreshment services.

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