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Storm Barra is forecast to bring snow and winds of up to 70mph to parts of the country from late this afternoon and will affect some services in the south west and north east of Scotland.

Scotland's Railway will be introducing speed restrictions and closing some lines to trains during the storm.

Liam Sumpter, Network Rail Scotland route director, said: "We are monitoring the conditions closely and

have teams ready to respond to any damage caused to our infrastructure by the weather.”

An initiative which is expected to save as much as 50 tonnes of CO2 per year has been announced by Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR).

The operator, which manages Southern, Thameslink and Great Northern services say it is strengthening its commitment to sustainability by setting up the project in collaboration with community climate action group, Energy Garden.

The project is hoped to generate more than 200,000 kW hours of electricity annually.

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Network Rail has delivered improvements to the ‘Heart of Wessex’ line, between Dorset and Wiltshire, using two unique trains.

During a 16-day closure, starting 18 November, teams installed new track and carried out maintenance. Between Chetnole and Yetminster, they brought in a New Track Construction train, which is designed to lay new rails and sleepers as it travels.

Overall, there were more than four miles of new sleepers, rail and ballast put in place from Maiden Newton to Yetminster. Some of the track in the area, Network Rail says, dated back to 1958.

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Transport for Wales (TfW) is to launch its new smartphone app today, providing enhanced features and, for the first time, a bilingual service.

The app’s features are all about making it easier and quicker for customers to access up-to-date information and buy tickets quickly and easily.

It will allow customers to purchase and manage tickets from their smartphone and track their journey in real-time.

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