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Liverpool City Region's Metro Mayor Steve Rotheram's plans for a new station at Headbolt Lane in Kirkby received a welcome boost thanks to an additional £66 million from the Transforming Cities Fund agreed at the latest Combined Authority meeting.

The new station plans include proposals for around 300 park and ride spaces and a bus interchange with step-free access throughout the station.

The full scheme includes the extension of the Merseyrail network beyond the existing Kirkby station.

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HS2 has started the search for a specialist contractor to deliver the high-tech monitoring systems that will enable remote supervisory control of railway assets and systems by key operational personnel.

The new contract opportunity, worth an estimated £65 million, covers the design, manufacture, installation, integration, testing and commissioning of an integrated Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition solution that will be used across the whole network.

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The last of ScotRail's upgraded Inter7City high speed trains has arrived in Scotland.

The trains connect Scotland's seven cities, offering enhanced services for commuters, business travellers and tourists.

The trains have brought increased seat and luggage capacity, power sockets in the seating areas and upgraded on-board catering, which ScotRail will be re-introducing when COVID-19 restrictions allow.

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Finally, and congratulations to Didcot Railway Centre's volunteer photographer, Frank Dumbleton, who has been named an 'Unsung Hero' at Tourism South East's Beautiful South Awards for Excellence in an online ceremony.

Frank is one of the Centre's longest-standing volunteers having been involved with the Great Western Society – the charity that operates the living museum – since its formation in 1961.

He has been recognised for the countless hours he puts in taking photographs, along with his efforts as a guide, museum steward, social media posts and the online blog launched last year.

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