

Stations across the country light-up to help celebrate NHS birthday

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From Leeds to Liverpool to London Bridge, stations across the country will be 'going blue' on Saturday evening to help celebrate the 72nd birthday of the NHS.

Since the start of lockdown railway staff have shown huge support for their fellow critical workers with 'stop and clap' happening at stations across the country. The railway was also heavily involved with the 'light it blue' campaign with stations and iconic railway infrastructure – such as Glenfinnan viaduct (the viaduct made famous in the Harry Potter films) – being lit up to show our appreciation to our frontline care workers.

And now, with the rest of the nation, the railway will once again show its appreciation with many other stations, bridges and viaducts 'going blue' – including London King's Cross, Euston, London Liverpool Street, Manchester Piccadilly, Birmingham New Street, London Waterloo's station clock, London Bridge's western arcade, Bristol Temple Meads, Cardiff Central station and Brunel's Britannia Bridge – the railway bridge connecting Cornwall and Devon.

Andrew Haines, chief executive, said: "On its 72nd birthday, never has our NHS been so supported, so

needed and so celebrated. Fellow critical workers from the rail industry will show their appreciation this weekend as we play a small part in helping celebrate this wonderful milestone.”

Tim Shoveller, managing director for Network Rail’s North West and Central region, said: “Once again it’ll be a privilege to join the rest of the railway industry to, quite literally, shine a light on the herculean effort being made by thousands of healthcare professionals working to save lives every day at this time of national crisis.

“We will continue to show how proud we are of the NHS and help in any way we can during the ongoing fight against the spread of Covid-19.”

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