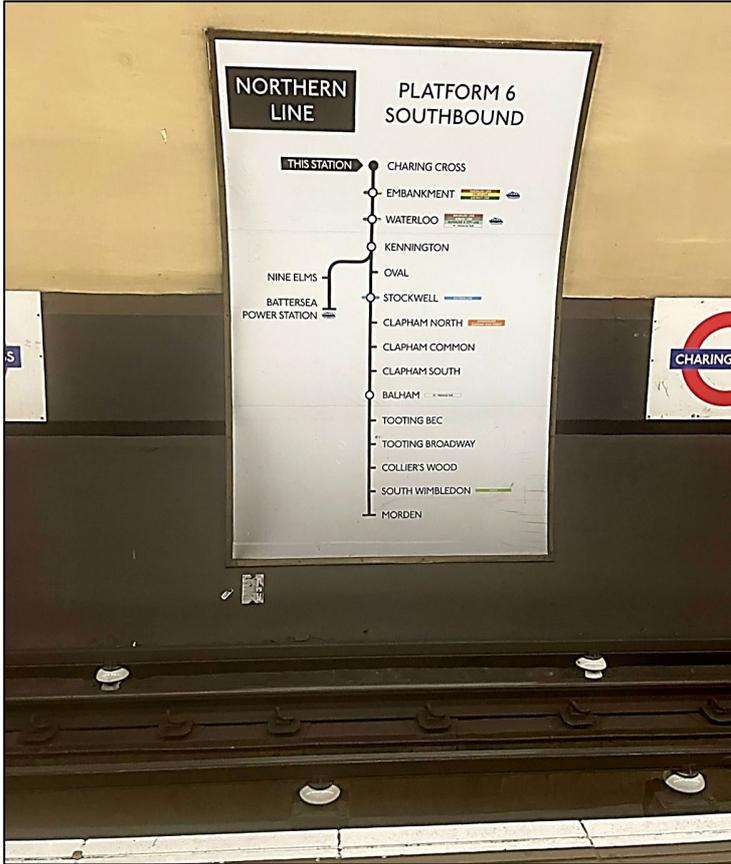


# NEWS AND NOTES

## CHARING CROSS



The Northern Line diagram on the southbound at Charing Cross on 21 October 2022. It's nice to see that the 1970s style has been retained, even with the extension to Battersea added!

## BOUNDARY MARKERS



Not previously noted in Underground News before are these LRT boundary markers along the pavement outside the Praed Street building of Paddington station on 11 October 2022. Of course, many boundary markers exist around the Underground and a selection of some others are shown opposite.

Both photos: Antony Badsey-Ellis



Photos (Left) David Hibbert

Photo (Above) Brian Hardy

## SIGN AND ADVERT FAUX PAS

Below: Spotted at King's Cross on the Victoria Line in early-November 2022, where the advert should be for "Multigrain Pringles".

Photo: LURS Collection



## IN DONCASTER



**Above:** In the newly-built Danum Gallery Library and Museum in Doncaster is the Doncaster Works Apprentices model of LT Battery Loco L44. Its Rail Heritage Gallery is host to 4771 'Green Arrow' and GNR 251 as well as artefacts from the Doncaster Grammar School Railway Collection.

**Photo:** Dave Carson

**Right:** Seen at Green Park, a very temporary sign to the Jubilee Line because of escalator work taking place at the station.

**Photo:** LURS Collection



## SOUTH HARROW SIDINGS



**Above:** South Harrow on 10 November 2022, with four trains of 1973 Tube Stock stabled in the new sidings. Project completion is not now expected until early-2023.

**Photo:** Tommy Cooling

## ANOTHER ENTRANCE TO BOND STREET



The Gilbert Street entrance to Bond Street station gives access to both the Underground and the Elizabeth Line via a shopping centre and is only marginally less understated than some of the stations on the Glasgow Subway before it was modernised, although the residents of Mayfair might possibly object to their district to being compared to Cessnock or Shields Road! It has restricted opening times with directions to the main station entrance when it is closed.

**Photo:**  
Geoffrey Tribe

## BAKERLOO LINE RVAR WORK



Work continues on the Bakerloo Line with the ‘access for all’ project, with ramps installed at Paddington and Oxford Circus. The almost level access between train and platform is seen (*Above, Left*) and the raised platform section at the north end of each, aligning to the 45xx trailer car (*Above*).

*Both photos: Transport for London*

## KNIGHTSBRIDGE (SLOANE STREET) TICKET HALL

Following the opening of the new ‘east’ end entrance at Knightsbridge (see previous issue, pages 766-767), the existing lighting in Sloane Street ticket hall has been renewed. The existing lamps (*Below, Left*) were fluorescent and have been removed, with new LEDs installed in their place (*Below, Right*), thus saving energy and maintenance costs. The missing lightshades have been replaced which has improved the ambience of the ticket hall. This work has meant that the ticket hall has achieved similar lighting levels to the new entrance and passageway from Brompton Road. The redecoration of the ticket hall ceiling will be completed in the near future.

*Both photos: Transport for London*



## THE 2022 POPPY ROUNDELS

‘Poppy roundels’ first made their appearance on the London Underground (LU) in October 2018 and were extended to London Overground (LO) the following year. Since then, they have traditionally been installed at selected sites in the weeks leading up to Armistice Day (11 November) and Remembrance Sunday (the nearest Sunday to the former). There seems to be no consistent policy regarding the locations chosen, sometimes previous stations are reused, whilst at other times new ones are selected. In 2022, 13 stations in all were featured, being split between nine on LU and four on LO. Whether by accident or design, the vinyl overlays on the LO roundels did not entirely cover the half-circles and allowed a small area of the orange inner ring to remain on show in varying widths. The official TfL Press Release also listed a poppy roundel at South Tottenham, but this was not present when the station was inspected on 12 November. On some roundels, the pattern of the poppies was the same as used at that station in earlier years, whilst others had a subtly different layout (see below). In addition, there were also poppy displays at Hammersmith, Harrow, Kingston, Turnpike Lane and Vauxhall bus stations, and at Victoria Coach Station.

Station	Design	Location	New pattern?
London Underground			

Baker Street	Modern 'panel' roundel	S/B Jubilee <sup>1</sup>	No
Balham	1920s 'panel' bullseye	S/B Northern <sup>2</sup>	Yes
Bethnal Green	1930s metal-framed bullseye	W/B Central	Yes
Bounds Green	1930s metal-framed bullseye	W/B Piccadilly <sup>3</sup>	Yes
Canary Wharf	Modern 'silhouette' roundel	W/B Jubilee	Yes
Colindale	Modern 'panel' roundel	S/B Northern	No
King's Cross St. Pancras	Modern 'silhouette' roundel	O/R Cir/H&C/Met	No
London Bridge	Modern 'silhouette' roundel	E/B Jubilee	Yes
Westminster	Modern 'silhouette' roundel	I/R Circle/District	No
<b>London Overground</b>			
Hackney Downs	Modern 'panel' roundel	N/B plat 2	No
Hatch End	Modern 'panel' roundel	S/B	N/A <sup>4</sup>
Hoxton	Modern 'panel' roundel	S/B	Yes
Shepherd's Bush	Modern 'panel' roundel	S/B	Yes

Notes: <sup>1</sup> – Press Release said S/B Bakerloo. <sup>2</sup> – Press Release said N/B Northern. <sup>3</sup> – Press Release said S/B platform. <sup>4</sup> New location.



Photos and text: Kim Rennie  
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## RUISLIP DEPOT ARRIVAL

Ruislip Depot in the early hours of 12 November 2022 with the

Schweerbau Rail Grinding train being unloaded. Tamping machine TMM771 is on the left which, by coincidence, was seen on the back of an Allelys lorry on the M25 passing South Mimms clockwise, on its way to Hainault Depot.

*Photo: Keith Roberts*



## SMA6 AND SMA7

CBTC in stage SMA6 will introduce a new move at Plaistow, reversing from the bay or eastbound platform to West Ham siding by the eastbound line as well as by the westbound line. A train is permitted to depart West Ham eastbound to stand alongside the siding whilst the westbound move on the eastbound line takes place, or when a train departs eastbound from the siding. A move westbound from Plaistow is permitted as far as alongside the siding whilst a train reverses back from West Ham westbound platform via the siding, or a train

departs westbound from the siding. Westbound trains can also run via the siding to pass a train standing on the westbound line alongside the siding.

The commissioning of SMA7 CBTC signalling east of Becontree allows the maximum permitted speed of trains on the running roads to increase from 45mph to 62mph. The area of SMA7 includes Dagenham East siding, although S Stock is not permitted there. Upminster Depot is not part of the SMA7 area, and remains under control of the Depot Control Tower. A new available route from Upminster middle platform 4 to the westbound line takes the second crossover as an alternative to the current route via the first crossover. New parallel moves allow a train from depot to enter platform 5 whilst an eastbound train arrives at another platform, and also allows trains to arrive from depot to platforms 3 and 5 whilst a train departs westbound from platform 4. At Dagenham East trains can work into the westbound platform whilst a train departs westbound from the eastbound or bay platforms, or whilst a train reverses from the westbound line into either of those platforms.

## POPPIES ON THE ISLAND

Taken on Remembrance Sunday 13 November 2022 at Shanklin, former D Stock and class 484 unit 484.004 sports a poppy on the cab front, where the former front cab 'M' door used to be.

*Photo: Ian Moody*



## WATER INGRESS

Oxford Circus northbound Bakerloo Line on Monday 14 November, with water gushing onto the track and causing some rusting.

*Photo: George Odlum*

