

A collection of main news stories affecting our community during 2017. As of New Year, 2020 we note our community will be liable to a higher tax burned for HS2 than it would cost to build a much-needed railway station at the centre of our community and the Pontcysyllte WHS. Therefore, we object to HS2, or as we call it the Welsh Bypass. Furthermore, our railway line offers a viable alternative to the main West Coast Line as the former Wrexham & Shropshire Service proved before closure in 2010. We ask, why not reinstate this instead of HS2?

The Mail On Line 31st December 2017

So why CAN'T we run a railway?

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5225269/Ross-Clark-UK-doing-good-job-finishing-train-travel.html>

The Sun 31st December 2017

FRESH GONG ROW Honours list blasted as it emerges all MPs on HS2 project will have knighthoods

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/5239831/hs2-mps-honours-list-knighthood/>

Leader Live 29th December 2017

COUNCILS have been told they should work together as they prepare to secure their share of a £1.3 billion pot of cash. Wrexham MP Ian Lucas has called on Wrexham Council and Flintshire Council to finalise their Local Development Plans (LDP) sooner rather than later now they have submitted their

<http://www.leaderlive.co.uk/home/2017/12/28/gallery/call-for-flintshire-and-wrexham-councils-to-work-together-to-secure-share-of-1-3bn-102948/>

Leader Live 25th December 2017

PLANS to cut funding for Wrexham's World Heritage Site must not see the county lose its "jewel in the crown", a meeting heard. Members of Wrexham Council's employment, business and investment scrutiny committee were examining budget proposals at the Guildhall, including a suggestion to save ...

<http://www.leaderlive.co.uk/home/2017/12/24/gallery/assurances-given-over-the-future-of-jewel-in-the-crown-pontcysyllte-aqueduct-despite-potential-cuts-in-funding-102784/>

Daily Mail 23rd December 2017

The future of England's largest reindeer farm is under threat from the construction of the controversial HS2 rail line.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5209003/Englands-largest-reindeer-farm-threat-HS2.html>

The Telegraph 23rd December 2017

Britain's railways risk falling back to the 'days of British Rail', warns Transport Secretary

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/12/23/britains-railways-risk-falling-back-days-british-rail-warns/>

Wrexham.com 20th December 2017

New bus routes covering Penycae & Rhos to launch in 2018 – council continuing to "secure further provision" following closure of D Jones & Son

<http://www.wrexham.com/news/new-bus-route-covering-penycae-rhos-to-launch-in-2018-council-continuing-to-secure-further-provision-following-closure-of-d-jones-son-142226.html>

The Guardian 18th December 2017

A crucial email from government forbidding HS2 from handing an extra £1.76m to departing colleagues can be revealed by the Guardian – and it shows that HS2's chief executive was warned that even proposing such payouts “would cause enormous reputational damage to the company”.
<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/dec/18/government-email-hs2-payouts-redundancy-payments>

Wrexham.com 16th December 2017

Bus company to cease trading – arrangements made to cover Wrexham school buses but ‘disruption inevitable’
<http://www.wrexham.com/news/bus-company-to-cease-trading-after-last-operation-today-142031.html>

The Telegraph 18th December 2017

The folly of splurging on HS2 while rural public services face collapse
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion/2017/12/18/lettersthe-folly-splurging-hs2-rural-public-services-face-collapse/>

The Times 15th December 2017

HS2 bosses ‘covered up’ unauthorised payments
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/hs2-bosses-covered-up-unauthorised-payments-vkt67xzcf>

The Sun 15th December 2017

HIGH SPEED GRAVY TRAIN HS2 bosses dished out £2m unauthorised gold-plated redundancy deals
<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/5144274/hs2-bosses-dished-out-2m-unauthorised-gold-plated-redundancy-deals/>

Insider 15th December 2017

MPs on the Public Accounts Committee express concern after hearing evidence that claimed Simon Kirby failed to act on Department for Transport orders about redundancy payouts
<http://www.insider.co.uk/news/hs2-unauthorised-payments-simon-kirby-11696530?service=responsive>

Talk Radio 15th December 2017

Former HS2 boss Simon Kirby could face action over 'shocking waste of taxpayer money'
<http://talkradio.co.uk/news/former-hs2-boss-simon-kirby-could-face-action-over-shocking-waste-taxpayer-money-17121522162>

The Leader 13th December 2017

Heavy snowfall and freezing conditions have lead to many schools being closed in Wrexham and Flintshire
<http://www.leaderlive.co.uk/home/2017/12/10/gallery/many-wrexham-and-flintshire-schools-closed-on-monday-due-to-winty-conditions-102042/>

Sky Sports 7th December 2017

Aston Villa considering relocating their training ground because of HS2
<http://www.skysports.com/football/news/11677/11160569/aston-villa-considering-relocating-their-training-ground-because-of-hs2>

Camden New Journal 7th December 2017

Camden is in the process of being ruined by HS2

<http://camdennewjournal.com/article/camden-is-in-the-process-of-being-ruined>

ITV 6th December 2017

Public to give opinion on new Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site

<https://www.itv.com/news/wales/2017-12-06/public-to-give-opinion-on-new-pontcysyllte-world-heritage-site/>

The London Economic 3rd December 2017

Villagers left seething after the remains of a Grade II-listed church building & its graveyard could be demolished to make way for the HS2 rail line

<https://www.thelondoneconomic.com/news/villagers-left-seething-remains-grade-ii-listed-church-building-graveyard-demolished-make-way-hs2-rail-line/03/12/>

Shropshire Star 29th November 2017

3rd or 4th Masterplan for world heritage site

<https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/local-hubs/oswestry/2017/11/30/masterplan-for-world-heritage-site/>

Left Foot Forward 29th November 2017

Jonathan Bartley: HS2 is an environmental disaster – we have to stop it in its tracks

<https://leftfootforward.org/2017/11/jonathan-bartley-hs2-is-an-environmental-disaster-we-have-to-stop-it-in-its-tracks/>

Derbyshire Times 29th November 2017

VIDEO: Anger at plans to dig up historic churchyard for HS2

<https://www.derbyshiretimes.co.uk/news/video-anger-at-plans-to-dig-up-historic-churchyard-for-hs2-1-8883098>

The Canary 28th November 2017

'I'll fuck you up': the conduct of staff at a flagship government project is under investigation [VIDEO]

<https://www.thecanary.co.uk/2017/11/28/ill-fuck-conduct-staff-flagship-government-project-investigation-video/>

The Leader Live 28th November 2017

An architectural conservation award was also given to Plas Kynaston in Cefn Mawr, with a commendation award for the same category given to ...

<http://www.leaderlive.co.uk/home/2017/11/27/gallery/architectural-achievements-across-wrexham-recognised-100922/>

Shropshire Star 21st November 2017

Illuminating survey of canal tunnel

<https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/local-hubs/oswestry/chirk/2017/11/21/illuminating-survey-of-canal-tunnel/>

BQ Live 20th November 2017

HOTPACK BRINGS 250 JOBS TO WREXHAM

<http://www.bqlive.co.uk/manufacturing/2017/11/20/news/hotpack-brings-250-jobs-to-wrexham-28974/>

Wrexham.com 18th November 2017

Underneath the Arches scoops top North Wales tourism award!

<http://www.wrexham.com/news/underneath-the-arches-scoops-top-north-wales-tourism-award-140592.html>

Shropshire Star 17th November 2017

Shropshire canal locks get winter overhaul - with video and pictures

<https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/local-hubs/north-shropshire/market-drayton/2017/11/17/new-lock-gates-being-put-in-place-on-shropshire-union-canal/>

Shropshire Star 16th November 2017

It's tunnel vision as inspectors hit Llangollen canal

<https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/local-hubs/oswestry/chirk/2017/11/17/inspection-of-historic-tunnel/>

Shropshire Star 16th November 2017

Spend HS2 money on more nurses, says Shropshire councillor

<https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/local-hubs/north-shropshire/market-drayton/2017/11/16/hs2-branded-waste-of-money-by-parish-council-chairman-near-market-drayton/>

Leader Live 16th November 2017

Inspection of Chirk Tunnel

<http://www.leaderlive.co.uk/chirk-news/2017/11/13/gallery/two-centuries-old-chirk-tunnel-to-get-crucial-inspection-99702/>

Wrexham.com 8th November 2017

Trio of local concerts to end Fron Male Voice Choir's 70th anniversary celebrations

<http://www.wrexham.com/news/trio-of-local-concerts-to-end-fron-male-voice-choirs-70th-anniversary-celebrations-140057.html>

Shropshire Star 4th November 2017

Kronospan storage facility may still get shelved

<https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/business/2017/11/04/kronospan-storage-facility-may-still-get-shelved/>

Wrexham.com 4th November 2017

Additional car park proposed to help meet tourism demand at Trevor Basin

<http://www.wrexham.com/news/additional-car-park-proposed-to-help-meet-tourism-demand-at-trevor-basin-139578.html>

The Advertiser 5th November 2015

Fron Male Voice Choir 70th Anniversary

<http://www.bordercountiesadvertiser.co.uk/home/2017/11/02/gallery/fron-male-voice-choir-to-end-70th-anniverisary-celebrations-in-chirk-98702/>

BBC 3rd November 2017

'Magnet' fishing hobby hooks WW2 bomb on canal

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-41805764>

BBC 1st November 2017

Anger over planned Wrexham country park cuts

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-north-east-wales-41831324>

Wrexham.com 23rd October 2017

Cross-border duck race goes swimmingly at Chirk Aqueduct!

<http://www.wrexham.com/news/cross-border-duck-race-goes-swimmingly-at-chirk-aqueduct-139122.html>

Wrexham.com 20th October 2017

Local authorities encouraged to apply for share of Welsh Government's new £100m regeneration programme

<http://www.wrexham.com/news/local-authorities-encouraged-to-apply-for-share-of-welsh-governments-new-100m-regeneration-programme-139053.html>

Manchester Evening News 21st October 2017

It's the end for Linda's Pantry, the greasy spoon cafe that's a city centre institution

<http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/its-end-lindas-pantry-greasy-13791974>

Global Rail News 20th October 2017

UK rolling stock strategy: diesel, bi-mode and fuel cell-powered trains

<https://www.globalrailnews.com/2017/10/20/uk-rolling-stock-strategy-diesel-bi-mode-and-fuel-cell-powered-trains/>

Out-Law.com 20th October 2017

Government commits £48bn to railways by 2024, plus new upgrade funding process

<https://www.out-law.com/en/articles/2017/october/government-commits-48bn-to-railways-by-2024-plus-new-upgrade-funding-process/>

Border Counties Advertiser 19th October 2017

Healthcare pressures see patients travelling across border to Oswestry

<http://www.bordercountiesadvertiser.co.uk/home/2017/10/19/gallery/healthcare-pressure-see-patients-travelling-across-border-to-oswestry-97764/>

Shropshire Star 16th October 2017

The Shropshire Union Canal today

<https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/voices/opinions/2017/10/16/star-comment-canals-are-grand-for-us-to-enjoy/>

Shropshire Star 13th October 2017

Wore HS2 campaigners carry out their own traffic survey

<https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/local-hubs/north-shropshire/market-drayton/2017/10/16/woore-hs2-campaigners-carry-out-own-survey/>

Insider Media 13th October 2017

Northern intercity connectivity 'must be addressed'

<https://www.insidermedia.com/insider/northwest/northern-intercity-connectivity-must-be-addressed>

The Southern Echo 11th October 2017

Government spending on rail network falls to 15-year low of £4.2bn

http://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/national/15589313.Government_spending_on_rail_network_falls_to_15_year_low_of_4_2bn/

Wrexham.com 10th October 2017

Further 0.3% cut on the cards for Wrexham Council as Welsh Government unveil provisional settlement

<http://www.wrexham.com/news/further-0-3-cut-on-the-cards-for-wrexham-council-as-welsh-government-unveil-provisional-settlement-138505.html>

Shropshire Star 9th October 2017

Call to use disused Shropshire rail line for HS2 traffic to save village roads

<https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/transport/2017/10/09/call-to-use-disused-shropshire-rail-line-for-hs2-traffic-to-save-village-roads/>

Camden New Journal 30th September 2017

HS2 shut my hotel, says owner evicted from 80 year old business

<http://camdennewjournal.com/article/hs2-shut-my-hotel-says-businessman-evicted-with-a-no-ifs-no-buts-eviction>

Bucks Free Press 28th September 2017

Petition calling to 'cancel HS2' gains more than 10k signatures in less than a week

http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/news/15563795.Petition_calling_to_cancel_HS2_gains_more_than_10k_signatures_in_less_than_a_week/

Get West London 26th September 2017

New petition to 'cancel HS2' goes viral in less than a week with more than 8,000 signatures

<http://www.getwestlondon.co.uk/news/west-london-news/new-petition-cancel-hs2-goes-13672998>

Birmingham Mail 22nd September 2017

Popular family shop and restaurant Packington Moor Farm forced to close after 30 years because of HS2

<http://www.birminghammail.co.uk/whats-on/food-drink-news/hs2-forces-closure-packington-moor-13659549>

Rotherham Advertiser 22nd September 2017

"You will destroy our village for no reason" - Aston residents' message to HS2 bosses

http://www.rotherhamadvertiser.co.uk/news/view,you-will-destroy-our-village-for-no-reason-aston-residents-message-to-hs2-bosses_23899.htm

Derby Telegraph 20th September 2017

Stop HS2 campaigners launch second balloon ahead of Long Eaton consultation event

<http://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/news/local-news/stop-hs2-campaigners-launch-second-501966>

Shropshire Star 19th September 2017

Canalside event is a cracker

<https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/local-hubs/oswestry/2017/09/19/canalside-event-is-a-cracker/>

17th September 2017

HS2 campaigners threaten legal action unless rail route through their Yorkshire village is suspended
<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/hs2-campaigners-threaten-legal-action-11192164>

Wrexham.com 17th September 2017

"Local gem" in countryside crowned August winner of Wonders of Wrexham Calendar competition
<http://www.wrexham.com/news/local-gem-in-countryside-crowned-august-winner-of-wonders-of-wrexham-calendar-competition-137323.html>

Wrexham.com 17th September 2017

Preparation for Wrexham's Local Development Plan seven months behind schedule
<http://www.wrexham.com/news/preparation-for-wrexhams-local-development-plan-seven-months-behind-schedule-137052.html>

Express & Star 16th September 2017

'Affordability' of HS2 Phase 2 questioned by Government body
<https://www.expressandstar.com/news/local-hubs/staffordshire/2017/09/16/affordability-of-hs2-phase-2-questioned-by-government-body/>

Shropshire Star 14th September 2017

Banging heads against a brick wall over re-use of rail lines
<https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/voices/readers-letters/2017/09/14/banging-heads-against-a-brick-wall-over-re-use-of-rail-lines/>

Whitchurch Herald 11th September 2017

The Boat Rally, which took place on the Whitchurch arm of the Llangollen Canal, saw boats moored up in the town for people to visit and learn more ...
<http://www.whitchurchherald.co.uk/home/2017/09/10/gallery/whitchurch-boat-rally-a-huge-success-as-hundreds-turn-out-for-fun-on-the-water-94448/>

Rotherham Advertiser 1st September 2017

Wildlife trust's worries over HS2 effect on environment
http://www.rotherhamadvertiser.co.uk/news/view,wildlife-trusts-worries-over-hs2-effect-on-environment_23666.htm

Derbyshire Times 1st September 2017

HS2 'will destroy' two ancient woods in north east Derbyshire
<http://www.derbyshiretimes.co.uk/news/hs2-will-destroy-two-ancient-woods-in-north-east-derbyshire-1-8733471>

Middlewich Guardian 28th August 2017

Anti-HS2 campaigners meet with the TaxPayers' Alliance to ramp up opposition
http://www.middlewichguardian.co.uk/news/15497208.Anti_HS2_campaigners_meet_with_the_TaxPayers_Alliance_to_ramp_up_opposition/

The Leader 26th August 2017

The Taste Test at Butty & Sweet Pontcysyllte
<http://www.leaderlive.co.uk/taste-test/2017/08/25/gallery/taste-test-buty-and-sweet-pontcysyllte-93572/>

BBC 26th August 2017

Erewash canal: HS2 concerns raised at water festival

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-derbyshire-41025179>

The Times 26th August 2017

Roads and railways will uproot ancient woodland, activists say

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/roads-and-railways-will-uproot-ancient-woodland-activists-say-hs2-woodland-trust-highways-england-wisley-rhs-south-downs-national-park-vlzfj3b6>

Get West London 25th August 2017

Euston station closed over Bank Holiday weekend for major works for HS2

<http://www.getwestlondon.co.uk/news/local-news/euston-station-closed-over-bank-13530312>

Pontefract and Castleford Express 25th August 2017

HS2 'could ruin iron age camp'

<http://www.pontefractandcastlefordexpress.co.uk/news/hs2-could-ruin-iron-age-camp-1-8721914>

Shropshire Star 25th August 2017

Runners gear up for Ellesmere's 10k race part way along Llangollen Canal

<https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/local-hubs/oswestry/ellesmere/2017/08/25/runners-gear-up-for-ellesmeres-10k-race/>

Reditch Standard 25th August 2017

No trains into or out of London Euston this weekend, August 26-27

<https://redditchstandard.co.uk/news/no-trains-into-or-out-of-london-euston-this-weekend-august-26-27/>

BQ Live 23rd August 2017

GROWTH TRACK 360 CAMPAIGN MARKS ONE YEAR MILESTONE

<http://www.bqlive.co.uk/transport-infrastructure/2017/08/23/news/growth-track-360-campaign-marks-one-year-milestone-27146/>

The Mirror 23rd August 2017

Tens of thousand bodies to be dug-up and moved from burial ground to make way for £55.7bn high speed railway

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/sixty-thousand-bodies-dug-up-11036452>

The Telegraph and Argus 21st August 2017

Nearly 70,000 people sign petition urging more transport investment in North

http://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/local/localbrad/15485214.Nearly_70_000_people_sign_petition_urging_more_transport_investment_in_North/

The Star 21st August 2017

Standing room only

<http://www.thestar.co.uk/news/your-say/standing-room-only-1-8713016>

Shropshire Star 21st August 2017

HS2 protest stays on track with film

<https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/2017/08/21/100000-people-watch-hs2-protest-film/>

Daily Mail 18th August 2017

Fascinating vintage postcards reveal the stunning landscapes and picturesque towns of Victorian-era Wales including the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/travel/travel_news/article-4802648/Vinatge-postcards-reveal-landscapes-Victorian-Wales.html

The Express & Star 9th August 2017

Demolition looms for homes in path of HS2

<https://www.expressandstar.com/news/local-hubs/staffordshire/2017/08/09/homes-to-be-demolished-for-hs2/>

The Express 8th August 2017

Woman breaks down in tears as Government plans to bulldoze her home for HS2 train line

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/838571/HS2-woman-breaks-down-at-Government-plans-to-bulldoze-home-for-HS2-video>

Cambrian News 8th August 2017

New £7m station welcome but it is just crumbs from government

<http://www.cambrian-news.co.uk/article.cfm?id=115714&headline=New%20%C2%A37m%20train%20station%20welcome%20but%20it%20is%20just%20crumbs%20from%20government§ionIs=letters&searchyear=2017>

The Shropshire Star 2nd August 2017

Major tourism plans for Pontcysyllte Aqueduct World Heritage Site

<https://www.shropshirestar.com/entertainment/attractions/2017/08/07/major-plans-for-world-heritage-site/>

BBC 1st August 2017

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct 'potential to bring more jobs'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-north-east-wales-40781151>

Express and Star 2nd August 2017

HS2 leaves nasty taste in the mouth

<https://www.expressandstar.com/news/voices/opinions/2017/08/01/star-comment-hs2-leaves-nasty-taste-in-the-mouth/>

The Guardian 1st August 2017

How northern rail connections have hit the buffers

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/aug/01/northern-rail-connections-buffers-trains>

The Mirror 25th June 2017

Sail away this summer with our top 10 canal holidays for the perfect retreat

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/lifestyle/travel/sail-away-summer-top-10-10677456>

Another Angry Voice 24th June 2017

"Taking back control" by handing control of HS2 to one of three foreign governments, this has good links to other relevant articles showing reasons for the downfall of our industry.

<http://anotherangryvoice.blogspot.co.uk/2017/06/taking-back-control-by-handing-control.html>

News North Wales 9th June 2017

Petition is launched as bus company axes routes around Wrexham

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/176772/petition-is-launched-as-bus-company-axes-routes-around-wrexham.aspx>

Daily Post 15th May 2017

Underneath the Arches returns to Wrexham - here's how to get tickets

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/whats-on/underneath-arches-returns-wrexham-heres-13037926>

Wrexham.com 28th April 2017

Two New Railway Stations Planned for Wrexham as Part of Welsh Government Rail Infrastructure Improvements

<http://www.wrexham.com/news/two-new-railway-stations-planned-for-wrexham-as-part-of-welsh-government-rail-infrastructure-improvements-130554.html>

BBC News 27th April 2017

New railway station plans for Wales chosen for scrutiny

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-politics-39733717>

Daily Post 27th April 2017

Plans for four new North Wales railway stations take 'significant step forward'

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/plans-four-new-north-wales-12954428>

The Leader 27th April 2017

Ambitious plans for three new train stations at Wrexham and Deeside

<http://www.leaderlive.co.uk/news/175324/ambitious-plans-for-three-new-train-stations-at-wrexham-and-deeside.aspx>

The Leader Live 26th April 2017

Penycae man battled through blistering heat of desert for seven days

<http://leaderlive.co.uk/news/175270/penycae-man-battled-through-blistering-heat-of-desert-for-seven-days.aspx>

Daily Post 24th April 2017

Wrexham AFC chiefs join outpouring of grief for disabled footballer who lost his life in Dee tragedy

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/wrexham-afc-rick-williams-tributes-12936069>

Daily Post 23rd April 2017

Tributes have been paid to Rick Williams, 31, who died after getting into difficulty in the River Dee at Ty Mawr Country Park

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/footballer-heart-gold-dies-wrexham-12934084>

The Sun 23rd April 2017

FAST RAIL AXE FOR BREXIT Tory MPs want to put halt to £100billion HS2 high-speed rail network to save money for Brexit

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/3392821/tory-mps-want-to-put-halt-to-100billion-hs2-high-speed-rail-network-to-save-money-for-brexit/>

Wrexham.com 7th April 2017

Labour Launch Wrexham Manifesto

<http://www.wrexham.com/news/labour-launch-wrexham-manifesto-129457.html>

www.pkcgroup.wales

Horticultural Week 6th April 2017

More ancient woodland threatened by second phase of HS2, says Woodland Trust

<http://www.hortweek.com/ancient-woodland-threatened-second-phase-hs2-says-woodland-trust/arboriculture/article/1429903>

Daily Post 5th April 2017

Wrexham to Chester railway line upgrade finally complete after major delays

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/wrexham-chester-railway-line-upgrade-12844400>

The Daily Mail 4th April 2017

HS2 bosses are accused of squandering taxpayers' money after it is revealed they have 17 PR firms on their payroll

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4377592/HS2-bosses-accused-squandering-taxpayers-money.html>

The Telegraph 1st April 2017

HS2 contracts set for scrutiny as scale of links with contractor revealed

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2017/04/01/hs2-contracts-set-scrutiny-scale-links-contractor-revealed/>

Wakefield Express 31st March 2017

Counting the Cost, High speed rail bosses have been spending hundreds of thousands of pounds of public money on public events to promote the controversial HS2 scheme.

<http://www.wakefieldexpress.co.uk/news/counting-the-cost-of-hs2-1-8469243>

Mix 96 31st March 2017

Chesham and Amersham's MP has called for a full inquiry, after an HS2 contractor pulled out of the scheme.

<https://www.mix96.co.uk/news/local/2258324/mp-calls-for-inquiry-after-hs2-contractor-pulls-out/>

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