

A collection of news stories affecting our community during 2015. 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 (Marchers) 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 use this to alleviate congestion on the main West Coastline, which would literally save billions of pounds.

**2015 - Northwich Guardian held a poll on HS2 an 88% voted against.**

[http://www.northwichguardian.co.uk/news/11786750.POLL\\_Have\\_your\\_say\\_on\\_HS2/](http://www.northwichguardian.co.uk/news/11786750.POLL_Have_your_say_on_HS2/)

**Leader Live 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015**

‘Final push’ under way for Cefn Mawr's new health centre

<http://www.leaderlive.co.uk/news/156416/-final-push-under-way-for-cefn-mawr-s-new-health-centre.aspx>

**Wrexham.com 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015**

1600+ Residents Support New Health Centre Campaign

<http://www.wrexham.com/news/1600-residents-support-new-health-centre-campaign-105059.html>

**The Times 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

Dozens of HS2 bosses paid more than prime minister

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4644184.ece>

**The Telegraph 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

Quangocrats on over £150,000 a year surge by a third in less than three years, Officials in departments, agencies and non-governmental departmental bodies paid more than £150,000 increased to 319 in September, from 233 in March 2013, mainly due to HS2

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/12057035/Quangocrats-on-over-150000-a-year-surge-by-a-third-in-less-than-three-years.html>

**The Independent 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

Andy McSmith's Diary: A good day to bury inflated HS2 executives' salaries

It emerges there are 35 executives on the project, with a rich variety of job titles – each of whom is paid £150,000 or more

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/andy-mcsmiths-diary-a-good-day-to-bury-inflated-hs2-executives-salaries-a6777606.html>

**The Independent 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

HS2: Alternative high-speed rail network 'could be £20bn cheaper and pay for itself'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/hs2-alternative-high-speed-rail-network-could-be-20bn-cheaper-and-pay-for-itself-a6761946.html>

**Daily Mail 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

Scots to get extra £5bn for HS2: English taxpayers will be forced to pay 'compensation' even though journey times to London will be half an hour shorter

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3346954/Scots-extra-5bn-HS2-English-taxpayers-forced-pay-compensation-journey-times-London-half-hour-shorter.html>

**Crew and Nantwich Guardian 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

Anti HS2 campaigner brands high speed rail a 'vanity project'

[http://www.creweguardian.co.uk/news/14123857.Anti\\_HS2\\_campaigner\\_brands\\_high\\_speed\\_rail\\_a\\_vanity\\_project/](http://www.creweguardian.co.uk/news/14123857.Anti_HS2_campaigner_brands_high_speed_rail_a_vanity_project/)

**Wrexham.com 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015**

300+ Residents Have Their Say on Future of Wrexham Town Centre

<http://www.wrexham.com/news/300-residents-have-their-say-on-future-of-wrexham-town-centre-104095.html>

**The Telegraph 26<sup>th</sup> November**

Autumn Statement 2015: Cost of HS2 rises to more than £55bn

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/autumn-statement/12017366/Autumn-Statement-2015-Cost-of-HS2-rises-to-more-than-55bn.html>

**Leader Live 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

**WREXHAM'S finest buildings and restoration projects have been honoured at a special awards evening, and the Holly Bush Inn, Cefn Mawr was one of them.....**

<http://m.leaderlive.co.uk/mobile/mnews/155282/society-pays-tribute-to-wrexham-s-best-buildings.aspx>

**Get Bucks 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

Council leaders urge government to protect rail line from HS2

<http://www.getbucks.co.uk/incoming/council-leaders-urge-government-protect-10499565>

**Construction Enquirer 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

HS2 wages soar as 46 staff earn more than Cameron

<http://www.constructionenquirer.com/2015/11/25/hs2-wages-soar-as-46-staff-earn-more-than-cameron/>

**UKIP 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

All aboard the HS2 gravy train...

[http://www.ukip.org/all\\_aboard\\_the\\_hs2\\_gravy\\_train](http://www.ukip.org/all_aboard_the_hs2_gravy_train)

**Rail Technology 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

More than £10m spent already on HS2 legal fees

<http://www.railtechnologymagazine.com/rail-news/more-than-10m-spent-already-on-hs2-legal-fees>

**Eastern Daily Press 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

'Leave the European Union and scrap HS2 to balance the books'

[http://www.edp24.co.uk/news/politics/opinion\\_leave\\_the\\_european\\_union\\_and\\_scrap\\_hs2\\_to\\_balance\\_the\\_books\\_1\\_4321343](http://www.edp24.co.uk/news/politics/opinion_leave_the_european_union_and_scrap_hs2_to_balance_the_books_1_4321343)

**The Financial Times 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

46 HS2 staff earn more than the prime minister's £150,000 salary

<http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/61f1430c-92ca-11e5-bd82-c1fb87bef7af.html#axzz3sZfTvEyH>

**The Telegraph 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

Revealed: HS2 'abysmal value for money' at 10 times the cost of high-speed rail in Europe  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/hs2/11830477/Revealed-HS2-abysmal-value-for-money-at-10-times-the-cost-of-European-countries.html>

**Wales On Line 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

Plaid accuses Labour and Conservatives of 'gross betrayal' for failing to secure Wales a share of HS2 billions  
<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/politics/plaid-accuses-labour-conservatives-gross-10465595>

**The Guardian 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

HS2: the human cost of Britain's most expensive ever rail project  
<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/nov/17/hs2-the-human-cost-of-britains-most-expensive-rail-project>

**Daily Mail 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

All aboard the High Speed 2 gravy train: Thousands spent on 'talking shops' for panel of design experts as architect is paid £3,500 every month to chair meetings  
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3319013/Fury-thousands-spent-HS2-talking-shops.html>

**Daily Post 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

World Heritage Sites in North Wales put thousands of pounds on house prices  
<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/world-heritage-sites-north-wales-10449656>

**Rail News 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

Construction costs of HS2 are 'set to rise'  
<http://www.railnews.co.uk/news/2015/11/16-construction-costs-of-hs2-are.html>

**ITV News 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

Cost of HS2 to 'rise dramatically' by £30 billion  
<http://www.itv.com/news/meridian/update/2015-11-15/cost-of-hs2-to-rise-dramatically-to-30-billion/>

**The Independent 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

HS2: Cost of London-to-Birmingham leg of proposed new railway a third higher than previously estimated  
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/hs2-cost-of-london-to-birmingham-leg-of-proposed-new-railway-a-third-higher-than-previously-a6734746.html>

**The Leader 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

Wooden creatures lead the way through park in Cefn Mawr  
<http://www.leaderlive.co.uk/news/154845/wooden-creatures-lead-the-way-through-park-in-cefn-mawr.aspx>

**Daily Post 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

Cefn Mawr health centre petition smashes 1,000 mark  
<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/cefn-mawr-health-centre-petition-10427080>

**BBC News 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

Wrexham to Chester rail upgrade may be delayed until 2016

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-north-east-wales-34767255>

**The Telegraph 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

England's Tree of the Year, Cubbington pear, to be cut down for HS2

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/hs2/11983225/Englands-Tree-of-the-Year-Cubbington-pear-to-be-cut-down-for-HS2.html>

**BBC 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

HS2 route Cubbington pear is 2015 'Tree of the Year'

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-34749065>

**Daily Mail 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

Taxpayer buys £2m HS2 mansion from MP - just because he's getting divorced: Tory sold eight-bed Georgian property under 'hardship scheme' for those whose homes are blighted by high-speed line

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3308649/Taxpayer-buys-2m-HS2-mansion-MP-just-s-getting-divorced-Tory-sold-eight-bed-Georgian-property-hardship-scheme-homes-blighted-high-speed-line.html>

**Get West London 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015**

HS2 access road to cut through Hillingdon nature reserve

<http://www.getwestlondon.co.uk/news/west-london-news/hs2-access-road-cut-through-10379789>

**Alphr.com 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015**

The trains, planes and automobiles of 2030

<http://www.alphr.com/the-future/1001886/the-trains-planes-and-automobiles-of-2030>

**Wrexham.com 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015**

Petition Calling For New Health Centre on Target for 1000 Signatures

<http://www.wrexham.com/news/petition-calling-for-new-health-centre-on-target-for-1000-signatures-102509.html>

**Construction Enquirer 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015**

The radical new measures are being introduced as concern grows that projects like HS2 will suck in huge amounts of cheap imported steel from China threatening the existence of UK steelwork fabricators and suppliers

<http://www.constructionenquirer.com/2015/11/02/contractors-told-to-reveal-steel-sources-in-government-bids/>

**ITV News 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015**

Welsh landscapes to benefit from multi-million pound investment

<http://www.itv.com/news/wales/update/2015-10-31/welsh-landscapes-to-benefit-from-multi-million-pound-investment/>

**The Daily Mail 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015**

HS2 ghost homes paid for by you: Rail firm blows £225m of taxpayers' money to buy 300 houses by new line... and leaves them empty

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3298539/HS2-ghost-homes-paid-Rail-firm-blows-225m-taxpayers-money-buy-300-houses-new-line-leaves-empty.html>

**Wales On Line 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015**

Three historic Welsh landscapes are set to share in £31m from the Heritage Lottery Fund including the Pontcysyllte WHS.

<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/three-historic-welsh-landscapes-set-10363162>

**Construction News 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

CBI/Aecom study reveals need for clarity over HS2 role in rail policy

<http://www.cnplus.co.uk/news/sectors/infrastructure/business-leaders-call-on-government-for-greater-clarity-over-rail-plans/8691226.article>

**The Independent 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015**

Hinkley Point nuclear power plant Q&A: How big a stake will China have? What other projects will attract investment?

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/news/hinkley-point-nuclear-power-plant-qa-how-big-a-stake-will-china-have-what-other-projects-will-a6703046.html>

**News North Wales 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

Fruit-throwing jobs put quince trees in jeopardy in Cefn Mawr

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/153949/fruit-throwing-jobs-put-quince-trees-in-jeopardy-in-cefn-mawr.aspx>

**Mirror 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

How do you build a Northern Powerhouse without steel? Meet the workers abandoned by the Tories

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/15000-workers-face-losing-jobs-6663477>

**The National 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

China refuses to apologise for role in steel job losses.....please also note in this article Tata Steel is not a British Company, so you may ask where is all the money going for HS2 even if Tata Steel supplied the rails?

<http://www.thenational.scot/news/china-refuses-to-apologise-for-role-in-steel-job-losses.8962>

**Boating Business 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

New Llangollen Canal Marina

<http://www.boatingbusiness.com/news101/industry-news/new-llangollen-canal-marina2>

**Daily Post 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

Cefn Mawr campaigners petition for new health centre

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/cefn-mawr-campaigners-petition-new-10258012>

**ECNS 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

Chinese high-speed rail contractors will compete with French, German and Japanese counterparts to bid on contracts to build the UK's High Speed 2 (HS2) project, Chinese news portal finance.qq.com reported Wednesday. **Where are the British companies?**

<http://www.ecns.cn/business/2015/10-15/184358.shtml>

**Get West London 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

Hillingdon Council hit out at HS2 response to Select Committee petitions

<http://www.getwestlondon.co.uk/news/west-london-news/hillingdon-council-hit-out-hs2-10248378>

**In Cumbria 13<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

Rail line reopening gets boost from think-tank as opposed to HS2

<http://www.in-cumbria.com/Rail-line-reopening-gets-boost-from-think-tank-97d39490-1125-49c2-a3d5-e0b90dd40237-ds>

**News North Wales 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

One man and his horse embark on unusual trek from Froncysyllte

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/153661/one-man-and-his-horse-embark-on-unusual-trek-from-froncysyllte.aspx>

**Rail Technology Magazine 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

Amended HS2 works add half a billion pounds to the project's cost

<http://www.railtechnologymagazine.com/Rail-News/amended-hs2-works-add-half-a-billion-pounds-to-the-projects-cost?dorewrite=false>

**Planning Resource 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

Use HS2 money to reopen axed Beeching lines, says think tank

<http://www.planningresource.co.uk/article/1367955/use-hs2-money-reopen-axed-beeching-lines-says-think-tank>

**The Independent 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

HS2 review delayed over fears team behind project might fail crucial tests

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/hs2-review-delayed-over-fears-team-behind-project-might-fail-crucial-tests-a6689381.html>

**Wrexham.com 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

**Wrexham AM Hits Back at Local Councillor's Welsh Assembly Criticism**

<http://www.wrexham.com/news/wrexham-am-hits-back-at-local-councillors-welsh-assembly-criticism-101327.html>

**Bucks Herald 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

Corbyn stance on HS2 is 'breath of fresh air'

<http://www.bucksherald.co.uk/news/more-news/corbyn-stance-on-hs2-is-breath-of-fresh-air-1-7000578>

**Leamington Courier 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

Burton Green Residents' Association remaining defiant against HS2

<http://www.leamingtoncourier.co.uk/news/local-news/burton-green-residents-association-remaining-defiant-against-hs2-1-6999378>

**Leader Live 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

Public invited to have a say on future of Wrexham town centre

<http://www.leaderlive.co.uk/news/153416/public-invited-to-have-a-say-on-future-of-wrexham-town-centre.aspx>

**Daily Post 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

Plans for hundreds of houses in Llay thrown out by councillors

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/plans-hundreds-houses-llyay-thrown-10201791>

**Daily Post 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

Plans to give Wrexham a 21st-century town centre put out to consultation

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/plans-give-wrexham-21st-century-10199287>

**Daily Post 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015**

Beauty of Horseshoe Falls near Llangollen captured in stunning drone camera footage

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/beauty-horseshoe-falls-near-llangollen-10173607>

**BBC News 30<sup>th</sup> September**

Upgrade work to start on Wrexham to Chester rail crossings

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-north-east-wales-34398631>

**Building 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Shadow chancellor voices HS2 doubts

<http://www.building.co.uk/news/shadow-chancellor-voices-hs2-doubts/5077811.article>

**Coventry Telegraph 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Ancient Warwickshire pear tree facing destruction because of HS2 up for national accolade

<http://www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/local-news/ancient-warwickshire-pear-tree-facing-10124355>

**Financial Times 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Ailing UK steel sector pleads for help

<http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/8c97c3a0-6292-11e5-a28b-50226830d644.html#axzz3moE77LcM>

**NCE 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

HS2 China links 'could damage UK industry'

<http://www.nce.co.uk/news/transport/hs2-china-links-could-damage-uk-industry/8689518.article>

**Express and Star 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Outcry as Osborne urges China to pitch for £11.8bn HS2 contract – so now not do we have to buy all our goods from them, we are going to have to work for them, and this is what the Government think is a good idea?

<http://www.expressandstar.com/news/uk-news/2015/09/25/george-osborne-to-build-bridges-in-shanghai-stock-exchange-visit/>

**The Star 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Chancellor George Osborne attacked by campaigners against HS2 railway line.....

<http://www.thestar.co.uk/news/campaigns/chancellor-george-osborne-attacked-by-campaigners-against-hs2-railway-line-1-7479220>

**The Evening Standard 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

HS2 chief Simon Kirby says his £750,000 wage is right because, I'm best for job..... is this why the work is going to China, because we cannot afford to build it?

<http://www.standard.co.uk/news/transport/hs2-chief-simon-kirby-750000-wage-is-right-because-i-m-best-for-job-a2954697.html>



**The Times 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

China urged to buy £12bn ticket to ride on HS2, at the UK tax payer's expense?

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/business/industries/transport/article4566058.ece>

**The Telegraph 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

George Osborne opens bidding for £11.8bn HS2 contract in China to woo Chinese investors to help get HS2 from London to Birmingham off the ground.....because we don't want it, i.e. the British People, but who will pay the lions share and get nothing?

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/hs2/11886991/George-Osborne-opens-bidding-for-11.8bn-HS2-contract-in-China.html>

**The Birmingham Post 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015**

HS2 under fire in heated House of Lords debate, please note from this article the differentiation between the tax payer and the investor, there is no expected return for the tax payer from this scheme, however for the investor.....?

<http://www.birminghampost.co.uk/news/regional-affairs/hs2-under-fire-heated-house-10086221>

**The Telegraph 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

HS2 planners warn trains may terminate in the suburbs as Euston redevelopment is pushed back

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/hs2/11877210/HS2-planners-warn-trains-may-terminate-in-the-suburbs-as-Euston-redevelopment-is-pushed-back.html>

**North Wales News 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Acrefair's Eagles pub shut down for weekend by police

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/eagles-acrefair-underage-closed-police-10077782>

**City Metric 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

The end of the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway meant the end of northern economic independence

<http://www.citymetric.com/transport/end-lancashire-yorkshire-railway-meant-end-northern-economic-independence-1408>

**BBC News 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

HS2 Birmingham to London route criticised in House of Lords

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-birmingham-34274987>

**BBC News 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Euston station HS2 plans 'should be scrapped'

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-34264322>

**Telegraph 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

HS2 will cut platforms at Euston by one third

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/hs2/11860650/HS2-will-cut-platforms-at-Euston-by-one-third.html>

**Financial Times 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Olympian-sized HS2 budget flexes muscles

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/1047ff30-57a8-11e5-9846-de406ccb37f2.html#axzz3lQk3D8iW>



**BT 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

The UK's best waterways holidays – and why we love a trip on the canals

<https://home.bt.com/lifestyle/the-uks-best-waterways-holidays-and-why-we-love-a-trip-on-the-canals-11364000615781>



**LBC 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Euston HS2 Overhaul To Take 7 Years Longer Than Planned and 250 million pounds more...

<http://www.lbc.co.uk/euston-hs2-overhaul-will-take-7-years-longer-than-planned-115903>

**Express & Star 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

HS2 faces years of delays, say experts

<http://www.expressandstar.com/news/2015/09/05/hs2-faces-years-of-delays-say-experts/>

**Boating Business 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015**

New Llangollen Canal marina

<http://www.boatingbusiness.com/news101/industry-news/new-llangollen-canal-marina>

**BBC 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015**

Building HS2 to cause 'years of misery'

<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-34118655>

**The Guardian 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015**

HS2 plans require 'huge number' of weekend line closures, say campaigners

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/aug/31/hs2-huge-number-weekend-line-closures-campaigners>

**BBC 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

Slough council petitions against HS2 plan to move Heathrow Express depot

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-berkshire-34061069>

[www.pkcgroup.wales](http://www.pkcgroup.wales)

**Border Counties Advertiser 25<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

Funding bid to open next phase of Montgomery Canal

<http://www.bordercountiesadvertiser.co.uk/news/151853/funding-bid-to-open-next-phase-of-montgomery-canal.aspx>

**Coln Brook Views 25<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

“Road, rail and air transport noise is already impacting cardiovascular health”, says Slough as it demands HEx depot rethink

<http://www.colnbrook.info/road-rail-and-air-transport-noise-is-already-impacting-cardiovascular-health-says-slough-as-it-demands-hex-depot-rethink/>

**Slough Express 25<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

Council launches petition against moving Heathrow Express train depot to Langley

<http://www.sloughexpress.co.uk/News/All-Areas/Langley/Council-launches-petition-against-moving-Heathrow-Express-train-depot-to-Langley-25082015.htm>

**Wrexham.com 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015**

New Cafe Opens At Pontcysyllte Aqueduct

<http://www.wrexham.com/news/new-cafe-opens-at-pontcysyllte-aqueduct-98802.html>

**Warrington Guardian 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015**

Culcheth community group backs petition handed to Parliament over proposed HS2 spur

[http://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/news/13618029.Culcheth\\_community\\_group\\_backs\\_petition\\_handed\\_to\\_Parliament\\_over\\_proposed\\_HS2\\_spur/](http://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/news/13618029.Culcheth_community_group_backs_petition_handed_to_Parliament_over_proposed_HS2_spur/)

**Daily Post 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

Police launch appeal after the five baby pigs were pinched from land at Acrefair sometime overnight between Friday and Saturday

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/piglets-stolen-acrefair-wrexham-police--9873300>

**Market Rasen Mail 12<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

Conservative stalwart hits out at the Government for investing in projects like HS2, instead of supporting rural rail lines

<http://www.marketrasenmail.co.uk/news/business/business-news/mp-sir-edward-slams-local-train-service-as-hopeless-1-6897851>

**Burton Mail 9<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

MP gets behind 'value for money' £30m Burton to Leicester rail line rail project

<http://www.burtonmail.co.uk/MP-gets-value-money-pound-30m-Burton-Leicester/story-27564948-detail/story.html>

**Express & Star 5<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

HS2 the 'wrong answer' for the West Midlands, says Green leader Natalie Bennett. The £50 billion HS2 project will cluster resources at London and is the 'wrong answer' for the West Midlands, according to the leader of the Green Party.

<http://www.expressandstar.com/news/local-news/2015/08/05/hs2-the-wrong-answer-for-the-west-midlands-says-green-leader-natalie-bennett/>

**Telegraph 4<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

Hard-Left front-runner in leadership contest criticises High Speed Two in sign that Labour's support for project could be reversed if he wins

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/labour/11783403/HS2-plans-could-be-derailed-if-Jeremy-Corbyn-wins-Labour-leadership.html>

**Leicester Mercury 4<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

MP backs "value for money" £30 million county rail project

<http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/MP-backs-value-money-30-million-county-rail/story-27544264-detail/story.html>

**The Independent 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2015**

HS2: Significantly more ancient woodland at risk of being destroyed by rail line than previously thought, says new research

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/hs2-significantly-more-ancient-woodland-at-risk-of-being-destroyed-by-rail-line-than-previously-thought-says-new-research-10433917.html>

**The Sunday Times 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2015**

HS2 land deal to cost taxpayers an extra £4.4m

[http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk\\_news/article1588436.ece?CMP=OTH-gnws-standard-2015\\_08\\_01](http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk_news/article1588436.ece?CMP=OTH-gnws-standard-2015_08_01)

**Express & Star 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015**

Changes to the HS2 route will cost £580 million, it has emerged – but bosses insist they will keep within their £50 billion budget. One could stick within any budget so long as you keep increasing the budget. So what was the original budget then?

<http://www.expressandstar.com/news/2015/08/01/hs2-route-changes-to-cost-extra-580m/>

**News North Wales 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

Woodland animals caught on nature spy cameras in Cefn Mawr

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/150834/woodland-animals-caught-on-nature-spy-cameras-in-cefn-mawr.aspx>

**BBC 26<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

Wrexham-Shropshire train plates sell for £15,000

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hereford-worcester-33659523>

**City AM 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

The ultimate irony? Railway engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel's body could be dug up thanks to HS2

<http://www.cityam.com/221006/ultimate-irony-railway-engineer-isambard-kingdom-brunels-body-could-be-dug-thanks-hs2>

**Bristol Post 26<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

Brunel's grave could be on route of a new railway line

<http://www.bristolpost.co.uk/Brunel-s-body-exhumed-make-way-new-railway-line/story-27487065-detail/story.html>

**Bath Chronicle 26<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

Isambard Kingdom Brunel's body could be dug up to allow for HS2 railway line

<http://www.bathchronicle.co.uk/Isambard-Kingdom-Brunel-s-body-dug-allow-HS2/story-27487064-detail/story.html>

**The Express 26<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

HS2 is given permission to exhume the dead to build new train line including Brunel's Grave

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/593825/HS2-given-permission-exhume-the-dead-build-new-train-line>

**Huffington Post 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

Rail Cuts Surely Leave HS2 in Danger of Derailment

[http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/joe-rukin/hs2\\_b\\_7858672.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/joe-rukin/hs2_b_7858672.html)

**Ham & High 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2013**

Fury as Lord Adonis of Camden takes £950-a-day HS2 job to 'destroy borough'

[http://www.hamhigh.co.uk/news/fury\\_as\\_lord\\_adonis\\_of\\_camden\\_takes\\_950\\_a\\_day\\_hs2\\_job\\_to\\_destroy\\_borough\\_1\\_4164969](http://www.hamhigh.co.uk/news/fury_as_lord_adonis_of_camden_takes_950_a_day_hs2_job_to_destroy_borough_1_4164969)

**Lynn News 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

'HS2' cash should be spent on extending existing rail network

<http://www.lynnnews.co.uk/news/opinion/columnists/hs2-cash-should-be-spent-on-extending-existing-rail-network-1-6858755>

**The Express 18<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

MAPPED: Could YOUR home see its value COLLAPSE due to fracking?

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/nature/591985/Fracking-house-value-collapse-environment>

**The Express 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Fracking chemicals found in families' DRINKING WATER

[http://www.express.co.uk/news/nature/575556/Fracking-chemicals-found-families-DRINKING-WATER?\\_ga=1.108140678.563593070.1435425524](http://www.express.co.uk/news/nature/575556/Fracking-chemicals-found-families-DRINKING-WATER?_ga=1.108140678.563593070.1435425524)

**Leamington Courier 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

Ancient Woodlands marked out under HS2 threat

<http://www.leamingtoncourier.co.uk/news/local-news/ancient-woodlands-marked-out-under-hs2-threat-1-6853710>

**The Times 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

High-speed rail link puts economy at risk, academics warn

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4499301.ece>

**Arts Technica 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

Baroness Lane Fox to UK government: Scrap HS2, invest in Internet access

<http://arstechnica.co.uk/business/2015/07/baroness-lane-fox-to-uk-government-scrap-hs2-invest-in-internet-access/>

**The Memo 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

Martha Lane-Fox: Scrap costly HS2 and build a more connected Britain

<http://www.thememo.com/2015/07/15/martha-lane-fox-scrap-costly-hs2-and-build-a-more-connected-britain/>

**News North Wales 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

Waterfall of sparks light up popular Val's memory in Pontcysyllte

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/150258/waterfall-of-sparks-light-up-popular-val-s-memory-in-pontcysyllte.aspx>

**Get Bucks 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

Government admits HS2 will threaten more ancient woodlands than previous listed

<http://www.getbucks.co.uk/news/local-news/government-admits-hs2-threaten-more-9644425>

**The Leader Live 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct rocking as fireworks light up Underneath the Arches

<http://www.leaderlive.co.uk/news/150186/pontcysyllte-aqueduct-rocking-as-fireworks-light-up-underneath-the-arches.aspx>

**Wales On Line 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

The perfect canalside house in Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site

<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/lifestyle/welsh-homes/homes-sale-perfect-canalside-house-9643046>

**Daily Post 11<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

Picture perfect canalside house in Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site on sale for £525,000

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/property-insider-picture-perfect-canalside-9596661>

**Horticultural Week 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

More ancient woods will be lost to HS2, Natural England admits

<http://www.hortweek.com/ancient-woods-will-lost-hs2-natural-england-admits/arboriculture/article/1355634>

**MIX 96 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

'Government Reports On HS2 Should Be Published, Not Kept Private'

<http://www.mix96.co.uk/news/local/1667469/government-reports-on-hs2-should-be-published-not-kept-private/>

**The Leader 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

Dynamic duo deliver knockout fiesta message in Wrexham

<http://www.leaderlive.co.uk/news/150082/dynamic-duo-deliver-knockout-fiesta-message-in-wrexham.aspx>

**Get Bucks 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

HS2 poll shows countrywide opposition to the project

<http://www.getbucks.co.uk/news/local-news/hs2-poll-shows-countrywide-opposition-9620408>

**Get Bucks 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

Ten years on since the Gerrards Cross Tesco tunnel collapse

<http://www.getbucks.co.uk/news/local-news/ten-years-gerrards-cross-tesco-9610750>

[www.pkcgroup.wales](http://www.pkcgroup.wales)



**The Derby Telegraph 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

I was returning from London – Euston to Lichfield because it is much less expensive to travel on that route than St Pancras-Derby – and remarking to my travelling companion that I'd be glad to see the whole network electrified and to blazes with the vanity project that is HS2.

<http://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/Anton-Rippon-pound-80-cheaper-travel-capital/story-26850973-detail/story.html>

**Get Bucks 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

Magna Carta style document drawn up to protect Colne Valley

<http://www.getbucks.co.uk/news/local-news/magna-carta-style-document-drawn-9611870>

**News North Wales 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

Farewell salute as Cefn Mawr fireworks boss bows out with bang

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/149967/farewell-salute-as-cefn-mawr-fireworks-boss-bows-out-with-bang.aspx>

**Shropshire Star 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

Letter: Forget HS2 – equality on railways needed, here we go again. Yes, it has happened many times before and no doubt will continue to happen in the decades to come.

<http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/2015/07/06/letter-forget-hs2-equality-on-railways-needed/>

**Examiner 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015**

Huddersfield MP insists rethink of HS2 must follow trans-Pennine electrification delays

<http://www.examiner.co.uk/news/west-yorkshire-news/huddersfield-mp-insists-rethink-hs2-9581095>

**Birmingham Mail 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015**

Birmingham MP Liam Byrne threatens to 'occupy' industrial land, in row with HS2 bosses

<http://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/birmingham-mp-liam-byrne-threatens-9573549>

**Lichfield Mercury 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015**

Successful delivery of HS2 "in doubt" says Government report

<http://www.lichfieldmercury.co.uk/Successful-delivery-HS2-doubt-says-Government/story-26815187-detail/story.html>

**LGC Plus 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015**

Transport is heading to a very dark place with HS2

<http://www.lgcplus.com/opinion/tony-travers/tony-travers-transport-is-heading-to-a-very-dark-place/5087311.article?blocktitle=Tony-Travers&contentID=16003>

**The Guardian 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

HS2 – why it's time to pull the plug on the fantasy

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jun/30/hs2-why-its-time-to-pull-the-plug-on-the-fantasy>

**Nottingham Post 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Midland Mainline decision means Nottingham gets shunted into the sidings – again

<http://www.nottinghampost.com/Richard-Baker-Midland-Mainline-decision-means/story-26793256-detail/story.html>

**The Guardian 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

New fears arise that UK rail financial crisis will hit HS2

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jun/28/rail-projects-financial-crisis-impact-hs2-high-speed>

**Wrexham .com 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

MP and Penycae Residents Welcome New Bus Study

<http://www.wrexham.com/news/mp-and-penycae-residents-welcome-new-bus-study-96215.html>

**Building.co.uk 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Transport officials warned HS2 was 'unaffordable' in 2012

<http://www.building.co.uk/news/transport-officials-warned-hs2-was-unaffordable-in-2012/5076189.article>

**Construction News 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Government warned over 'unaffordable' HS2 in 2012

<http://www.cnplus.co.uk/clients/hs2/government-warned-over-unaffordable-hs2-in-2012/8685385.article>

**The Guardian 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Suppressed HS2 report reveals serious cost concerns

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jun/26/damning-hs2-report-reveals-serious-cost-concerns>

**ITV 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Council's claim that Midland Mainline delays will be "catastrophic" for local economies

<http://www.itv.com/news/central/2015-06-25/councils-concern-over-impact-of-midland-mainline-delays/>

**Daily Mail 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

After the Network Rail shambles HS2 can only be a dream, ALEX BRUMMER says

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3139642/ALEX-BRUMMER-shambles-HS2-no-dream.html>

**Leicester Mercury 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

The Big Question: Should government scrap HS2 in favour of Midland Mainline investment?

<http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/Big-Question-government-scrap-HS2-favour-Midland/story-26767163-detail/story.html>

**City AM 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

HS2 is "cannibalising" the rest of the transport budget, TaxPayers' Alliance claims

<http://www.cityam.com/218813/taxpayers-alliance-claims-hs2-cannibalising-rest-transport-budget>

**Leicester Mercury 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Sidelineing of £800m rail electrification for the Midland Line in favour of HS2 is labelled as catastrophic by Leicestershire councils

<http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/Sidelineing-800m-rail-electrification-labelled/story-26766790-detail/story.html>



**Daily Post 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Music and fireworks at Pontcysyllte Aqueduct

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/whats-on/music-nightlife-news/music-fireworks-pontcysyllte-aqueduct-9462263>

**Daily Post 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Iconic North Wales landmarks celebrated in special stamps including Pontcysyllte Aqueduct

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/look-iconic-north-wales-landmarks-9443700>

**ITV 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Hundreds turn out to protest about HS2 high speed rail link

<http://www.itv.com/news/meridian/update/2015-06-11/hundreds-turn-out-to-protest-about-hs2-high-speed-rail-link/>

**Glasgow South & EastWood Extra 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

'No more cash' over HS2 claims because HS2 only goes to England.....so the Welsh and Scots can take a hike....

<http://www.glasgowsouthandeastwoodextra.co.uk/news/scottish-headlines/no-more-cash-over-hs2-claims-1-3799279>

**New Civil Engineer 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

"Concern" over HS2 canal bridges

<http://www.nce.co.uk/concern-over-hs2-canal-bridges/8684484.article>

**Buck Herald 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Letters round-up: "Politics of HS2 are far from certain"

<http://www.buckherald.co.uk/news/more-news/letters-round-up-politics-of-hs2-are-far-from-certain-1-6783503>

**The Mirror 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

HS2 more like High SPEND 2 as managers splash cash on goodies including £2k on USB sticks

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/hs2-more-like-high-spend-5837290>

**Yorkshire Post 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

High speed rail will be a non-starter on our small island

<http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/debate/letters/high-speed-rail-will-be-a-non-starter-on-our-small-island-1-7296517>

**Chronicle Live 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Rail revolution for North East with new East Coast mainline routes announced

<http://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/rail-revolution-north-east-new-9400615>

**Leamington Courier 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

People are saying 'no' to HS2 ground surveys

<http://www.leamingtoncourier.co.uk/news/local-news/people-are-saying-no-to-hs2-ground-surveys-1-6778719>

**Daily Post 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Another Wrexham solar farm, plans to power 1,000 homes

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/wrexham-solar-farm-plan-power-9381284>

**The Daily Mail 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015 (Story from 2013)**

The HS2 scandal is truly off the rails but it goes on and on.....a look back to 2013....and earlier.....

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-2353947/ANDREW-ALEXANDER-Nuts-The-HS2-scandal-truly-rails.html>

**The Telegraph 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015**

The lost delights of Britain's railways

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/journeysbyrail/11604561/The-lost-delights-of-Britains-railways.html>

**ECNS.CN 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015**

**Want to know where £50 Billion on HS2 is going** - Chinese wheels set to run on UK rails

<http://www.ecns.cn/business/2015/06-02/167679.shtml>

**Yibada.com 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015**

**Want to know where £50 Billion on HS2 is going** - China to Supply State-of-the-Art Trains for U.K. High-Speed Rails.....what ever happened to our own rail industry?

<http://en.yibada.com/articles/36104/20150602/china-state-of-the-art-trains-u-k-high-speed-rails.htm>

**The Guardian 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015**

HS2 is not a useless railway, merely the stupidest

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/jun/02/hs2-not-useless-railway-stupidest-cameron-tories-mistake>

**News North Wales 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015**

'Shear' delight for visitors to country park in Cefn Mawr

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/148633/-shear-delight-for-visitors-to-country-park-in-cefn-mawr.aspx>

**Wrexham.com 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015**

A Council Scrutiny Committee today asked questions of the Council's accounts, picking up on a LDP and school transport budget 'reshaping' issues.

<https://www.wrexham.com/news/range-of-questions-posed-by-scrutiny-over-councils-budget-94925.html>

**Financial Times 1st June 2015**

While the debate rages about HS2 and other big rail projects, old train lines up and down the UK closed as part of the Beeching cuts of the 1960s are quietly being revived.

<http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/69ee6cf6-04a4-11e5-95ad-00144feabdc0.html#axzz3boDUAT1A>

**BBC 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Llangollen chain bridge reopens after 30 years

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-north-east-wales-32902353>

**Express and Star 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

HS2 bosses have admitted they do not know how much the rail line will cost as they are still using estimates from four years ago.

<http://www.expressandstar.com/news/local-news/2015/05/30/cost-of-hs2-dont-ask-us-say-bosses/>

**Leader Live 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Cefn Albion bidding for fifth trophy of magnificent season

<http://m.leaderlive.co.uk/mobile/mnews/148522/cefn-albion-bidding-for-fifth-trophy-of-magnificent-season.aspx>

**Wales On Line 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Former aqueduct magnate's home, Plas Kynaston, is set to be rescued by conservationists and turned into flats

<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/former-aqueduct-magnates-home-plas-9349821>

**The Independent 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Waterways holidays in Britain: From canoeing in Scotland to narrow boating in the Pennines

<http://www.independent.co.uk/travel/news-and-advice/waterways-holidays-in-britain-from-canoeing-in-scotland-to-narrowboating-in-the-pennines-10280617.html>

**Bucks Free Press 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Chiltern District Council's Seb Berry accuses HS2 Ltd of 'deliberate misinformation' over cost of the project

[http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/news/12976821.Deliberate\\_misinformation\\_claim\\_over\\_HS2\\_costs/](http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/news/12976821.Deliberate_misinformation_claim_over_HS2_costs/)

**Herald Scotland 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

HS2 a multi-billion pound bridge too far for the rest of Britain

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/comment/columnists/hs2-a-multi-billion-pound-bridge-too-far-for-the-rest-of-britain.127170030>

**Daily Record 26<sup>th</sup> May 2105**

Joan McAlpine: Super-fast trains are on the wrong track for a united Britain

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/joan-mcalpine-super-fast-trains-wrong-5768084>

**Brent & Kilburn Times 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

South Kilburn residents fight plans for HS2 vent shaft next to primary school

[http://www.kilburntimes.co.uk/news/environment/south\\_kilburn\\_residents\\_fight\\_plans\\_for\\_hs2\\_vent\\_shaft\\_next\\_to\\_primary\\_school\\_1\\_4086888](http://www.kilburntimes.co.uk/news/environment/south_kilburn_residents_fight_plans_for_hs2_vent_shaft_next_to_primary_school_1_4086888)

**Carmarthen Journal 25<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

An independent study by accountants KPMG noted that the South-Wales economy would lose tens of millions of pounds each year as a result of HS2 – £12.6million per year would be lost from Carmarthenshire.

<http://www.carmarthenjournal.co.uk/MP-Johnathan-Edwards-Welsh-taxpayers-foot-Englih/story-26568497-detail/story.html>

**The Guardian 25<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Forget HS2 – for real renewal, rebuild our crumbling coastline

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/may/25/hs2-renewal-coastline-coastal-pathway>

**Financial Times 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015**

The great HS2 debate must consider connectivity, not just costs

<http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/fccd9948-f801-11e4-8bd5-00144feab7de.html#axzz3avWRaqy1>

### **The Shropshire Star 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015**

Aqueduct glory is down to two men....really, we think differently...

<http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/2015/05/21/aqueduct-glory-is-down-to-two-men/>

### **Get Bucks 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015**

Photographer shows graphic impact HS2 will have on Buckinghamshire countryside

<http://www.getbucks.co.uk/news/photographer-shows-graphic-impact-hs2-9296723>

### **News North Wales 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015**

Cefn Mawr company boss' tribute to his wife and best friend

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/148139/cefn-mawr-company-boss-tribute-to-his-wife-and-best-friend.aspx>

### **The Telegraph 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015**

It was revealed last week that the HS2 project could cost up to £73 billion The HS2 project could cost up to £73 billion Photo: UNIVERSAL NEWS AND ..

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/letters/11618739/Letters.html>

### **Daily Echo 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

HS2 is a financial disaster, costing £50 billion on the Government's own (2011) estimate but £80 billion according to the Institute of Economic Affairs. This works out at £927.64 and £1,484.23 respectively for every man, woman and child in England.

[http://www.dailyecho.co.uk/yoursay/letters/12959032.Time to pull the plug on HS2 public sect or vanity scheme/](http://www.dailyecho.co.uk/yoursay/letters/12959032.Time%20to%20pull%20the%20plug%20on%20HS2%20public%20sect%20or%20vanity%20scheme/)

### **Conservative Home 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Train travel is on the rise. But where is it going?

<http://www.conservativehome.com/highlights/2015/05/train-travel-is-on-the-rise-but-where-is-it-going.html>

### **The Telegraph 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

The impact on total debt could be reduced by diverting the Government's investment on HS2 into housing. The planned new rail track to Leeds and ...

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/11613956/A-One-Nation-boom-for-the-whole-of-Britain.html>

### **Wakefield Express 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Events to honour naturalist Charles Waterton 150 years on since his death, Campaigners believe UNESCO status would prevent the government from running a high-speed railway line through his estate as part of the HS2 rail ...

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The Independent on Sunday opposes the HS2 rail link because we believe that, far from bringing North and South closer together, it will increase the ...

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/editorials/a-budget-for-one-nation-10255630.html>

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Thousands to be spent on HS2 lobbying campaign despite all the other cut backs else....

<http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/election-politics/politics-and-election-news/thousands-to-be-spent-on-hs2-lobbying-campaign-1-7263628>

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Jeremy Paxman: HS2 is a 'grotesque waste of taxpayers' money'

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**Financial Times 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Folly of a £50bn HS2 project must hit the buffers

<http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/b4ea9052-f989-11e4-ae65-00144feab7de.html#axzz3aGjAzjvC>

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Ex-Goldman Sachs man talks sense on HS2

<http://www.theguardian.com/business/nils-pratley-on-finance/2015/may/14/ex-goldman-sachs-man-talks-sense-on-hs2>

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Campaigners have vowed to continue the fight to stop HS2 going ahead, despite the Conservative election victory

<http://www.itv.com/news/central/2015-05-12/campaigners-vow-to-continue-fight-against-hs2/>

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Five big questions that will soon need answering

<http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-32693640>

**Get Bucks 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Cheryl Gillan vows to carry on protesting against HS2

<http://www.getbucks.co.uk/news/local-news/cheryl-gillan-vows-carry-protesting-9234313>

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Simple projects deliver the best results unlike the white elephant of HS2

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/fd846496-f4b1-11e4-8a42-00144feab7de.html#axzz3ZcXjeMQr>

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Wrexham solar farm plan approved by council

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/wrexham-solar-farm-plan-approved-9186294>

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Ironbridge exhibition revisits 'Victorian HS2'

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-32401398>

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Plans for Wrexham solar farm to power 1,300 homes recommended for approval

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/local-news/plans-wrexham-solar-farm-power-9146425>

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**Shropshire Star 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

Glyn rolls up sleeves to help canal revamp project

<http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/2015/04/18/glyn-rolls-up-sleeves-to-help-canal-revamp-project/>

**Hereford Times 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

Daisy Blench (Green) – Transport, We will scrap HS2, return the railways to public hands, introduce an immediate 10% cut in fares, and improve train services across the country, not just ...

[http://www.herefordtimes.com/news/12894678.Daisy\\_Blench\\_Green\\_Transport/](http://www.herefordtimes.com/news/12894678.Daisy_Blench_Green_Transport/)

**Hereford Times 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

Nigel Ely (UKIP) - Transport

[http://www.herefordtimes.com/news/12894645.Nigel\\_Ely\\_UKIP\\_Transport/](http://www.herefordtimes.com/news/12894645.Nigel_Ely_UKIP_Transport/)

**Architects Journal 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

UKIP would axe HS2 and reward brownfield site development

<http://www.architectsjournal.co.uk/ukip-would-axe-hs2-and-reward-brownfield-site-development/8681334.article>

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Wrexham to get 500 new jobs in home care service

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/wrexham-500-new-jobs-home-9047197>

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UKIP would scrap HS2 and withdraw wind power subsidies

<http://www.nce.co.uk/news/transport/ukip-would-scrap-hs2-and-withdraw-wind-power-subsidies/8681275.article>

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More than three in four people are against HS2

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Up to £450 million will be spent by HS2 bosses on advisers and management firms in the coming years - sparking a bidding war for the lucrative contracts.

<http://www.expressandstar.com/news/2015/04/11/hs2-bosses-to-spend-450m-on-specialists/>

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Farage claims business backing for HS2 is 'to gain contracts'

<http://www.birminghampost.co.uk/business/business-news/farage-claims-business-backing-hs2-8998054>

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HUNDREDS of people turned out for an annual charity fundraiser held in memory of a toddler who died after falling into a pond.

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/146352/families-enjoy-fun-in-memory-of-froncysyllte-boy.aspx>

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Judicial Review over Major Projects Authority's HS2 report set to be launched

[http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/news/12869185.Legal\\_challenge\\_over\\_HS2\\_report\\_set\\_to\\_be\\_launched/](http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/news/12869185.Legal_challenge_over_HS2_report_set_to_be_launched/)

**The Star 4<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

Anti-HS2 campaigners say 'tide is turning' against high-speed rail plans

<http://www.thestar.co.uk/news/business/business-news/anti-hs2-campaigners-say-tide-is-turning-against-high-speed-rail-plans-1-7191871>

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Stop HS2 campaigners unveil new banner to mark anniversary

<http://www.lichfieldmercury.co.uk/Stop-HS2-campaigners-unveil-new-banner-mark/story-26270089-detail/story.html>

**Country Times 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015**

ALL roads lead to the Rock in Cefn Mawr on Saturday as Newtown take on Rhyl in their first Welsh Cup semi-final in three decades.

<http://www.countytimes.co.uk/sport/146225/robins-date-with-destiny.aspx>

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Widespread disruption over Easter boosts the case for investment in Britain's rail system

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/editorials/widespread-disruption-over-easter-boosts-the-case-for-investment-in-britains-rail-system-10153475.html>

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Wrexham could have thousands more trees planted in ambitious eco project

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/wrexham-could-thousands-more-trees-8963431>

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Election 2015 smaller parties: Independence from Europe

<http://www.bbc.com/news/election-2015-32147401>

**The Leader 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015**

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct fun day is big hit despite bad weather

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[www.pkcgroup.wales](http://www.pkcgroup.wales)



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Huge retail, care and homes plan gets the go-ahead

<http://www.leaderlive.co.uk/news/146106/huge-retail-care-and-homes-plan-gets-the-go-ahead.aspx>

**UKIP News 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015**

Jill Seymour spells out UKIP's stance on HS2

[http://www.ukip.org/jill\\_seymour\\_spells\\_out\\_ukip\\_s\\_stance\\_on\\_hs2](http://www.ukip.org/jill_seymour_spells_out_ukip_s_stance_on_hs2)

**The Independent 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015**

France, a report says that plans to spend €8bn on 225 miles of extension are too costly and will only benefit richer people in big cities, what would they make of HS2 at £50billion for less than 100 miles of track?

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/france-rejects-tgv-extension-plans--which-could-be-bad-news-for-britains-proposed-hs2-highspeed-rail-network-10147555.html>

**The Oxford Mail 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015**

With austerity, how can the HS2 cost be justified?

[http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/opinion/letters/12705168.With\\_austerity\\_how\\_can\\_the\\_HS2\\_cost\\_be\\_justified/](http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/opinion/letters/12705168.With_austerity_how_can_the_HS2_cost_be_justified/)

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A damning report believed to highlight major concerns over the proposed £50bn high-speed rail line HS2 could be released following a landmark ruling

<http://www.expressandstar.com/news/2015/03/31/hs2-landmark-ruling-could-reveal-failings/>

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Costly HS2 will benefit just a few

<http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/debate/letters/march-28-costly-hs2-will-benefit-just-a-few-1-7180365>

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Former top government chief Sir Tim Lankester brands HS2 a 'misuse of public money'

<http://www.camdennewjournal.com/news/2015/mar/former-top-government-chief-sir-tim-lankester-brands-hs2-misuse-public-money>

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Costs of HS2 will only go up – to Scotland's detriment, very good article.....

<http://www.thenational.scot/business/costs-of-hs2-will-only-go-up-to-scotlands-detriment.1488>

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A highly-critical parliamentary report has accused the government of failing to make a convincing case for the HS2 high-speed rail link set to connect London to the Midlands and northern cities over the next 18 years.

<http://www.relocatemagazine.com/news/dsapsted-03-d3-2015-high-speed-rail-plan-fails-to-get-lords-blessing>

**BT.com 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

For every £1 spent on roads there will be £4 in wider benefits. This is in stark contrast with the high-speed rail project, HS2, which has been projected to deliver a return on investment in its first phase of just £1.40 for every £1 spent if costs do not increase.

<http://home.bt.com/lifestyle/motoring/motoring-news/new-body-vows-road-improvements-11363971173423>

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'No convincing case' for HS2

<http://www.stokesentinel.co.uk/convincing-case-HS2/story-26236641-detail/story.html>

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Improving North East rail links could do more good than HS2, says new report

<http://www.chroniclive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/improving-north-east-rail-links-8910650>

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Abandon HS2 for a smaller, slower version, peers urge....

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4392461.ece>

**BBC 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

HS2: Government has no 'convincing case' for £50bn rail line

<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-32041167>

**ITV 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Government criticised over HS2

<http://www.itv.com/news/granada/update/2015-03-24/government-criticised-over-hs2/>

**Financial Times 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Lords committee says economic case for £50bn HS2 not been made

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/0d46a2d8-d21e-11e4-ae91-00144feab7de.html>

**Get Bucks 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Gravy Train, A Freedom of Information request has revealed that HS2 Ltd currently have 26 staff earning over £100,000 per year, with 18 of them earning more than David Cameron, who is on a salary of £142,000.

<http://www.getbucks.co.uk/news/business/gravy-train-twenty-six-hs2-8905973>

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UKIP's plan to save £25bn, leave the EU, slash foreign aid spending and scrap HS2

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/generalelection/ukips-plan-to-save-25bn-leave-the-eu-and-slash-foreign-aid-spending-10128935.html>

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Hope House Canal Walk raises £13,000

<http://www.bordercountiesadvertiser.co.uk/news/145559/hope-house-canal-walk-raises-13-000.aspx>

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Thousands of new homes on way in Wrexham? The first option focuses on the town centre, while the second option would spread development between the 'key settlements' of Acrefair, Cefn Mawr, Chirk, Coedpoeth, Gresford, Marford, Gwersyllt and Rhos.

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/145510/thousands-of-new-homes-on-way-in-wrexham.aspx>

**Sunday Express 15<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Nigel Farage says plan for high-speed rail HS2 is waste of cash

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UKIP Blackpool conference starts with pledge to scrap HS2

<http://www.itv.com/news/granada/update/2015-03-14/ukip-blackpool-conference-starts-with-pledge-to-scrap-hs2/>

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Nigel Farage highlights HS2 and immigration on visit to Aylesbury constituency

<http://www.bucksherald.co.uk/news/more-news/nigel-farage-highlights-hs2-and-immigration-on-visit-to-aylesbury-constituency-1-6632474>

**Western Morning News 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

UKIP would scrap HS2, says Farage – highlighting poor rail links to Penzance

<http://www.westernmorningnews.co.uk/UKIP-scrap-HS2-says-Farage-8211-highlighting-poor/story-26168763-detail/story.html>

**Daily Mail 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

'Use HS2 cash to modernise rail'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/article-2993428/Use-HS2-cash-modernise-rail.html>

**Mix 96 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

HS2 campaigners in Buckinghamshire face having to 'pay up' for speaking out about the high-speed line while the election campaign is happening.

<http://www.mix96.co.uk/news/local/1553793/hs2-campaigners-breaking-the-law-by-speaking-out-until-election/>

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Marching in opposition to HS2 to mark 5th anniversary

<http://www.warwickcourier.co.uk/news/local-news/marching-for-hs2-to-mark-5th-anniversary-1-6624439>

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How to sort out public finances: axe Government departments, freeze pensions and stop HS2

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/economics/11465590/How-to-sort-out-public-finances-axe-Government-departments-freeze-pensions-and-stop-HS2.html>

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Campaigners upbeat after HS2 link to Heathrow ruled out

<http://www.getwestlondon.co.uk/news/west-london-news/campaigners-upbeat-after-hs2-link-8818361>

**Express & Star 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

The government elected in May will need to cut £50 billion from annual state spending by 2020 to hit the level forecast in December's Autumn Statement, according to a new report. HS2?

<http://www.expressandstar.com/business/uk-money/2015/03/11/poll-winners-must-slash-50bn/>

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Falling short of our expectations

<http://www.kenilworthweeklynews.co.uk/news/reader-letters/falling-short-of-our-expectations-1-6618787>

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Campaigners head to London for HS2 fight

<http://www.getbucks.co.uk/news/local-news/campaigners-head-london-hs2-fight-8811483>

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HS2 and Housewife Economics

[http://www.northwichguardian.co.uk/yoursay/letters/11845095.Housewife\\_economics/](http://www.northwichguardian.co.uk/yoursay/letters/11845095.Housewife_economics/)

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Labour to curb soaring costs of HS2 rail link

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Plaid Cymru calls for £4bn Welsh dividend from HS2 rail link spending in England

<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/plaid-cymru-calls-4bn-dividend-8797713>

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Rise in rail workers' wages could push up HS2 bill by £3 billion

<http://www.expressandstar.com/news/2015/03/08/rise-in-rail-workers-wages-could-push-up-cost-of-bill-by-3-billion/>

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Calls for a united voice to fight HS2 plans in South Yorkshire and Derbyshire

<http://www.thestar.co.uk/news/business/business-news/calls-for-a-united-voice-to-fight-hs2-plans-in-south-yorkshire-and-derbyshire-1-7136459>

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Pay for rail construction workers soars a staggering 74% in last three years as demand grows for their skills

<http://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/news/article-2974356/Pay-rail-construction-workers-soars-staggering-74-three-years-demand-grows-skills.html>

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Sponsored canal walk in aid of Hope House

<http://www.bordercountiesadvertiser.co.uk/news/144695/sponsored-canal-walk-in-aid-of-hope-house.aspx>

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Fears that HS2 could lead to cuts in Midlands rail services. Towns and cities in the Midlands could lose direct rail services to London if HS2 goes ahead, campaigners battling the £50 billion project have claimed.

<http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/2015/02/23/fears-that-hs2-could-lead-to-cuts-in-midlands-rail-services/>

**Express and Star 23rd February 2015**

Direct train services could be cut to prioritise HS2, say campaigners

<http://www.expressandstar.com/news/transport-news/2015/02/23/direct-train-services-could-be-cut-to-prioritise-hs2-say-campaigners/>

**Rail.co.uk 22nd February 2015**

Track reaches end of the Borders line at Tweedbank

<http://www.rail.co.uk/rail-news/2015/borders-ewrl/>

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Campaigners gearing up for 'effective' anti-HS2 petitions

<http://www.getbucks.co.uk/news/local-news/campaigners-gearing-up-effective-anti-hs2-8671515>

**Northwich Guardian 18th February 2015**

HS2 petition hits target to trigger debate at full council

[http://www.northwichguardian.co.uk/news/11799173.HS2\\_petition\\_hits\\_target\\_to\\_trigger\\_debate\\_at\\_full\\_council/](http://www.northwichguardian.co.uk/news/11799173.HS2_petition_hits_target_to_trigger_debate_at_full_council/)

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Virgin bosses pleased with passenger figures on Shropshire to London rail link

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Barging round Britain: John Sergeant on the secrets of our waterways

<http://www.radiotimes.com/news/2015-02-13/barging-round-britain-john-sergeant-on-the-secrets-of-our-waterways>

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End of the line for HS2?

<http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/81ebb8c2-b2d8-11e4-b0d2-00144feab7de.html#axzz3RhnwVQat>

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Plans for Wrexham solar farm that could power more than 1,300 homes.....at the Delph, Cefn.

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/local-news/solar-panels-8637809>

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Midland railway stations may see slower services to Euston because of HS2...and 8.3 million pounds of cuts.....

<http://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midland-railway-stations-see-slower-8638460>

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Wake up, voters, to the real cost of HS2 – from some who is old enough to know.....

<http://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/Wake-voters-real-cost-HS2-ndash-reader-s-letter/story-26013843-detail/story.html>

**Advertiser & Review 8<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

All aboard for the rail revolution....a rural railway line....and station that people can use.....

<http://www.buckinghamtoday.co.uk/news/more-news/all-aboard-for-the-rail-revolution-1-6566647>

**The Derby Telegraph 8<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

HS2 - I really can't see any benefits - what are these jobs they're talking about? The steel to build the rails has been ordered from India. The bulk of the labour force to build it is rumoured to being offered to the young unemployed Spanish and the trains are being manufactured in Japan.....

<http://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/really-t-benefits-having-HS2/story-25989931-detail/story.html>

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Nearly £1 billion has already been spent on HS2, it has been revealed, with the boss of Britain's only existing high-speed line saying the scheme is 'not worth the money'

<http://www.expressandstar.com/news/2015/02/07/almost-1-billion-already-spent-on-hs2/>

**Shropshire Star 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

A narrowboat has travelled along a stretch of the Montgomery Canal for the first time in more than 60 years.

<http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/2015/02/06/watch-narrowboat-blazes-trail-with-first-trip-on-stretch-of-canal-in-60-years/>

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Digging the dirt on HS2

<http://www.theconstructionindex.co.uk/news/view/digging-the-dirt-on-hs2>

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'£50 billion' goes up in flames to publicise HS2 campaign

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HS2 has cost us £1bn so far on the fastest gravy train in history and it hasn't even been officially approved

<http://www.londonlovesbusiness.com/business-news/london-transport/hs2-has-cost-us-1bn-so-far-and-it-hasnt-even-been-officially-approved-yet/9687.article>

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Concerns mount over HS2 'gravy' train - Simon Kirby, the nation's highest paid civil servant appointed **chief executive of HS2 last year on a £750,000 a year salary** - Rob Holden, chairman of the HS1 line, says a routine railway line could do the job, much cheaper - Martin Blaiklock, a consultant on infrastructure and energy project finance says. "It is a gravy train for consultants, involving banks, lawyers and government officials."

<http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/d4bdefea-a561-11e4-bf11-00144feab7de.html#axzz3QYvUXc6r>

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Canal towpath action group formed

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Controversial Plans To Develop 111 Houses In Rhosrobin Set To Be Granted

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Denbighshire: more than just a drive-through, it's beautiful, historic and full of adventure...

[http://www.bournemouthecho.co.uk/news/11742775.Denbighshire\\_more\\_than\\_just\\_a\\_drive\\_through\\_it\\_s\\_beautiful\\_historic\\_and\\_full\\_of\\_adventure/](http://www.bournemouthecho.co.uk/news/11742775.Denbighshire_more_than_just_a_drive_through_it_s_beautiful_historic_and_full_of_adventure/)

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Former attorney general calls for HS2 referendum

<http://eandt.theiet.org/news/2015/jan/hs2-referendum.cfm>

### **Wrexham.com 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2015**

Demolition Of '13th Century' Golden Groves Pub In Rossett Proposed.....

<http://www.wrexham.com/news/demolition-of-13th-century-golden-groves-pub-in-rossett-proposed-51829.html>

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Debate on HS2 funding proposed by Christchurch MP Christopher Chope

[http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/news/11743847.Debate\\_on\\_HS2\\_funding\\_proposed/](http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/news/11743847.Debate_on_HS2_funding_proposed/)

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CRT appeal for volunteer lock keepers....in rural Shropshire on one of the most popular holiday waterways - the Llangollen Canal – at the Grindley Brook flight.

<http://www.boatingbusiness.com/news101/industry-news/crt-appeal-for-volunteer-lock-keepers>

### **News North Wales 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015**

Canal side house plan could cause costly breach

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New Pontcysyllte visitor centre?

<http://www.boatingbusiness.com/news101/industry-news/new-pontcysyllte-visitor-centre>



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Welsh MPs cast doubt on HS2 delivering value for money to the country's taxpayers

<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/welsh-mps-cast-doubt-hs2-8456681>

**The Guardian 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

High speed rail scheme criticised for large budget and 'lack of clear plan'

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jan/16/high-speed-rail-hs2-magaret-hodge-public-accounts-committee-dft>

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HS2 risks being poor value for taxpayers' money, MPs warn

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/scottish-politics/hs2-risks-being-poor-value-for-taxpayers-money-mps-warn.116261448>

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High-speed rail cost warning

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**Financial Times 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

MPs doubt high speed rail scheme will give value for money

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/99081b1a-9cab-11e4-971b-00144feabdc0.html#axzz3Ox8A37Qd>

**BBC 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

HS2 value for money questioned by MPs

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-30838386>

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MPs 'sceptical' over value for money from £50bn HS2 project

<http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/mps-sceptical-over-value-money-8457196>

**New Electronics 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

Interconnection opportunities in the rail sector abound as investment booms

<http://www.newelectronics.co.uk/electronics-technology/interconnection-opportunities-in-the-rail-sector-abound-as-investment-booms/72433/>

**Yorkshire Post 11<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

Coal site scheme on hold as prices tumble in the hope of HS2...

<http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/main-topics/local-stories/coal-site-scheme-on-hold-as-prices-tumble-1-7044570>

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HS2 campaigners look to general election

<http://www.bucksherald.co.uk/news/more-news/hs2-campaigners-look-to-general-election-1-6510683>

**Daily Post 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct set for £1.5m masterplan to boost tourists numbers

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/pontcysyllte-aqueduct-set-15m-masterplan-8396530>

**Daily Post 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

Proposals to charge for toilets and coach parking at the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct set to be ditched

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/proposals-charge-toilets-coach-parking-8395552>

**Get Bucks 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

Solicitor gives his view on fight against HS2 so far

<http://www.getbucks.co.uk/news/local-news/solicitor-gives-view-fight-against-8398898>

**Get Bucks 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

Protesters prepare ahead of HS2 committee visit to Buckinghamshire

<http://www.getbucks.co.uk/news/local-news/protesters-prepare-ahead-hs2-committee-8392633>

**News North Wales 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct masterplan costs £1.5m

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/142638/pontcysyllte-aqueduct-masterplan-costs-1-5m.aspx>

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Protesters gearing up for fight against HS2 when committee comes to Harefield

<http://www.getwestlondon.co.uk/news/local-news/protesters-gearing-up-fight-against-8386714>

**Derby Telegraph 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2015**

Rail travellers show no indication of wanting HS2 – reader's letter

<http://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/Rail-travellers-indication-wanting-HS2-ndash/story-25796189-detail/story.html>

**News North Wales 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2015**

It's a red letter day for iconic Pontcysyllte aqueduct

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/142581/it-s-a-red-letter-day-for-iconic-pontcysyllte-aqueduct.aspx>

**City AM 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015**

Business predicts 2015: UK wages to rise, Eurozone will avoid deflation and HS2 could be scrapped

<http://www.cityam.com/206306/business-predicts-2015-uk-wages-rise-eurozone-will-avoid-deflation-and-hs2-could-be-scrapped>

**Daily Post 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015**

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct sees new community art project opened

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/whats-on/arts-culture-news/pontcysyllte-aqueduct-sees-new-community-8206777>

Please note the Cefn & Cefn Mawr covers all the villages at the central section of the Pontcysyllte World Heritage Site consisting of Cefn Mawr (leading commercial centre), Cefn Bychan, Rhosymedre, Plas Madoc, Acrefair, Garth, Trevor, Cysyllte, Froncysyllte, Pentre, and Newbridge. The total population is approximately 10,000 and is the largest community in the WHS corridor.