

Working together for London Poppy Day



TRANSPORT for London (TfL) and Network Rail have teamed up to decorate the transport network with poppies in support of London Poppy Day on November 7.

Part of the national Poppy Appeal, the initiative aims to raise more than £1million in a single day for the whole Armed Forces family.

A Metropolitan line train, a Circle line train and ten London buses have been wrapped in a special design and there will be two 3D poppy bus shelters outside the Royal Albert Hall and South Kensington Tube station. Network

Rail will also be displaying a giant poppy on the roof funnel of the western concourse at King's Cross station.

As a mark of respect for the sacrifices made by the capital's service men and women, poppies will also be displayed on all Tube and Docklands Light Railway (DLR) trains, trams and Overground trains. A selected number of Network Rail cars and vans in the London region will also feature the flowers on the front of the vehicle.

The Royal British Legion's Director of Fundraising Charles Byrne said: 'We're very grateful to both TfL and Network Rail for their fantastic support on London Poppy Day, and City Poppy Days across the UK. The poppy symbol embodies the bravery and honour

of our Armed Forces, and importantly, encourages people to remember their sacrifices.'

Help for veterans

Since November 2008, war veterans have been able to travel on the Tube, DLR, Overground, London's buses and trams for free with a Veterans Oyster photocard as part of the Mayor's Veterans concessionary travel scheme.

More than 5,710 Veterans Oyster photocards have been issued. This scheme is particularly beneficial to veterans who live in London and are not yet eligible for a 60+ London Oyster photocard or a Freedom Pass.

Travel update

TfL worked hard to ensure the transport network functioned as well as possible during yesterday's storm.

Tube, DLR and Tramlink services started as normal and extra staff were on hand to ensure delays were quickly resolved. On roads, more staff were in place including traffic management specialists and teams to deal with falling trees or branches and local flooding.

■ For realtime travel information, go to tfl.gov.uk

Safer travel for schools

SCHOOLS across the capital were invited to City Hall for a special awards ceremony to celebrate their success in getting pupils to walk and cycle to and from school.

The annual event is part of Transport for London's (TfL's) STARS programme, which recognises the efforts schools make to promote safe, active and responsible travel. It brings together the highest performing schools across the capital that have achieved outstanding results. Schools who have achieved the top levels of accreditation – Silver and Gold level – on average have a six

per cent increase in walking over the last ten years and a two per cent rise in cycling.

Participating schools can achieve Bronze, Silver and Gold accreditation based on the number of travel initiatives they introduce and their effectiveness in getting people to stop using cars for school journeys. More than 1,200 primary and secondary schools in London (40 per cent) have earned STARS accreditation.

■ For more information on STARS and the activities TfL offers to schools and young people, visit tfl.gov.uk/younglondon

Tube improvement plan – post weekend update



Central line: More than 140 metres of track and two sets of points were replaced at Leytonstone. Platform improvement work also continued Buckhurst Hill.

District line: Around 360 metres of drainage was improved at Elm Park.

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