



Leaves on the line. Again?
It's no joke, but we're on the case.

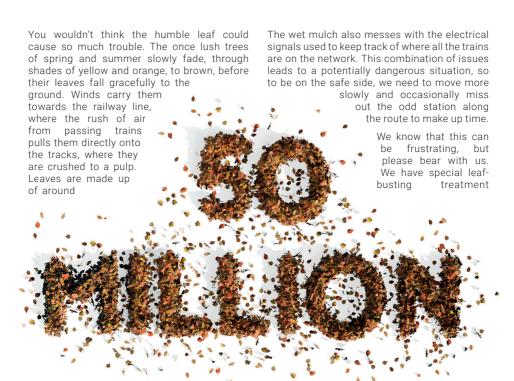
This autumn we'll be clearing 50 million leaves from the line to keep trains running on time.

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80% water, with the rest made up of a complex combination of other substances including pectin, cellulose, and a type of fatty acid that, when compressed, have a lubricating effect.

When this happens on train tracks, it's essentially like coating them with Teflon, and the steel wheels struggle to grip the steel tracks. Braking distance can more than double, with trains taking up to 1000 metres to stop.

trains running throughout autumn that clean the rails using water jets and then apply a sandbased gel to them to help trains grip the rails.

And teams working around the clock using specialist machines to clean the railhead (the top of the rails). It's an arduous task, but trust us, we're on it and working hard to minimise disruptions to your journeys.

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But we're on the case and will be clearing the
tracks to keep trains running on time.

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