



# Safety NET-works

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**Bonfire Night Safety Edition**

## Ash Denham, Minister for Community Safety

### Guest Article on Fireworks and Bonfire Night

Since taking up my role as Minister for Community Safety at the end of June, one of my priorities has been the work to prevent and deter firework misuse and other bonfire night-related antisocial behaviour.

Last November we saw completely unacceptable scenes in the run-up to bonfire night, including fireworks being thrown at members of our emergency services. As that time of year approaches again colleagues involved in community safety across Scotland are working hard to prepare and I have been greatly encouraged by the positive partnership work I have seen and heard about.



The worst incidents of violence and antisocial behaviour last year occurred in Edinburgh, and on 5 October I met with representatives of the local Community Safety Partnership, including members of the police, the fire service and the local council. This was a great opportunity to hear about the lessons learned from last year, and all of the positive multi-agency work underway to plan and prepare for this November. In particular I was struck by the focus on working in and with local communities to educate young people, and to deter and divert those individuals known to be most associated with antisocial behaviour.

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### Film Screening: Resilience:

**The biology of stress and the science of hope - see page 3**

### UK wide Day of Action Against Rural Crime

As part of the NPCC Wildlife Crime and Rural Affairs Working Group on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018** there will be a UK Wide **'Day of Action Against Rural Crime'**.

The ask is that each and every force participates by conducting proactive rural crime operations focussing on those rural crime issues relevant to your home force.

All action is welcome, enforcement, prevention, collaboration, encourage colleagues and partners, let's get out there and make a difference for our rural communities.

On the day please take every opportunity to publicise this day of action through your own force media and communication departments but also through Social Media using the following hashtags:

**#ruralcrime**

**#ukruralcrimedayofaction**

**Bonfire/Fireworks Safety**

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## SCSN welcomes new staff!

Now we are six (for a while). SCSNs best assets are our people. Because most of our work involves communicating, visiting, influencing, joining up across the increasing community safety landscape, we are delighted to have grown (at least temporarily) to six.

Tricia Spacey joins us until March 2019 to help us support our commitment to the Building Safer Communities ambition. Tricia hails from Fife Council's Safer Communities Team, where she is Team Manager with responsibility for community justice and unintentional harm. Tricia would be keen to hear from you about local links with national programmes as well as ideas on how community safety practitioners can get together more to share learning and take forward ideas please contact her on [tricia.spacey@scsn.org.uk](mailto:tricia.spacey@scsn.org.uk)

We are really pleased to be cementing our relationship with Edinburgh University by supporting an intern placement from the School of Social Studies and Politics. Lisa Brodie will be completing her dissertation project with us and will be focusing on the policy frameworks and relationships that making Community Safety such an important issue. You can contact Lisa on [lisa.brodie@scsn.org.uk](mailto:lisa.brodie@scsn.org.uk).

## PB Learning Report to be published soon!

We will shortly be publishing our latest learning report from our recent Participatory Budgeting #SCSNMasterclass events held in June and October. Keep an eye out on our website and social media for these.

## Question of the Month

As we had taken the decision to publish a Bonfire Night Safety Edition of the newsletter this month and only shortly after our last newsletter was published, we wanted to give people the chance to continue to answer our last Question of the Month.

The Question came from Oliver Escobar of Edinburgh University. He was our 60 second interviewee for October and he wanted to know what difference the Community Empowerment Act was making locally. You can download a copy of our October newsletter [here](#) to read his article.

To take part in our poll, click [here](#).



**Is the community empowerment act making a difference in your context?**

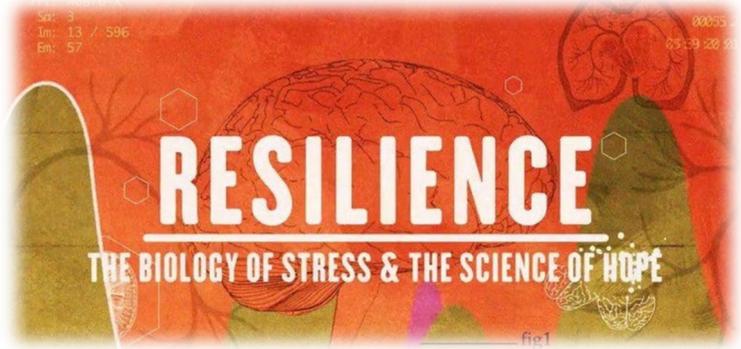
## The must-see film arrives in Edinburgh

*There are particular experiences in childhood (Adverse Childhood Experiences or ACEs) which can alter brain development and have lifelong effects on health and behaviour; people who experience multiple ACEs are more likely to engage in risk taking behaviours which are harmful to health and sometimes associated with criminal behaviour.*

*However not all people who experience adverse or traumatic childhoods become victims and/or perpetrators of crime. Understanding why some children do well despite early adverse experiences is crucial and should be used to inform policy and practise to help more children reach their potential and reduce crime and victimisation.*

**SCSN and The ALLIANCE invite you to come along to this screening of the film 'Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope.'**

This is an hour-long ground-breaking documentary looking at the links between Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and poorer life outcomes. It chronicles the beginnings of a national movement to prevent childhood trauma, treat Toxic Stress, and help the next generation to break the cycle of adversity and improve future wellbeing. This screening will have a particular focus on the safer communities and justice aspect of ACEs and trauma-informed practice.



The film screening will be followed by a panel discussion and an opportunity to hear about the current activity surrounding adverse childhood experiences and reflect on what it means to you in the context of your role and organisation.

**Hosted by** The ALLIANCE and the Scottish Community Safety Network

**With support from** Scottish Government, RoSPA, LinkUp and Citadel Youth Centre.

**Venue:** Citadel Youth Centre in Leith, Edinburgh (175 Commercial Street EH6 6JE)

**Time:** 1-4.30pm

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Cost:** FREE but booking is essential

### **Panel:**

A panel of experts drawn from the various partner organisations will then hold a discussion and take questions.

Book your place or ask any questions by emailing [info@scsn.org.uk](mailto:info@scsn.org.uk)

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## SCSN is now actively using Youtube!!

As part of our commitment to using technology and to address rural isolation of some members, and as a fulfilment of a long term aim of our Marketing and Communications Action Plans, SCSN is now actively using Youtube to create and share videos from our events. The Youtube account is very much a work in progress, but we hope that it will allow those who can't always make our events to be able to view and listen to presentations given by experts, allow us to conduct and share physical interviews with those working in community safety - and provide another means of interacting with SCSN for our members and stakeholders.

Our first new videos come from our recent Measuring Outcomes in Complex Systems Events. You can watch presentations by Dr. Toby Lowe of Newcastle University, and Elaine Wilson of the Corra Foundation.

Visit or subscribe to the SCSN Youtube channel [here](#).



## Focus on Bonfire Night

At the national level, the Scottish Government has been working with Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, as well as the related Inspectorates HMICS and HMFSI, to review any change in trends around bonfire night offences, and to identify any further work that can be progressed to address this completely unacceptable behaviour. The Inspectorates' findings can be seen in their [Bonfire Night 2017: briefing paper](#).

Legislation around the sale of fireworks is reserved and I have been engaged with my Westminster counterpart on this issue. In September I wrote to the UK Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Corporate Responsibility to request an update on any actions following a Westminster debate on fireworks that took place in January. I have been reassured that the Office for Product Safety and Standards are reviewing the guidance materials available to consumers on the safe and responsible use of fireworks.

Bonfire Night is of course a time for celebration and the vast majority of people will enjoy fireworks in a safe and responsible way. The best way to do this is at an organised event: the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service have compiled a [list of organised public fireworks displays across the country](#) so that people can find an event in their local area. I would encourage all community safety partners to promote this message and direct members of the public to attend local, organised displays.

Finally, I recently wrote to all Community Safety Partnerships to pass on my support for all their efforts to promote the safe and responsible use of fireworks, and to welcome any views on potential areas for improvement. I would again echo that message of support to all community safety partners for their hard work in preparing for a safe and peaceful Bonfire Night 2018.

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### **ROSPA: Fireworks, Sparklers and Bonfire Safety**



Despite annual safety warnings, firework celebrations still end in painful injuries for too many people, including very young children.

Yet fireworks can be great fun for families, not just around November 5 (Bonfire Night/Guy Fawkes Night), but also Diwali, New Year's Eve and Chinese New Year.

Injury figures support the advice that the safest place to enjoy fireworks is at a large public display - far fewer people are injured here than at smaller family or private parties.

But if you'll be having a firework party at home, you can make the occasion fun and safe for everyone by following the Firework Code, as well as some sparkler and bonfire safety tips.

You can find some really useful fireworks, sparklers and bonfire safety tips on the [ROSPA website](#), as well as viewing a Fireworks safety video [here](#).

The ROSPA website also provides relevant resources for professionals and links to information on what to do with dogs and for those who may suffer PTSD triggered by fireworks.

## Bonfire Night/Weekend Campaign Round Up:

# Misuse of fireworks puts people and property at risk

You can help keep your community safe by telling our charity who is responsible.

**Speak up. Stay safe.**

[crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org)



Crimestoppers Trust is a registered charity. UK Registration Nos. 1108687/SC037960.

Scotland

**CrimeStoppers.**

**0800 555 111**

100% anonymous. Always.

# What is fireworks misuse?

- Possessing fireworks whilst aged under 18
- Selling fireworks to anyone aged under 18
- Letting off fireworks between 11pm and 7am (midnight on Bonfire Night)
- Throwing or setting off fireworks in a public place
- Causing suffering to animals

**If you know someone who is misusing fireworks or causing deliberate fires, please contact our charity 100% anonymously.**

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## Organised Fireworks Displays 2018

If you are looking to enjoy fireworks this year why not go to a safe, organised public display? You'll save money on buying fireworks and you'll see a much more spectacular display!

The period around Nov 5<sup>th</sup> is traditionally one of the busiest for our fire crews. Scotland need's its firefighters for real emergencies. Attending bonfires can cost life saving minutes getting to a house fire.

This year the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has produced a list of organised public fireworks displays in the North, East and West of Scotland.

[Find your nearest organised local display](#)

If you know of another organised fireworks display which isn't on our list please let us know! Email [SFRS.P&P@firescotland.gov.uk](mailto:SFRS.P&P@firescotland.gov.uk)



## Are you a teacher, youth worker or do you run a local community group?

If so, you can help the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to reduce the risk of injury to our children and young people by raising their awareness of the serious dangers associated with fireworks and bonfires.

You can find a [powerpoint presentation](#) and lesson plan designed for young people from P6 to S1. The presentation should not be delivered to pupils out with this age range.

Further fire safety information and teaching resources for young people is available from [Go Safe Scotland](#).

The [UK Government website](#) also provides a range of resources to support you to deliver key safety messages.

For further information please contact your [local fire station](#).

## Alcohol Awareness Week 2018 19-25 November



Every year, Alcohol Concern runs a campaign around Alcohol Awareness Week. Scotland has a problematic relationship with alcohol and this has many implications for those working in the community safety sector, with a majority of violent crimes and sexual assaults being perpetrated by those under the influence of alcohol, and high numbers of hospital admissions due to unintentional injury due to alcohol use. This year's campaign theme is 'Change'.

### **Change is necessary.**

Too often drinking is an expectation, not a choice. Across the UK, people are suffering as a result of their own or others' drinking – and not enough specialist support is available to help them.

### **Change is possible.**

Let's start by making changes in our own lives; are you drinking too much? Make a change today. For those who need help to reduce their drinking, change is possible too. Properly funded and managed well, the treatment sector can change lives.

### **Change is happening.**

Millions of people choose to drink more healthily or stop drinking each year, and their lives and the lives of those around them change as a result. There's great practice happening in the treatment sector across the country. And organisations and charities are campaigning for system-wide change so fewer people are harmed by alcohol.

You can find more information on the [Alcohol Concern website](#), including resources and tools for sharing around Alcohol Awareness Week in order to help make your communities safer.

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## Scottish Co-production Week 2018

Co-production Week Scotland is a chance to learn, discuss and celebrate how co-production puts people and communities at the heart of the support and services they're part of.

This year the Scottish Co-production Network want to make co-production all about the stories, big and small, that you can tell about co-production.



Stories are a key part of how we learn and sharing them with each other helps us make connections, as well as understanding the opportunities and challenges we face together.

The Network has been developing [100 Stories of Co-production](#) over recent months, building on a set of stories which show the relationships, ideas and, sometimes problems that can crop up.

For more information on Scottish Co-production Week and how you can get involved, visit their website [here](#).

## Renewed calls for 20mph speed limit in urban areas

Transport Scotland Statisticians have released the final figures for Reported Road Casualties 2017. The figures show the total number of casualties fell by 14 per cent between 2016 and 2017 from 10,905 to 9,428, the lowest number since records began. The number of fatalities fell by 24% from 191 in 2016 to 146 in 2017 and the number of people seriously injured also fell by six per cent from 1699 in 2016 to 1,589 in 2017.

The figures also show that, in 2017, there were 901 child casualties in reported road accidents, a decrease of 10 per cent since 2016 (999), these figures include two fatalities, which is 10 less fatalities than in 2016 and 152 children who were seriously injured, down from 167 in 2016.

There were three fewer pedal cyclists killed than in 2016 and 6 more pedestrian fatalities. There was also one less motorcyclist killed and forty one fewer car user fatalities.

The publication includes a summary of findings, commentary on the analysis, statistical tables and articles covering: Progress towards the casualty reduction targets for 2020 and analysis of contributory factors.

Despite the encouraging figures across a range of areas, there was a rise in the number of fatalities of pedestrians from 32 to 38 and an increase in serious injuries to cyclists, leading to calls for the introduction of a 20mph limit in all urban area.

There are also new factsheets available online providing summary information about car users, pedal cyclists, pedestrians, motorcycles, HGVs and LGVs.

The publication and factsheets can be accessed [here](#).

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### Electrical Fire Safety Week 2018: 21-27 November



Each year, Electrical Safety First works with the Government's Fire Kills campaign to promote electrical fire safety in the home. In 2016, Electrical Fire Safety Week runs from 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November.

Over half of all accidental house fires are caused by electricity. And nine out of ten electrical fires are caused by electrical products. During Electrical Fire Safety Week we

work closely with Fire & Rescue Services across the UK to raise awareness of electrical fire risks and the simple steps that people can take to avoid a devastating fire in their homes.

Their campaigns offer general safety messages as well as focusing on areas in the home and specific types of product that offer a particular risk.

You can follow the campaign on social media with the hashtag #EFSW

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