



Community Safety



Media Monitor

Community Safety in the Media - October 2020

Fly-tipping

Hazardous waste dumped on Scots farm shows 'major flaws' in Scotland's fly-tipping response

A large quantity of asbestos sheets dumped on a Scottish farm has shown the "major flaws" that exist in Scotland's fly-tipping regulations, the National Farmers Union has said.

Farmer John Jamieson was left facing a four-figure bill to have the extremely hazardous material cleared after it was dumped on his farm near Annan in the early hours of Friday morning. - <https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/18808910.hazardous-waste-dumped-scots-farm-shows-major-flaws-scotlands-fly-tipping-response/>

Anti-social behaviour

Haddington anti-social behaviour: Police pledge 'zero tolerance'

"A ZERO tolerance" approach is being taken in a bid to address anti-social behaviour in Haddington town centre.

Police Scotland, East Lothian Council and other groups are working together to tackle the issue. Joint police and council advisory letters are being sent to parents and carers whose children have been identified as being in areas associated with anti-social behaviour. - <https://www.eastlothiancourier.com/news/18797682.haddington-anti-social-behaviour-police-pledge-zero-tolerance/>

Road Safety

Less than half of UK drivers understand smart motorway rules

New report reveals "concerning" lack of knowledge among drivers. Less than half of [drivers](#) in the UK understand smart [motorway](#) rules, according to new research published this week. A study by road safety charity [Brake](#) and breakdown recovery service [Green Flag](#) found just 48 percent of the 2,000 drivers quizzed knew the rules of the road on smart motorways. - <https://www.msn.com/en-gb/cars/news/less-than-half-of-uk-drivers-understand-smart-motorway-rules/ar-BB1aBKgN>

Dangerous driving reports soar 78% in wake of lockdown

Reports from the public of dangerous driving have jumped by more than three-quarters since the end of the nationwide lockdown, according to new data.

Since motorists began returning to the roads the National Dash Cam Safety Portal has seen a surge in reports and footage submitted to police via its web service. - <https://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/cars/dangerous-driving-reports-soar-78-cent-wake-lockdown-3020157>

Fatalities creep up on Scotland's roads, but injuries down significantly

There were 165 deaths on Scotland's roads last year, new figures have revealed, four more than in the previous years.

However, the finalised statistics from Transport Scotland revealed that there was a substantial reduction in the number of people injured. - <https://www.thenational.scot/news/18827877.fatalities-creep-scotlands-roads-injuries-significantly/>

Home Safety

Scottish Government smoke alarm scheme delay

Numerous Largs and Millport residents have raised concerns about the new smoke alarm legislation to be installed in households by early 2021.

Cunninghame North MSP Kenneth Gibson said many constituents have been in touch with him in relation to the scheme. The new legislation which requires all homes to have interlinked smoke and carbon monoxide alarms will be delayed until February 2022. - <https://www.largsandmillportnews.com/news/18839099.scottish-government-smoke-alarm-scheme-delay/>

Domestic Violence

Comment Piece: Focussing on men who kill women leaves little room for their victims

The world is fascinated by the men who kill women. We see it in the Hollywood films or the meticulously stylised TV series that make real and fictional serial killers into menacing but seductive heartthrobs. We see it in the burgeoning true crime documentary section on your favourite streaming service. We see it in the media reports that vacillate between salacious horror and fawning sympathy for men who have been convicted of the most violent, misogynistic crimes. - <https://www.thenational.scot/news/18837363.focusing-men-kill-women-leaves-little-room-victims/>

Policing

Comment Piece: This is what it's like to be a black female police officer in the UK today

Around five months ago, the world was rocked for a second time this year. If 25 May doesn't ring an immediate bell, the name [George Floyd](#) will. The date marks his tragic and significant passing that sparked a global swell of support for the [Black Lives Matter movement](#), in the midst of a [life-changing pandemic](#). Protests around the world ensued. Incidents of police-conducted violence in America were caught on camera and here in the UK a seismic shift was felt too, as [conversations about racial equality](#) began taking place – with many joining in for the first time ever. - <https://www.cosmopolitan.com/uk/reports/a33500356/black-police-officer-uk/>

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