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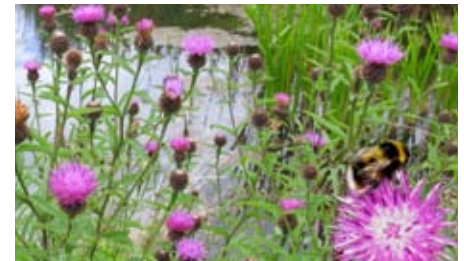
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Cutty Sark reopens

Conservation of nineteenth-century tea clipper completed

One of Britain's greatest maritime treasures was officially reopened by The Queen following an extensive conservation project.

The Cutty Sark, the world's last surviving tea clipper which was launched in 1869, will open to visitors for the first time since 2006.

The complex conservation project was funded by a number of organisations including £5 million of support from DCMS and £25 million of lottery money from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The ship will now come under the operational management of Royal Museums Greenwich (RMG).

Culture Minister Ed Vaizey, who visited the ship this morning alongside Heritage Minister John Penrose, said the restoration was an "incredible achievement".

"It is very fitting that this extraordinary example of British design and ingenuity should be reopened in time for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games,"

Mr Vaizey added. "We owe a debt of gratitude to everyone who has made this restoration possible, whether directly or through the National Lottery, and my personal thanks go to Lord Sterling for the leadership he has shown as Chair of the Cutty Sark Trust. I am delighted that DCMS has been able to play its

part with a grant of £5m to support this remarkable project."

Lord Sterling, Chairman of RMG and the Cutty Sark Trust said: "Cutty Sark holds a unique place in the heart for the people of Greenwich, Great Britain and indeed the rest of the world, and it is splendid that she is re-joining the London skyline once again."

Visitors will be able to walk underneath the Cutty Sark for the first time as the ship has been raised 11 feet into the air to relieve the keel of the weight of the ship and preserve her unique shape. Inside the ship, they can explore new interactive exhibitions.

Accelerating progress on clean energy

Energy ministers meet in London to advance international cooperation on clean energy

Ministers from 23 leading economies are gathering in London on 25 - 26 April to explore ways to enhance collaboration on clean energy.

The Clean Energy Ministerial is being co-chaired by UK Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change Edward Davey and US Secretary of Energy Steven Chu.

Alongside the talks, Ed Davey will sign a number of bilateral agreements with counterparts from other governments to work in collaboration over the coming years.

The UK and US will agree to collaborate in the development of floating wind technology designed to generate power in deep waters currently off limits to conventional turbines but where the wind is much stronger.

Secretary of State Ed Davey said:

“We need to commit to our vision of a cleaner future - and show people what that future will hold.

“The benefits that clean energy will bring, for those who need it - and those who develop it.

“Each of the nations represented here today - and many more - are finding their own path to a cleaner future. Emerging economies

and energy-rich nations alike are embracing the low-carbon shift.

“The Clean Energy Ministerial is about learning from those who are leading.”

Read the full speech

The 11 main themes covered at the CEM3 will include: energy efficiency, appliances, buildings/ industry, electric vehicles, bioenergy, carbon capture and storage, hydropower, solar, wind, energy access and smart grids. There is a special emphasis on clean energy entrepreneurs and encouraging women to enter the sector.

Death certification reforms update

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Health Secretary Andrew Lansley has written to the Death Certification National Steering Group members to advise that the full implementation of the proposed new local medical examiner (ME) service has been delayed until April 2014.

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 includes provision for responsibility for the new local ME service to sit with local authorities (LAs).

LAs are already responsible for the coroners services and registrars, and this will be complemented by their new role in public health. Pilots have demonstrated that the new system operates effectively in a range of settings in:

- hospital
- the community
- urban and rural areas.

An advantage to extending the timetable is it will allow work to be extended on two sites to show that it can also work at scale, and can accommodate the particular complexities and sensitivities of neonatal and child deaths.



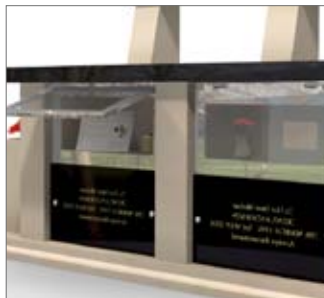
Memorial bench standard model



Memorial bench with extended base plinth and planters



Memorial bench with full niche and planter specification



Niche and Keepsake arrangement



Keepsake niche option

Chiltern Memorial Bench Collection

Memorial benches that grow with your needs

The **welters**® Chiltern Memorial Bench provides a range of affordable solutions for commemorative and memorial seating arrangements.

The memorial bench collection comprises a range of options beginning with the standard bench and plinth arrangement with two inscription plaques on the back rest. Upgraded versions include end planters and extended base plinth.

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Made in England

The Chiltern Memorial Bench Collection is manufactured in **welters**® UK factory using high quality stone and polished granite creating an adaptable and elegant addition to their furniture range.

New proposals to tackle crimes at sea

The IMO has agreed to a proposal to develop guidelines addressing concerns related to crimes at sea.

The United Nations' International Maritime Organization (IMO) has agreed to a proposal put forward by the United Kingdom, Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), and the Philippines to develop guidelines to address concerns related to alleged serious crimes and persons missing at sea. All twenty four delegations that spoke after the proposal had been presented expressed their appreciation and supported it without exception.

Building upon an earlier proposal from CLIA, the United Kingdom led a coalition of government and industry stakeholders in support of the proposal.

UK Shipping Minister, Mike Penning said:

"Taking a cruise should be a safe and enjoyable experience. However we have been reminded in recent years that crime exists at sea as it does on land, and we should be certain that there are effective mechanisms in place to respond to this. I am grateful to those at the IMO, our partners CLIA and the Philippines for their help in making such valuable progress. I would now urge all other flag states to get behind this important proposal."

CLIA President and CEO, Christine Duffy, said:

"CLIA greatly appreciates the extensive leadership and commitment of Minister Penning, the United Kingdom, and the Philippines

in advancing this important proposal to governments."

Key elements of the proposal included: preservation of evidence; medical and pastoral care for victims; effective and timely reporting to governments; and cooperation between governments with regard to investigations.

The technical work necessary to complete the guidelines will begin immediately and will be led by the United Kingdom who will work with other Member States of the IMO to ensure that the development of guidelines are proportionate for different ships types and without excessive burden to the Master and crew, a crucial element will be consultation and input from CLIA and other organizations with specialized expertise and consultative status within the IMO.

The science of Antarctica

Universities and Science Minister David Willetts saw how British scientists are contributing to the truly international effort to help adapt to climate change when he visited the British Antarctic Survey's base at Rothera in Antarctica.

This visit was a unique opportunity for the Minister to see for himself how British scientists are contributing to the truly international effort to help adapt to climate change, and to see its impacts first hand.

100 years after Scott's return from the South Pole, British scientists remain part of a unique global laboratory for science, with the British Antarctic Survey delivering a £40 million per year world class science programme.



Largest digital TV switchover takes place

90 per cent of the UK now getting improved service

The largest part of the switchover to digital television will be completed today as the London TV region goes digital.

Nearly five million homes across Greater London and parts of the Home Counties - almost 12 million TV sets - will now benefit from extra channels and better picture quality.

It means almost 90 per cent of UK households will be covered, with the final switchover taking place in Northern Ireland on 24 October.

“The London switchover has been the biggest undertaken in the UK so far, with almost 12 million viewers now receiving a

better picture quality, fantastic new channels and a range of exciting extra services,” Communications Minister Ed Vaizey said.

“By Autumn, the last few remaining regions will make the change to an all-digital future and I’m delighted at how smooth the process has been to date.”

DCMS has been working with industry since 2001 to mastermind the switchover and set the timetable for the UK to move to digital-only television, one region at a time, between 2008 and 2012.

At Government’s request, broadcasters set up the independent, not-for-profit company Digital UK to lead the switchover.



UK should have best superfast broadband in Europe

Broadband providers will be given a call to action by Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt

Mr Hunt will be speaking at a Government-hosted conference to discuss the best tactics for rolling out universal and superfast broadband across the UK. He will tell providers they need to work together to find new, cheaper ways to deliver the networks.

Ahead of the event he said: “By the end of this Parliament, this country should boast the best superfast broadband in Europe and be up there with the very best in the world.”

Also tomorrow Broadband Delivery UK, set up to deliver the Government’s broadband objectives, will launch a project to research the barriers to broadband in rural areas. And the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills will publish a document on infrastructure sharing between telecoms and other utility companies.

Moths and Midges in flight



Nature

Child deaths drop by 4 million

A new report from UNICEF and Save the Children highlights improvements for millions of children, identifying international aid as a key driver of change.

Over four million fewer children under 5 are dying each year than in 1990.

There were 56 million more children enrolled in school between 1999 and 2009 and 131 countries now have more than 90% immunisation coverage for diphtheria, tetanus and major preventable childhood diseases.

Aid is one of six key factors identified in the report as driving marked improvements in child wellbeing and survival. The worldwide study is based on independent research by the Overseas Development Institute over the last two

decades. Other key factors driving these improvements are commitment and leadership from national governments; social investment and economic growth; well-planned programmes which target the most marginalised groups; and technology and innovation.

Responding to the report, International Development Secretary Andrew Mitchell said:

“This research is further proof that well-spent aid can - and does - save the lives of the world’s poorest people, many of them children.

“It is vital that others follow the UK’s lead and stick to their promises to save further lives.”

The British Government is committed to spending 0.7% of Gross National Income (GNI) on international development from 2013.

Save the Children, Chief Executive Justin Forsyth said:

“This report clearly demonstrates the positive impact of well-targeted aid, which aligns with national governments’ strategies.

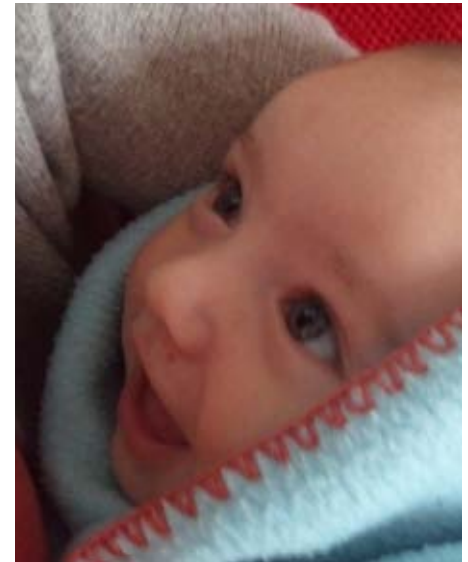
“Millions more children are now surviving beyond their fifth birthday thanks to aid, economic growth and good government policy.

“Where funding gaps exist - for example for primary education or child health - aid can make all the difference.”

David Bull, UNICEF’s UK Executive Director, said:

“This research is great news for children. But millions are still not being reached and are suffering. We must now redouble our efforts, focus on the most disadvantaged children and defend our overseas aid policy at a time when it is coming under increasing pressure.

There is only one chance at childhood and we must not allow the economic crisis and funding shortages to harm children.”



New fund to invest at least £40m in UK companies

The new fund - Notion Capital - is the eleventh, and largest, Enterprise Capital Fund and £62.9m has already been committed to it from the first funding round. This includes substantial commitments from private investors, the Government and the European Investment Fund (EIF). The Notion Capital fund will target emerging, high-growth cloud computing and Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) companies.

Business and Enterprise Minister Mark Prisk said:

“It is absolutely vital that ambitious small firms can access the finance they need to expand and grow, and this new Enterprise Capital Fund will provide at least £40m of funding

to viable UK high-tech businesses.

“Notion Capital is the largest Enterprise Capital Fund to date and will help a significant number of firms to grow and create jobs, boosting our economy.”

Enterprise Capital Funds were established to address a market weakness in the provision of equity finance to SMEs. Government money is used alongside private sector funds to establish overall funds that target investments in SMEs of up to £2m.

Rory Earley, CEO of Capital for Enterprise Limited said:

“We have been very impressed by the ability of the Notion Capital team to bring to bear their extensive

entrepreneurial and operational experience to enhance the businesses in which they invest.

“We are delighted that the team has reached first close with £62.9m in investor commitments. This result demonstrates the strength of the Enterprise Capital Fund programme and in particular the attractiveness of the Notion Capital fund.”

John Holloway, Director Transaction and Relationship Management at the European Investment Fund said:

“A key aim of EIF is to support emerging fund managers in their development towards established market participants. With a first closing at £62.9m, EIF is not alone in recognising the merits of Notion Capital’s strategy underpinned by

their demonstrated ability to create value in their target market”.

Notion Capital has a pan-European focus and will invest at least £40m in the UK, which means that the total investment guaranteed for UK companies is higher than for any previous Enterprise Capital Fund.

The Government has committed a total of £200m to the Enterprise Capital Fund programme in the four years up until 2014/15, and further funds will be announced in due course.





The Majestic Memorial Mausolea

The Majestic Memorial Mausolea provides space for four cremated remains interments.

The Memorials can be installed in a variety of configurations and material options.

The Majestic Memorial Mausolea is a system which can be specified with a range of materials ranging from stainless steel and brass to granite and marble of a variety of colours. The stone category option is produced from locally quarried Cumbrian and Scottish sources.





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Career Opportunities

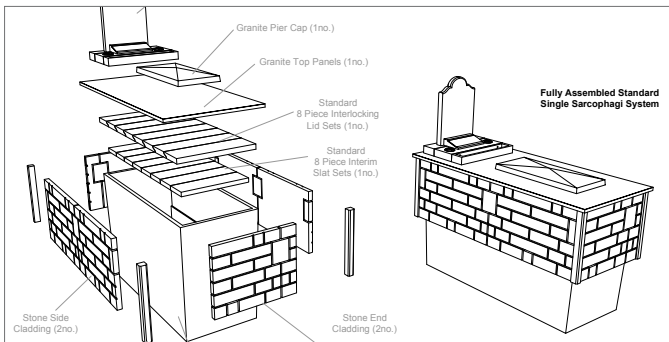
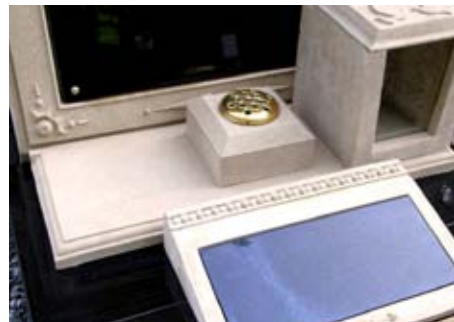
welters® are seeking motivated and enthusiastic people to join their expanding organisation.

Opportunities are being created across all departments with full, part time and freelance positions now available covering all aspects of activities from administration and sales, to technical, design, marketing and consultative posts as well as factory based production and development work and peripatetic site construction and support work.

Positions are not restricted locally either with **welters®** recognising the advantages of recruiting talented individuals worldwide as remote working contributors to the organisation.

welters® are a progressive company providing a challenging and varied working environment. Enquiries should be submitted in writing to admin@welters-worldwide.com









Wearing of Christian symbols at work

Eric Pickles, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, responds to misleading media reports that the Government favours banning the wearing of Christian symbols in workplaces.

“We should be concerned about any move to strip individuals of their right to celebrate who they are. For some Christians, wearing a crucifix or cross or carrying a rosary is very much part of their faith, although it is a personal choice and not a formal requirement of their religion.

“The issue is not whether faith perspectives and religious voices should be included and tolerated in the public sphere, for that right is incontestable, but

the manner in which such a right is exercised and any restrictions that may be necessary to impose on that right.

“It is reasonable, and lawful, for Christians to wear a discreet symbol of their faith as long as this does not get in the way of their work. Indeed, given the massive contribution of Christians to our country over centuries, it is to be welcomed.

“Where religious symbols do not physically interfere with a person’s work but employers have instituted dress codes prohibiting them, employees have good grounds to ask for the code to be reconsidered. We urge employers to be flexible.

£20million marine scheme now open

Government has today launched its eagerly awaited £20 million Marine Energy Array Demonstrator scheme (MEAD). This scheme will support up to 2 pre-commercial projects to demonstrate the operation of wave and/or tidal devices in array formation over a period of time. Organisations across the UK will be able to bid for a share of the £20million announced last summer helping spur on growth in this exciting new sector.

Marine power has huge potential and the UK is already leading the way for the rest of the world to follow. Generating energy from the power of waves or tides could provide up to 20% of current UK electricity demand and also help cut carbon emissions and support

thousands of UK jobs.

Energy and Climate Change Minister Greg Barker said: “This scheme will help move marine power to the next stage of development, the demonstration of a number of wave and tidal devices in array formation out at sea. This will take us one vital step closer to realising our ambitions of generating electricity from the waves and tides, powering homes and businesses across the whole of the UK with clean, green electricity.”

The up to £20million MEAD scheme is part of a co-ordinated programme of innovation support for marine technology being delivered by the Low Carbon Innovation Co-ordination Group (LCICG).

Winning bids will be announced by Government towards the end of the year.

The Devil's in Your Details

Protect our personal information, a campaign launched by the National Fraud Authority, Telecommunications UK Fraud Forum (TUFF) and Financial Fraud Action UK

Your personal information is valuable, so protect it, is the main theme of the campaign launched by the National Fraud Authority, Telecommunications UK Fraud Forum (TUFF) and Financial Fraud Action UK - the name under which the financial services industry coordinates its fraud prevention activity.

'The Devil's in Your Details' campaign aims to raise awareness of the importance of protecting personal information and remind the public to check who they share their details with is genuine, whether

this be on the phone, in person or online.

The campaign encourages consumers to suspect anyone or anything they are uncertain about, to keep asking questions and to challenge or end an engagement if it feels uncomfortable.

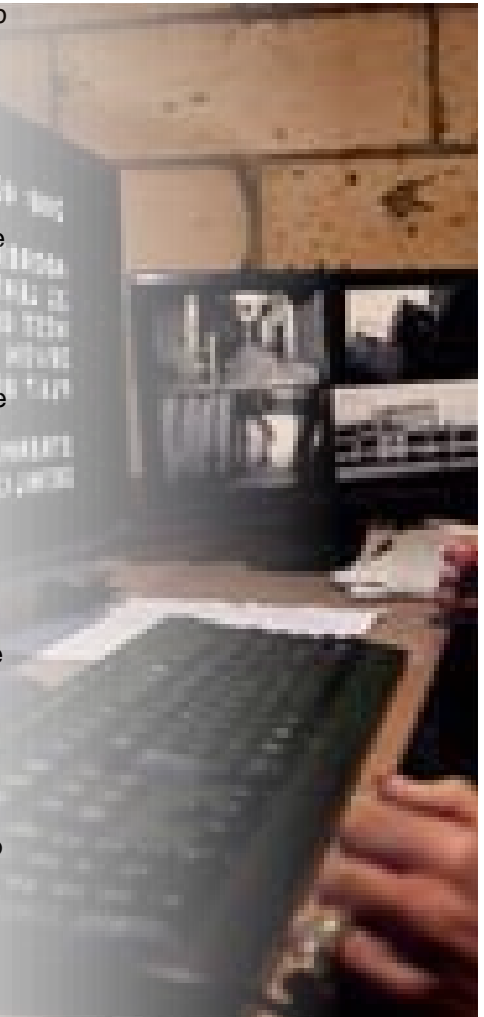
Although everyone needs to take care of their personal information, two groups in particular are being targeted within this campaign - 35-55 year old women and 18-25 year old men and women.

Both groups use their personal information regularly to conduct their day to day lives whether it's for online shopping or keeping up with friends on social networking sites. The campaign has two

videos and a Facebook app designed to highlight what to look out for and where to go to find advice.

A key message of the campaign is to keep SAFE: suspect anything or anyone you don't know - no matter what or who they claim to be ask questions. Whatever a fraudster tries, you have the power to stay in control find out for certain who you're dealing with. Challenge anything that seems suspect end situations that make you uncomfortable. If you feel threatened, contact the police find out more about The Devil's in Your Details campaign.

Find out more about how to report fraud on the action fraud website <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/thedevilsinyourdetails>



£750,000 boost for turning ideas into business reality

Winning projects come from areas such as healthcare and computer games design to intellectual property valuation and social enterprise, with one notable winner being the University of the West of England's (UWE) "Bloodhound@University" project which received £80,000 in funding from the Intellectual Property Office.



"Bloodhound@University" is part of the prestigious Bloodhound SSC world land speed record project which will create novel technologies and processes to achieve its goal of 1,000mph.

UWE have designed the 'Bloodhound Open Access User Community Model' where intellectual property generated from the innovative design/engineering will, via Higher Education Institutions and open-source methods, be made available to UK manufacturing, mainly to small and medium enterprises. This will help to improve the manufacturing competitiveness of UK industry.

Announcing the successful projects, the Minister for Intellectual Property, Baroness Wilcox said:

"I am delighted to reward these projects for their role in helping hubs of innovation in UK universities to harness the intellectual property derived from their leading research and to collaborate with our most innovative and

responsive industries.

Bridging the gap between innovation and industry is key, and is vital for the UK's continued growth, and these projects do just that. I look forward to seeing the real difference this year's winners will bring to university and industry relationships."

Following on from the highly successful 2011 competition, the 2012 Fast Forward Competition provides individual projects with funding ranging from £10,000 to £90,000. The money is awarded to encourage innovative approaches to knowledge transfer from university research to real world products and services.

The competition was open to UK universities and Public Sector Research Establishments and saw over 50 entries with 13 projects standing out as worthy of financial support.

Britain open for business

Jeremy Hunt is visiting India with the Prime Minister as part of a high-powered delegation of senior government ministers and leading figures from business, industry, arts, media and sport.

The delegation will visit the key political, trade and investment hubs of Bangalore, Mumbai, Delhi and Chennai to demonstrate that Britain is one of the best countries in the world for inward investment.

This is the first step in realising the Government's commitment to build an enhanced long-term trading relationship between the UK and India.

Today Jeremy Hunt is joining Premier League Chief Executive Richard Scudamore on a visit to a Magic Bus site in Delhi where they will see for themselves how coaches trained by Magic Bus are empowering children living in difficult circumstances.

India is one of the fastest-growing economies in the world and with 700 out of the 1,200 Indian firms in the EU operating from the UK, building on this relationship will have lasting benefits for decades to come.

Water: World meets target on safe drinking supplies

The world has met its target to halve the number of people without access to safe drinking water, says a report released by the UN today.

The achievement is part of Millennium Development Goal 7 - one of the eight internationally agreed targets to fight poverty and boost development by 2015.

It is one of the first targets of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to be met, and means that more than 2 billion people now have better water than they did two decades ago thanks to new piped supplies and protected wells.

According to the report by the World Health Organization and UNICEF - Progress on Drinking

Water and Sanitation 2012 - 89% of the world's population, 6.1 billion people, used improved drinking water supplies by 2010.

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said:

"Today we recognise a great achievement for the people of the world. This is one of the first MDG targets to be met.

"The successful efforts to provide greater access to drinking water are a testament to all who see the MDGs not as a dream, but as a vital tool for improving the lives of millions of the poorest people."

International Development Secretary, Andrew Mitchell said:

"This is concrete proof that

well spent aid can make a real difference to the lives of the some of the very poorest.

"There is still much more to do. Millions of the world's poorest people still have no access to either a tap or a lavatory.

"Providing clean, safe water and sanitation remains a top priority. That is why Britain has refocused its aid to areas with the worst access to clean drinking water, sanitation and hygiene."

Sanitation and water are not just MDG targets in their own right. They also contribute to outcomes in children's health, education and nutrition.

Diarrhoea is the second leading cause of death for children under five globally, killing more children than malaria, HIV/AIDS and

measles combined. 10% of the total disease burden globally is attributable to lack of access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene.

The UK remains absolutely committed to improving access to clean drinking water, proper sanitation and better hygiene to many more people to come.

Britain's focus is on the countries that are the most off-track in terms of meeting the Millennium Development Goals.

By 2015, the Department for International Development will:
Give 15 million people access to clean drinking water
Improve access to sanitation for 25 million people
Improve hygiene for 15 million people

In particular, UK aid will support five new major bilateral programmes in Africa (Zambia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Malawi and Mozambique) in addition to the four countries in which Britain already has substantial programmes (Ethiopia, DRC, Sierra Leone and Nigeria).



Report shows true extent of UK fraud

Fraudsters are costing the UK an estimated £73 billion a year, the National Fraud Authority (NFA) has announced.

The third Annual Fraud Indicator (AFI) provides the best estimate of the cost of fraud to the UK economy.

Often thought of as a 'victimless' crime, the report shows the true extent to which fraud touches all sectors of society - from big business to the most vulnerable individuals.

The latest estimate includes new sources of previously undetected fraud. The report shows how the NFA and its partners uncovered losses which were previously hidden, helping organisations to actively prevent this type of crime in

the future.

For the first time a bespoke survey was issued to businesses to gain a more accurate picture of the extent of private sector fraud.

Nature of the threat

Minister for Crime and Security James Brokenshire said: 'For too long fraud has almost been seen as a victimless crime. It isn't - it is used by serious criminals to fund anything from human trafficking to drug dealing and too often victims are some of the most vulnerable members of our community.'

'Today's report helps us understand the scale and nature of the threat, including a £20 billion cost to the public sector.

Ripping off the taxpayer will simply not be tolerated. The government's strategy to reduce fraud is already producing results - this includes Fighting Fraud Together which allows us to better target, prosecute and prevent fraud.

'Fraud by organised crime groups is estimated to cost at least £10 billion. The new Economic Crime Command in the National Crime Agency will provide a more effective and co-ordinated response to deal with fraudsters and other serious criminals.'

Action Fraud, run by the NFA, is the national fraud reporting centre for victims and potential victims of fraud and financially motivated internet crime. For more information visit www.actionfraud.police.uk

Tsunami memorial opened in London

A memorial to the victims of the tsunami has been officially opened in the grounds of London's Natural History Museum .

It is the culmination of years of work by Tsunami Support UK and was made possible by a £550,000 grant from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

The Prince of Wales, The Duchess of Cornwall and Heritage Minister John Penrose were among those who attended the opening of the 115 tonne memorial, which was designed following extensive consultation with UK survivors and bereaved families.

Mr Penrose said: "The devastating impact of the tsunami in 2004 is something the world will never forget. This new memorial will be a focal point to remember the thousands of people who died, along with the dreadful impact this natural disaster had on the lives of so many.

"I'm pleased the families of those who lost loved ones and the survivors have been involved in every step of the process."



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Design and Innovation



welters® Caskets

welters® have designed their own exclusive range of decorative caskets for full burial and cremated remains interment.

The design includes their trademark doves, leaves and butterfly motifs and they are available in antique bronze and polished stainless steel finishes or a combination of the two.

The introduction of these new products not only provides extra choice in quality caskets for the bereaved but also provides a UK manufactured and distributed product for Funeral Directors who traditionally source decorative caskets from the USA.

welters® caskets now offer a viable alternative with UK manufacturing supplying UK business which in turn creates and protects UK jobs.

Review of music education

All children should be given the chance to learn an instrument

An independent review of music education has been launched today. Led by Darren Henley, Managing Director of Classic FM, the review will look at improving the access and opportunities young people have to experience and understand music.

“It’s a sad fact that too many children in state schools are denied the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument,” said Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Education. “Evidence suggests that learning an instrument can improve numeracy, literacy and behaviour. But more than that, it is simply unfair that the joy of musical discovery should be the preserve of those whose parents can afford it.”

“Immersion in music can lead to improved social skills and educational success, with behaviour, well-being, confidence, team working and concentration skills all proven to improve with good music provision,” said Ed Vaizey, Minister for Communication, Culture and the Creative Industries. Objectives

The review will focus on:

- how to make sure that music funding benefits more young people
- improving the music opportunities young people receive both in and out of school
- improving the teacher training and professional development offered to music teachers
- how to attract more music professionals into schools
- how best to offer quality

live music experiences to all young people

- The review is expected to make its recommendations before the end of the year.



Shipshape photos could win top prizes

Maritime and photography enthusiasts of all ages are being encouraged to submit their best shots for this year’s National Historic Ships photography competition.

The contest, run in partnership with Classic Boat magazine, is looking for the best photos across several categories covering topics such as historic vessels and maritime skills.

This year, for the first time, they have also launched a special overall award for the National Historic Ships UK Young Photographer 2012, which is open to primary and secondary school pupils with top prizes for their school up for grabs.

All short-listed entrants will be invited to the prestigious national awards ceremony on board HMS Belfast in October where the winners will be revealed.

Find out more about the competition, including the prizes on offer this year and details of how to enter, on the National Historic Ships website www.nationalhistoricships.org.uk/

