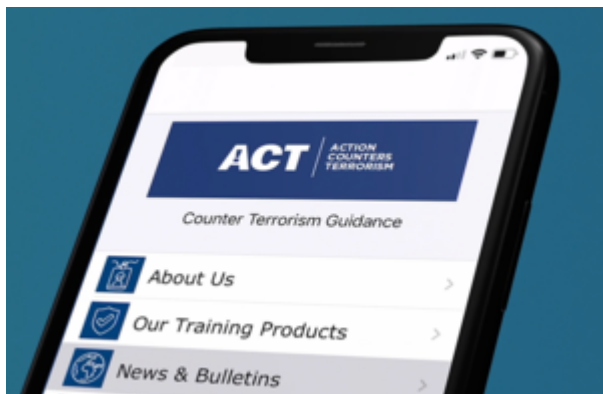


# ACT app reaches 100,000 Users

## News story

More than 100,000 security and resilience specialists and colleagues in crowded places now have access to the Action Counters Terrorism application for business.



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That means more than 100,000 people across almost 8,000 UK organisations are now receiving expert advice and guidance directly from Counter Terrorism Policing straight to their smart phone or tablet device – Will you join them?

With the coronavirus pandemic changing all of our day to day routines, we understand that the threat from terrorism isn't necessarily front of mind for businesses. But the threat of terrorism sadly has not gone away. The recent terror attacks in Europe and the change in the UK's terrorism threat level to SEVERE – meaning an attack is highly likely – are reminders of how important it is to remain vigilant and for businesses to be prepared and able to protect their colleagues and customers.

By downloading the ACT App, organisations have access to the latest CT Policing information & guidance to help them:

1. ACT Early in responding to & reporting suspicious activity directly to CT Policing
2. Develop & implement their incident response plans (e.g. Evacuation, Invacuation & Lockdown procedures) using the assured advice within
3. Access accurate & trustworthy alerts and information directly from CT Policing:
  1. Instant Messages should an incident occur
  2. UK Protect Bulletins outlining latest CT news & campaigns to support you and your organisational resilience
4. Sign up for CT Policing Training e.g. ACT Corporate or the ACT E-Learning
5. Shape the future content of the tool by submitting feedback directly via

the App because “Together We Are Stronger”

## New App Features

New upgrades have been integrated in to the App meaning the above it available in 50+ languages with improved dynamic search functionality allowing users to find the content they need faster and finally a new document library has been introduced making it easier than ever to find the guidance documents need to improve your organisational resilience.

[Find out more by watching this video](#)

## How can I get the App for my business?

There are two ways to access the ACT App for your organisation

1. Large Enterprise: Sign Up & Deploy to all colleagues within your Organisation – If you are a large organisation with company managed devices, our enterprise roll out solution is for you. This solution will allow you to deploy the ACT App to all company devices in your organisation. Working with your internal IT team the ACT App Team will provide them with the relevant files which will allow the app to be internally pushed to all colleagues devices. The app will show as an ACT App tile and users will not need to sign in to access the app or remember a specific username & password. For more information on how to do this, please contact [ct@highfieldlearning.com](mailto:ct@highfieldlearning.com).
2. Smaller organisations: Sign Up for a Username & Password – If you are a smaller organisation without company managed devices, the best way to access the ACT App is via the [Google Play](#) or [Apple App Store](#). After downloading email [ct@highfieldlearning.com](mailto:ct@highfieldlearning.com) to request a user name and password. You can also use our supporting poster to promote this through your organisation.

Please note access is for business/professional use only.

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## [Ochre from mine water gets new lease of life as artists' pigment](#)

The Coal Authority has helped to demonstrate a novel way to use ochre from

treated mine water by using the product in fine art paints.

This is one of a number of ways we are looking at recycling ochre that is removed from mine water during [our treatment process](#).

The limited edition line of wall paint and artists' oil paints were made by Onya McCausland, an artist with Slade School of Fine Art at UCL (University College London), when she was studying for her doctorate.

The Coal Authority manages 82 mine water treatment schemes across Britain, handling and treating more than 122 billion litres of mine water every year. The schemes prevent up to 4,000 tonnes of iron solids from entering watercourses. If the water is left untreated, it could pollute and stain the riverbed turning it orange.

Jon Aumonier, the Coal Authority's Innovation Project Manager, said:

Onya's use of ochre from our mine water treatment schemes in this project is just one of the rewards of the hard work and financial commitment made by the Coal Authority in the recovery, process and testing of ochre samples.

We have worked very hard to get the ochre to this point and seeing it turned into pigments is fantastic.

Bohdan Iwanskyj, the Coal Authority's Principal Innovation Manager, added:

Through this project we were able to reuse a byproduct and ensured that our material stream could be used as an input for other processes.

It demonstrates the possibility of utilising ochre for a variety of uses and opens up other opportunities for the Coal Authority.

Onya, pictured above, visited former coal mine sites dotted throughout Britain – from Scotland, Lancashire and Yorkshire to South Wales – where she collected samples of ochre for further study.

It was through her paintings that she discovered striking differences between the pigments depending on their geographic location and she said:

This highlights how mine water treatment schemes are the vital link between the colour, the material and the place.

They reflect an important part of Britain's cultural, social and industrial history and legacy.

Six Bells Red, the first limited edition of the new line of pigments, was launched (online and with a physical presence) on Friday 11 December at the Six Bells mine water treatment scheme in South Wales.

The highlight of the launch was the unveiling of a commemorative plaque by Alun Davies, Member of the Senedd for Blaenau Gwent, to officially recognise the Coal Authority site as the source of the paint.

Six Bells Red contains more than 50 per cent of iron and is a deep reddish hue.

To mark the occasion, 1,000 tubes of artists' oil paint, named Six Bells Burnt Ochre, each with its own serial number, were made available.

In addition, a special limited edition of 100 one-litre tins have been produced and up to 50 tins will be given to people and organisations across Gwent to enable members of the community to participate in a collective multi-part public artwork.

This will involve painting buildings, houses, doors, gates and walls in the area to create a display that visitors can see and engage with.

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## [Victims of crime: letter from the Home Secretary to Mayor of Greater Manchester](#)

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## [Red letter day for Royal Navy in Scotland](#)

The start of construction on a vast building hall for the Royal Navy's next-

generation Type 31 frigates and the naming of the fifth Clyde-bound Astute Class submarine Anson marked a red letter day for the Royal Navy in Scotland today, (Friday 11 Dec 2020).

Defence Secretary Ben Wallace welcomed the steel structures being put in place and main work getting underway on Babcock's mammoth Rosyth module hall in a virtual message of support, while the Venerable Martyn Gough QHC, Chaplain of the Fleet and Archdeacon for the Royal Navy, blessed the 7,400 tonne, 97m long nuclear-powered boat in Barrow-in-Furness in Cumbria.

Robertson of Elgin has been awarded a £31.5 million contract by Babcock to build the module hall. This project will maintain 100 jobs, create five new full-time roles and will support a further 100 positions nationally throughout the supply chain.

The company has also committed significant orders to local Scottish suppliers for the assembly hall build. Robertson also recently completed the new strategic facility for the submarine hunting Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft at RAF Lossiemouth.

Anson will eventually join her sister boats HMS Astute, HMS Ambush and HMS Artful, already in service, at HM Naval Base Clyde. Together they will contributing to operations and supporting the Scots-based Continuous at Sea Deterrent. HMS Audacious, the fourth of class, left Barrow earlier this year and is currently undergoing sea trials. Boats six and seven – Agamemnon and Agincourt – are in construction at the Barrow shipyard by BAE Systems.

Scottish Secretary Alister Jack said:

Defence underpins a wealth of jobs and investment across the entire United Kingdom. Babcock's 'frigate factory' in Rosyth demonstrates the huge footprint of prosperity that UK Government investment in defence brings.

This vast industrial facility will see Scottish shipbuilders build our latest warships that will take pride of place in the Royal Navy fleet.

Defence Secretary Ben Wallace said:

HMS Anson will play a vital role in defending the UK from deep-sea threats posed by adversaries around the world and provide a competitive edge for decades to come.

The name Anson already exemplifies the long and rich history of our Royal Navy and now, thanks to Anson's latest maritime technology, showcases excellence in UK shipbuilding.

Standing at 147 metres long, the new shipbuilding hall, when completed, could

comfortably fit three Olympic size swimming pools. Towering at 30 metres high the aptly named 'megadoors' will accommodate the vital crane system, known as Goliath. Once the Type 31 build begins next year, the hall will be able to accommodate two vessels being assembled at the same time side by side.

The start of work follows the substantial £16.5 billion UK Government settlement for defence over the next four years that will modernise the armed forces, reinvigorate the shipbuilding industry and bring jobs and prosperity to every part of the UK.

Type 31 will be the beating heart of the Royal Navy's surface fleet, deterring aggression and supporting the UK's national interests across the world. The programme employs more than 1,250 people across the UK, which will create a legacy of infrastructure, innovation and skills for the shipbuilding sector. Off the back of the programme, Babcock has also jumpstarted a further 150 apprentice roles to set the sector up for success in the next generation.

Advanced nuclear technology means the Astute Class submarines never need to be refuelled. The extremely capable boats can circumnavigate the world without surfacing and are limited only by the amount of food that can be stored and the endurance of the crew. The submarines manufacture their own oxygen and fresh water from the ocean.

The last HMS Anson (1942-1951) was a King George V-class battleship, which saw active service in World War Two. All eight Anson vessels have been named after an Admiral of the Fleet, George Anson (1697-1762), who commanded at the first battle of Cape Finisterre and was First Lord of the Admiralty during the '7 Years War'.

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## [New UK Government Covid testing site opens in Hamilton](#)

The UK Government has today, Friday 11 December, opened a new walk-through coronavirus testing centre at Eddlewood Public Hall in Hamilton (ML3 8BG). The centre is easily accessible for people without a car.

The test centre is part of the largest network of diagnostic testing facilities created in British history. In Scotland, this comprises of six drive through sites, 20 walk-through sites, 21 mobile units, plus the Glasgow Lighthouse Lab which is working round the clock to process samples.

In Scotland, the UK Government is providing all Covid testing and test processing outside of the NHS. Around two thirds of all daily tests are provided by the UK Government, in support of Scotland's health services.

Tests must be booked in advance at [NHS Inform](#) or by calling 0800 028 2816.

People should only book a test if they have coronavirus symptoms (a high temperature, a new and continuous cough, or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste).

Health Minister Lord Bethell said:

To respond to the coronavirus, we have built a major testing and tracing system from scratch. We are constantly working to expand and improve it with new technologies and innovations so everyone with symptoms can get a test.

New walk-in sites like this one makes it even easier to get a test no matter where you live. If you have symptoms of coronavirus, I urge you to book a test today and follow the advice of NHS Test and Protect if you are contacted to protect others and stop the spread of the virus.

Baroness Dido Harding, Interim Executive Chair of the National Institute for Health Protection, said:

Walk through sites offer communities better access to coronavirus testing, so everyone with symptoms can get a test. This new site is part of our ongoing work to expand our testing network across the UK which now has the capacity to process more than 500,000 tests a day. We will continue to expand capacity to improve test turnaround times and push forward testing innovations to make sure anyone who needs a test can get one.

Please book a test if you have coronavirus symptoms: a new continuous cough, a high temperature and a loss or change in sense of smell or taste, and follow the advice of NHS Test and Protect if you are contacted.

UK Government Minister for Scotland, Iain Stewart, said:

The UK Government is helping all parts of the UK fight the coronavirus pandemic.

Testing is vital, helping to manage local outbreaks and protecting people's livelihoods. The UK Government is providing the bulk of Covid testing in Scotland, and this new walk-through centre is just the latest in our extensive testing network.

We are pleased to be working with local and commercial partners. These sites are not possible without the hard work of many people. I would like to thank everyone involved for their incredible efforts for the good of the country at this difficult time.

Gabe Docherty, Director of Public Health, NHS Lanarkshire said:

The public health department continues to contact-trace positive cases and clusters in our community and this addition to the UK testing provision is welcome.

I want to thank the public for their co-operation in reducing spread of the virus and ask that they please remain vigilant. The general measures to minimise the risk of Covid-19 remain the same – face coverings, avoid crowded places, clean your hands , two metre distance, self-isolate and go for a test if you have symptoms.

Please do not hesitate if you have symptoms. It's critical that you go for a test and this walk-in centre is a very welcome addition to our testing capacity.

Simon Venn, Mitie Chief Government & Strategy Officer, said:

Our priority during the pandemic is to support the nation's efforts to fight COVID-19 and help keep the country running. Testing is a critical part of the UK's strategy to combat coronavirus and we're proud to support the UK Government with this vital task. A big thank you to all the NHS staff, Mitie employees and other frontline heroes in Hamilton, who are working tirelessly to keep us all safe.