

# Minister Muir attends Northern Ireland Ploughing Championships

Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Minister Andrew Muir has visited the annual NI Ploughing Championships in Gilford, Co Down.

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# Lyons Launches Fund for Refurbishment of Community Facilities

Communities Minister Gordon Lyons has launched the Northern Ireland Community Infrastructure Fund (NICIF), which will deliver minor capital works to buildings, halls and facilities used by community and voluntary organisations across Northern Ireland.

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# Green Party Leader responds to Keir Starmer's speech at the Global Progress Action Summit

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Responding to Keir Starmer's [speech at the Global Progress Action Summit in London](#), which argued Britain has been 'squeamish' about illegal immigration, Green Party Leader, Zack Polanski said,

"Keir Starmer today said this country has been too 'squeamish' about talking about immigration. Let's call that for what it is: bullshit. The truth is, politicians have talked about little else for decades and almost always in the most toxic, dehumanising way possible. These comments are lapped up and regurgitated on a near-daily basis as talking points without any real balance.

That phrase "stop the boats" is all we hear. Well, today I am saying "stop the bullshit".

It's time to be honest. It's what we deserve. Immigration is not the crisis.

The NHS is not crumbling because of tiny numbers of desperate people clinging on to small boats. The crisis is a political class too cowardly to tackle the actual huge issues of poverty, housing, and low pay. Too eager to distract us by pointing the finger at people who come here to contribute to our communities and our economy.”

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## **Minister Kimmins announces £326,000 road improvement scheme for Antrim Road, Templepatrick**

Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmins has announced a £326,000 footway and carriageway resurfacing scheme on Antrim Road, Templepatrick.

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## **Prosecutions at courts and case processing time for domestic abuse related cases dealt with in 2024-25 published today**

The Department of Justice has published the official statistics publication ‘The Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 – Prosecutions at courts and case processing time for domestic abuse related cases dealt with in 2024-25’.