Canoe believe it? Shocking amount of litter in local river

Almost 20,000 plastic and glass bottles, 800 football, rugby and tennis balls, 120 bin bags of rubbish, 60 pieces of footwear, 22 plastic ducks, 15 traffic cones, 11 shopping trolleys and 7 bicycles, are just some of the things fished out of a local river over nine months.

Buses update from 29th June 2020



From Dundee City Council:

From Monday, 29 June 2020, the commercial and supported bus network in Dundee will begin to return to something close to its pre-Covid levels. Xplore Dundee and Stagecoach are proposing to operate around 80% to 85% of their registered journeys. For the last three months around 30% of journeys have been operated. To allow this to happen, there has been a deal negotiated between the Scottish Government and the bus industry and Transport Scotland has agreed to meet shortfalls in passenger revenue. Full details can be found on operators' websites.

In Dundee, the two supported services operated by Stagecoach East Scotland (Service 202 and Service 206) will commence operation again. They were suspended in March 2020. The other supported services, Service 236 operated by Moffat & Williamson and Service 9/10 (Outer Circle) operated by Xplore Dundee have continued to operate throughout lockdown.

There is expected to be further changes in late summer which will hopefully see a further increase in frequencies and service provision.

Prior to lockdown, Xplore Dundee had consulted on a number of service changes that were due to take effect on 12 April 2020. These changes will be implemented this weekend.

We will update all our real time information and all bus users are being asked to refer to Traveline Scotland and bus operator websites for accurate and up to date timetables. We are not currently in a position to update roadside publicity but will keep this under review.

COVID-19 home fire safety checklist

A useful checklist from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service :

COVID-19 Home Fire Safety Checklist



As we are all spending more time at home, there may be an increased risk of fire.

If you, or someone you know is a smoker over 50 years old (who live alone, have long term health or mobility problems or use medical oxygen) please contact your local fire station for advice on what to do next.

Otherwise, use this checklist to help keep you and others safe during these challenging times. Once done, you can visit our website with any queries we are here to help keep you safe.

Don't leave cooking unattended and don't cook if you're tired, under the influence of alcohol or drugs or on strong medication.	_ (b)
If you smoke, smoke outside , at an open external door or window and never while under the influence. Always use an appropriate ashtray.	
Using a laptop? Make sure it's placed on a hard surface to prevent overheating.	
Always turn computers and laptops off at night.	
Don't overload electrical sockets.	
Make sure all common areas and exits are kept clear of any combustible materials and don't leave any items in escape routes.	
With bin collections reduced at this time it is important that flammable items like cardboard or paper are safely stored .	7





Dodds welcomes Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill coming into effect in NI

Ní Chuilín praises libraries for their work during lockdown

Communities Minister Carál Ní Chuilín has confirmed that current restrictions on libraries will be relaxed to allow their reopening in a manner which maximises safety for the public and staff.