

## [News story: Sand hole digging dangers](#)

Sand hole collapses are rare but can be lethal if you become trapped in one. There's nothing wrong with digging holes at the beach and filling them with water for your kids to play in. But if you dig a hole so deep that your head is barely poking out or burrow into a sand dune then you could be putting your life at risk. If it's taken you three hours to dig your hole – that's how long it might take someone to dig you out.

These deeper types of holes are highly unstable. The wet harder sand that you dig out will dry out in the sun making it loose and the deeper you dig the more danger there is of the hole collapsing inwards and potentially trapping you inside.

The best way to rescue someone is to create a circle of people digging with their hands, then another outer circle will do the same while also removing the sand from the first circle, more circles of people digging will be added as they become available. This will then create a wider shallow hole with no risk of any further collapse of sand.

A perfect example of this was demonstrated recently at a [sand hole training exercise](#) with 30 people from Burnham Coastguard Rescue Team, BARB Search & Rescue – Burnham-on-Sea hovercraft, RNLI lifeguards, RNLI lifeboats at Burnham-on-Sea, beach wardens and the fire and rescue service using a constant digging action racing against time to rescue a pre-buried casualty.

We want you to enjoy yourselves at the beach – that's what it's there for – just take extra care when digging large holes that could trap you if they collapse. Let's share this and tell as many people as we can in time for the school holidays. Stay safe folks and remember to call 999 and ask for the coastguard if you see someone in difficulty.

Grateful thanks to [www.Burnham-On-Sea.com](http://www.Burnham-On-Sea.com) for letting us share this great footage!

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## [News story: Electric vehicle-to-grid technologies: apply for business funding](#)

Businesses can apply for a share of up to £20 million for innovative projects that support electric vehicles to work smartly with the grid.

Up to £20 million is available from the [Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy](#) – working with the [Office for Low Emission Vehicles](#) and Innovate UK – to fund projects that investigate new business models, consumer awareness and technologies that support interaction between electric vehicles and the grid.

So-called vehicle-to-grid technologies are expected to play a big part in making the UK's electricity supply network smarter and in encouraging take-up.

Vehicles that can take electricity from the grid when demand is low and return it when demand is high could help to even out peaks and troughs and make the grid more efficient.

The UK government wants nearly all cars to be zero emission by 2050, and it sees a smarter and more flexible electricity system as a major benefit to consumers and a key to future growth.

## **Project information**

There are competitions for feasibility studies, collaborative research and development, and real-world demonstrators.

Projects are sought in:

- business models, technology and service standards
- understanding user acceptance and consumer engagement
- on- and off-vehicle hardware, including bi-directional chargers, battery hardware and software, and cyber security
- trials of different products and services in different scenarios

Larger projects are expected to include a variety of partners including from the automotive, energy and infrastructure sectors. All projects must be led by a business working with other businesses or research partners.

## **Feasibility studies**

- the competition is open and the deadline for applications is midday 18 October 2017
- up to £2 million is available for feasibility studies
- feasibility projects should last 12 months and range in size from total costs of £125,000 up to £225,000
- businesses could attract up to 70% of their total costs

## **Collaborative research and development**

- the competition is open and the deadline for applications is midday 18 October 2017
- up to £4 million is available for collaborative research and development
- collaborative research and development projects should last between 18 months and 3 years and range in size from total costs of £375,000 to

£1.5 million

- businesses could attract up to 70% of their total costs

## Real-world demonstrators

- the competition is open and the deadline for applications is midday 18 October 2017
  - up to £14 million is available for demonstrator trials in real-world environments at scale
  - demonstrator projects should last up to 3 years and project size should range from £1.5 million to £7 million
  - businesses could attract up to 70% of their total costs for technical feasibility studies and industrial research, or up to 45% for experimental development projects that are nearer to market
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## Speech: PM press conference with Australian PM Malcolm Turnbull: 10 July 2017

Good afternoon.

I am pleased to be hosting Prime Minister Turnbull – whom I have known for many years – on his first visit to Downing Street.

This morning, we visited the site of last month's brutal terror attack at Borough Market, where eight people tragically lost their lives, among them two Australians.

We paid tribute to the professionalism and bravery of the police and emergency services who undoubtedly prevented further loss of life, and the heroism of local business owners who shielded people from the terrorists.

I am deeply grateful to Prime Minister Turnbull and the Australian people for the solidarity and support they have shown the UK. At times such as this we are reminded of the importance of the strong ties that have bound our two nations together for over a hundred years.

And we will continue to stand together as close allies and firm friends against those who want to destroy our precious values and our way of life.

As the UK leaves the EU and forges a new role in the world, I am clear we should take the opportunity to strengthen our close partnership with Australia.

So today we have talked about how we can step up our cooperation in a range

of areas, including security and defence, trade and investment, and on the world stage.

Let me take each of these in turn.

## **Security and defence**

For over a century our soldiers have served together to preserve the fundamental values of freedom and democracy that we share. They stood shoulder to shoulder in two World Wars, in Iraq and in Afghanistan.

And this month, as we commemorate a hundred years since the Battle of Passchendaele, we again remember their service and their sacrifice.

Today we are leading partners in the Counter-Daesh Coalition, and as the fight moves from the battlefield to the internet we will work together to tackle the spread of Daesh's hateful ideology online.

We have also discussed how we can address the challenge of end-to-end encryption which creates a safe haven for terrorists to communicate.

Alongside this, our national cyber security centres cooperate closely to crack down on malicious cyber activity. Our law enforcement agencies work together to tackle serious and organised crime – particularly the illegal financial flows that fund criminal gangs and terrorists.

And our intelligence-sharing partnership under the Five Eyes alliance is central to our efforts to address the shared threats we face.

Later this month our Defence and Foreign Ministers will meet in Sydney for their annual ministerial dialogue, to look at how we can deepen our security and defence co-operation to protect our shared interests and project our values around the world.

## **Trade and investment**

The UK and Australia are major trading partners and investors in each other's economic success. Our strong and growing trade relationship is worth close to £14 billion.

We have both made clear our intention to continue to deepen our trade and investment relationship as the UK leaves the EU.

Our Brexit negotiations have started well. And I made clear to Prime Minister Turnbull that an ambitious and comprehensive bilateral trade deal with Australia remains a priority for the UK.

Australia was the first country with whom the UK established a Trade Working Group following the vote to leave the EU, and we are keeping up a regular and productive dialogue on the future of our free trading relationship.

We will continue to work together to push for greater global trade liberalisation and reform.

And I'm pleased to confirm that International Trade Secretary Liam Fox intends to travel to Australia in the coming months as part of these ongoing talks, and ahead of a further meeting of the Working Group later this year.

## **Global issues**

The UK and Australia remain close partners on the international stage. We work alongside each other through the Commonwealth, United Nations and G20 to address the shared global challenges we face.

Last week's missile test in North Korea showed yet again the danger the regime poses to our friends and allies. We are united in our condemnation of their continued nuclear weapons and ballistic missile tests, which are in flagrant breach of the UN Security Council resolutions.

And at the G20, the Prime Minister and I discussed with our partners how we can step up international efforts to increase pressure on Pyongyang, and find a peaceful solution to the ongoing threat North Korea poses to global security.

Australia and Britain are also proud members of the Commonwealth, and its unique, vibrant and diverse alliance of nations. And I am delighted that the UK will host the 2018 Commonwealth Summit in London and Windsor next April, just after the Commonwealth Games take place on the Gold Coast.

The Prime Minister and I are united in our commitment to work together to support the renewal of the Commonwealth. We agreed that the Summit offers a platform to re-energise and revitalise the network, to cement its relevance to this and future generations.

## **Conclusion**

So thank you Prime Minister, thank you Malcolm, for visiting us today, and for the excellent discussions we have had.

It's always a pleasure to welcome our Australian friends to London, even more so when we have just beaten them at cricket. That's women's cricket, of course.

The ties between our countries have endured for generations, and I look forward to working closely with you to strengthen those bonds in the years ahead.

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**[News story: Store Twenty One:](#)**

# information for employees and creditors

Store Twenty One was the trading name of Grabal Alok (UK) Limited (company registration number 04246489).

## **Information for employees**

If you are an employee of Grabal Alok (UK) Limited you will be entitled to redundancy pay and compensation in lieu of notice.

Grabal Alok (UK) Limited entered into a Company Voluntary Arrangement on 15 July 2016. This is the first insolvency date. If you are still owed any arrears of pay or holiday prior to this date you will be able to make a claim for this, but the Insolvency Service cannot pay any arrears of pay or holiday pay accrued after 15 July 2016. If you have an entitlement to wages or holiday pay accrued after 15 July 2016 you will become a creditor in the liquidation.

Claims will be paid by the Redundancy Payments Service. The liquidator will provide you with the information you need to make your online claim.

If you were self-employed and provided services to Grabal Alok (UK) Limited you are not entitled to a redundancy payment. You will be a creditor in the liquidation.

## **Information for creditors**

If you have supplied goods or services to Grabal Alok (UK) Limited for which you have not been paid you will be a creditor in the liquidation.

To make a claim for the money you are owed email the [Official Receiver](#) providing your company details and the amount you are owed. Please put 'Grabal Alok (UK) Limited – creditor' in the subject line of your email. If you do not have access to email you can telephone the Insolvency Enquiry Line.

## **Information for suppliers**

Any purchase orders issued by the company before the winding up order should be considered cancelled with immediate effect. Any monies owing in relation to previous orders will rank as an unsecured claim in the liquidation. Please do not supply any goods ordered prior to the winding up order without the authorisation of the liquidator or one of his authorised representatives.

Goods and services supplied during the period of the liquidation will be paid for out of the assets coming into the hands of the liquidator provided that the order is in writing and signed by one of the authorised representatives.

The liquidator is currently reviewing purchase orders issued by the company before his appointment and is in the process of contacting relevant suppliers about those orders and providing them with details of the authorised representatives.

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## [News story: Ministry of Defence Police awarded a gold banding in the Business in the Community Diversity Benchmark](#)

This is the UK's most comprehensive benchmark for workplace gender and race diversity where organisations are assessed on a range of key areas, including:

- career progression
- recruitment
- supplier diversity
- senior management and board representation of ethnic minorities and women

Business in the Community (BITC) said:

Congratulations to Ministry of Defence Police on being awarded gold for both gender and race diversity in the workplace in the Business in the Community Diversity Benchmark.

They have demonstrated a strong commitment to creating inclusive workplaces where employees are valued and rewarded for their contribution to the organisation, regardless of gender or race.

I hope other employers will learn from their example and use it to drive real change within their own organisations.

Business in the Community Diversity Benchmark: Gender gold award. All rights reserved

The gold banding marks a significant leap in the force's progress as they were previously awarded a Bronze banding for their 2016 submission.

The Force's Gender Champion, Deputy Chief Constable Andy Adams is delighted with the result and said:

A gold banding recognises our achievements and commitment to diversity, inclusion and wellbeing. This benchmark helps us

identify what we are doing well and where we need to improve.

Our workforce is the key to our success therefore it is critical we recruit and retain the best people. This accomplishment will support our efforts to further diversify the force and create an environment where all our staff can contribute to providing the best service.

The benchmark measures age, gender and race workplace diversity. It is a management tool to help organisations evaluate their performance, including peer comparisons, and inform evidence-based decision-making around workplace diversity.

BITC works with organisations to ensure that age, gender, race and wellbeing do not limit an employee's engagement and success in the workplace.