



## SCOTLAND

### ● First UK smacking ban

It is now against the law to smack children in Scotland, making it the first place in the UK to make punishing a child in any physical way illegal. Joanna Barrett, from children's charity NSPCC, said: "[This law] marks a momentous step in making [Scotland] a country where children's rights are truly recognised, respected and fulfilled." However, not everyone agrees. The Be Reasonable Scotland group says that mild discipline like smacking a hand or bottom is fine and the law risks turning parents who are no threat to their children into criminals.

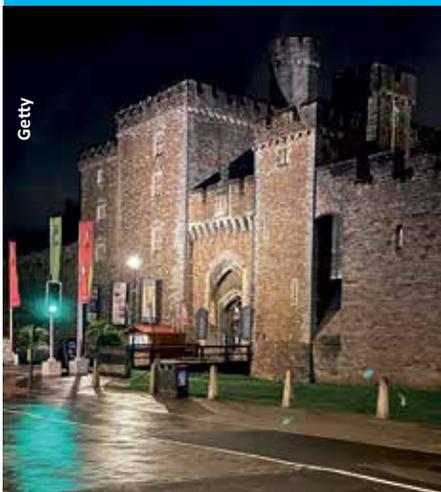


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### ● Royal find in loo

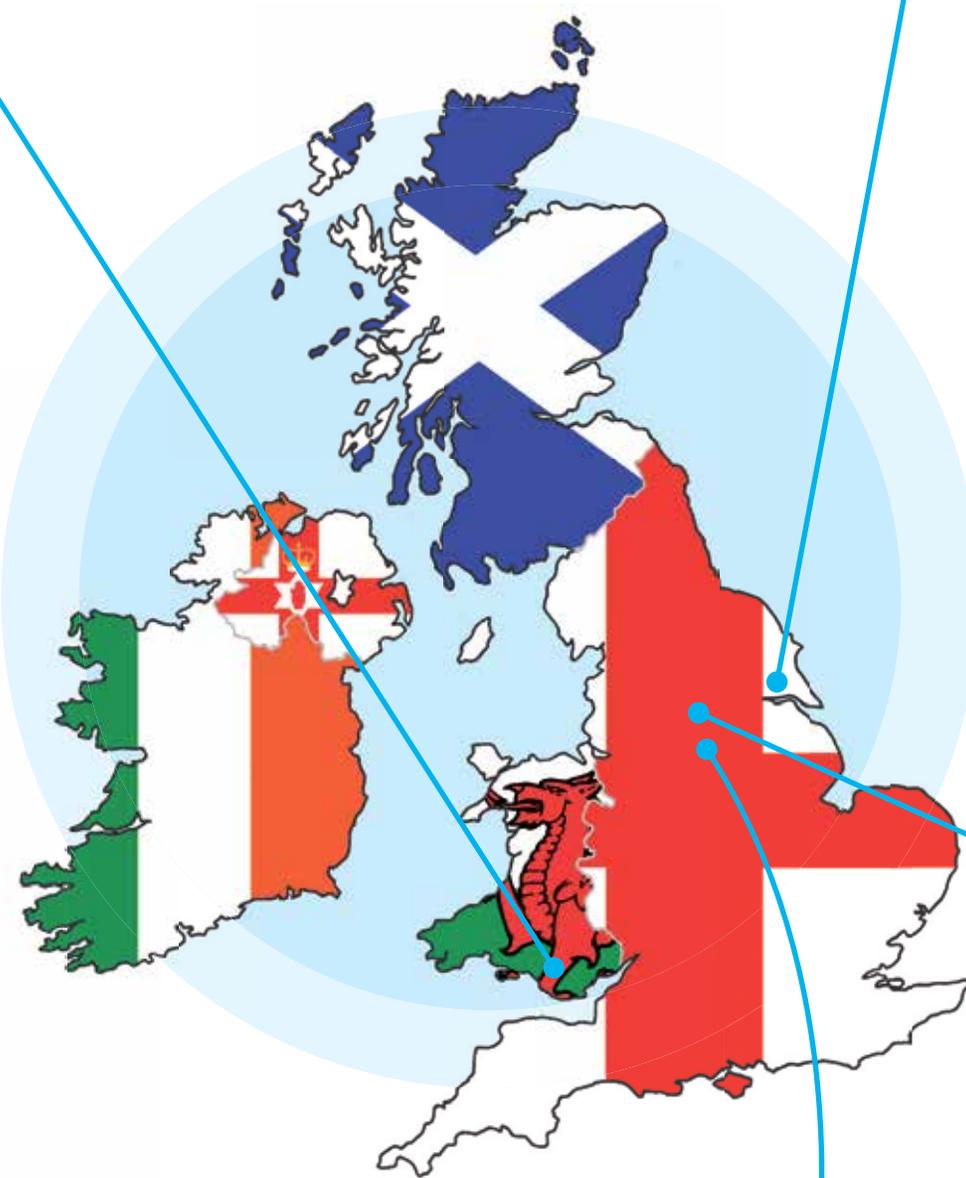
A mirror that once belonged to the last Queen of France has been discovered in a village bathroom. The mirror was inherited by a man in North Ferriby who hung it in his loo back in 1975. He didn't think it was worth anything but as it belonged to Marie Antoinette (1755-1793), it is now expected to fetch up to £20,000 at auction.

## CARDIFF



### ● Christmas at the Castle

Christmas events might be cancelled left and right but there is hope in Wales. The Cardiff Winter Wonderland will not be going ahead as normal, but in its place is Christmas at the Castle. Cardiff Castle is host to fun family activities like a 33m big wheel, Victorian Santa tours and an open-air ice walk. It opened yesterday (12 November) and will run until 3 January 2021. A spokesperson for the event said: "Obviously we're not able to bring the usual scale of Winter Wonderland to Cardiff this year but we were determined to give the city a smile at Christmas. Families have had a lot to bear in 2020 so they can be reassured that we are working tirelessly to make Christmas at the Castle as safe and enjoyable as possible."



## UK



### ● 5G drones in the UK

Two companies have announced plans to launch drones which would beam 5G signals down to Earth, to provide internet coverage across the entire nation. Around 60 drones would be needed to cover all of the UK. They would run for nine days at a time and be powered by hydrogen. However, there are a number of problems that will need to be solved before the drones begin their flight. Since the skies are very heavily regulated, there may be legal issues ahead. They'll have to prove that they're safe, as well.

## WEST YORKSHIRE

### ● Firefighter fundraising

An 11-year-old boy has won a Spirit of Fire award for his incredible fundraising efforts for his local fire service. Michael Bottomley won Young Supporter of the Year after he befriended the fire station next door to his new secondary school. Michael organised a charity raffle and raised thousands for his firefighting friends in the process.

## ENGLAND AND WALES

### ● Raw sewage dumped

A study by Surfers Against Sewage has found that water companies dumped raw sewage into waters around UK beaches almost 3,000 times last year. The analysis suggests that as well as polluting the environment, public health is at risk. The report calls out Southern Water in particular, claiming their failure to issue notices of when they were dumping sewage "has put thousands of water users at risk".



## SHEFFIELD

### ● Care home pods

Two care homes in Sheffield have installed glass pods which allow residents to see their loved ones in person, safely. The pods cost £20,000 each, and are fitted with sofas and speaker systems. Families can use them to sit and talk without any risk of COVID-19 being spread. The pods were bought by the council using government funds – and more are planned to be built across Yorkshire.

