

Firework Abatement Campaign

Addendum to Report



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Introduction

Following on from the report that accompanied our Petition 109702 debated in Parliament on 6th June 2016, the Firework Abatement Campaign (FAB) have continued to collect data regarding firework use/misuse/abuse. To follow is the culmination of over four years work to be read in conjunction with the original report.

The report and its addendum will show how we have come to the conclusion that when fireworks are used by law abiding citizens within the legal times the impact on those people and animals is just as distressing as those fireworks used after the curfew and those that are misused. It is glaringly apparent that a lot of people do not understand there isn't a distinction, a firework no matter at what time, handled by a law-abiding citizen or a miscreant has the same ability to cause distress. Any firework party is not an intimate affair confined to the boundaries of a garden. Noise travels and as such affects people and animals within a large vicinity.

We know that many people are responsible and will tell their immediate neighbours but noise from fireworks carries further than 2 doors either side of the party. In today's secular society we do not know the personal circumstance of the man in the house behind, we are unaware that he fought in Afghanistan. We do not know which of our neighbours suffers with PTSD be it as a victim of crime, a car crash or something that happened on the job for a policeman or fireman. We do not know the horrors that loud noises hold for the elderly neighbour suffering from dementia hearing noise and seeing flashes behind closed curtains is transported back to the war. For each individual behind closed curtains and locked doors there is a story, please acknowledge this as you consider the information.

The following two tables shows articles pulled from mixed media reports involving fireworks. We have taken the emergency services stories from the second table to show at a glance the number of incidents involving fireworks used against the emergency services during 2017 – first table.

The second table starting on page 6 details all stories we found during 2017/18. This is not a definitive list of all incidents and only includes stories pertaining to the United Kingdom.

Firework Incidents Emergency Personnel in the Media

	Source	Date	Description	Weblink
1	Independent	28/07/17	Molotov cocktails, fireworks and bottles were hurled at police officers in Dalston, east London,	http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/rashan-charles-protest-latest-fireworks-riot-metropolitan-police-dalston-hackney-chase-fire-a7866066.html
2	Express	01/08/17	London 'riot': Police in Lambeth pelted with fireworks as they respond to 999 call	https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/835421/police-riot-injured-fireworks-london-party-firearms-knives-helicopter-investigation
3	Manchester Evening News	22/09/17	Hoaxers lured firefighters into ambush and pelted them with fireworks. Yobs then tried to block their escape by lining wheelie bins across a street	http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/hoaxers-lured-firefighters-ambush-pelted-13662545
4	Croydon Advertiser	15/10/17	A police officer was injured and fireworks thrown after crowds of "youths" who attended a party in Sutton and South Morden on Saturday night (October 14) had to be dispersed by police.	http://www.croydonadvertiser.co.uk/news/local-news/fireworks-thrown-riot-police-disperse-629522
5	Evening Standard	22/10/17	'Idiotic' youths slammed for launching lit fireworks at police officers in street	https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/idiotic-youths-slammed-for-launching-lit-fireworks-at-police-officers-in-street-a3664721.html
6	Huddersfield Daily Examiner	25/10/17	SHOCKING footage of firefighters being attacked with bricks and fireworks has been released in a bid to cut down on such incidents	http://www.examiner.co.uk/news/west-yorkshire-news/watch-shocking-footage-released-yobs-13810944
7	Wigan Today	30/10/17	Yobs who attack firefighters have once again been condemned following the latest in a spate of sickening assaults on the emergency services	https://www.wigantoday.net/news/crime/attacks-against-our-firefighters-must-end-now-1-8830563
8	Tyne and Wear Police	01/11/17	Firefighters attacked with fireworks	https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10154723030131612&id=30300321611&hc_location=ufi
9	Yorkshire Evening Post	01/11/17	Firefighters in Leeds were among West Yorkshire crews pelted with stones and fireworks during six attacks on Halloween night	https://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/news/west-yorkshire-fire-crews-pelted-with-fireworks-and-bricks-in-halloween-night-attacks-1-8835149
10	Coventry Telegraph	01/11/17	Police had fireworks, stones and bottles thrown at them as they tackled a group of youngsters who were launching fireworks at vehicles and pedestrians.	http://www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/coventry-news/police-attacked-gang-launching-fireworks-13843400
11	Liverpool Echo	02/11/17	youths recklessly lobbed fireworks at a police car following a 'number' of attacks on vehicles across Merseyside on Mischief Night.	http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/unbelievable-moment-more-youths-recklessly-13849704
12	Wales on Line	02/11/17	Police have confirmed that fireworks were thrown in their direction on Halloween in a Cardiff suburb as a video has emerged of fireworks going off near cars and homes. Fireworks were shot "from all angles" and lasted for "hours", according to people living in Ely	http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/fireworks-thrown-police-members-public-13841743

13	The Sentinel	03/11/17	Police fled for their own safety fireworks thrown at them firework went under their police car after officers had pulled over a vehicle in the early hours of today	http://www.stokesentinel.co.uk/news/stoke-on-trent-news/firework-deliberately-fired-police-officers-723833
14	London Evening Standard	04/11/17	Dramatic body-cam footage shows officers approaching Lavender Park before fireworks are fired in their direction	https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/shocking-moment-thugs-shoot-fireworks-at-police-officers-from-southwest-london-park-a3676591.html
15	Manchester Evening News	05/11/17	Firefighters were attacked with bottles and fireworks during one of the busiest nights of the year for emergency crews	http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/firefighters-were-pelted-bottles-fireworks-13859972
16	West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue	05/11/17	Video of firework aimed at firefighter narrowly missing him	https://www.facebook.com/WYFRS/videos/vb.116236931754897/1708054322573142/?type=2&theater
17	Bolton News	05/11/17	Fireworks have been thrown at crews as they attended a bonfire started by youths in a park	http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/15642130.Fireworks-thrown-at-firefighters-as-they-are-called-to-a-bonfire-set-by-youths/
18	Huddersfield Examiner	06/11/17	At least 100 youths pelt fire brigade with fireworks, crews had to turn and leave as they came under siege	http://www.examiner.co.uk/news/west-yorkshire-news/firefighters-pelted-fireworks-mob-least-13862829
19	Glasgow Live	06/11/17	Fire service reports 'completely unacceptable' Guy Fawkes Night attacks on crews	http://www.glasgowlive.co.uk/news/glasgow-news/fire-service-reports-completely-unacceptable-13862619
20	Pulse 1 Leeds	06/11/17	18 Attacks on West Yorkshire Fire Teams Over Bonfire Weekend	https://www.pulse1.co.uk/news/local/fireworks-fired-at-emergency-services-in-leeds/
21	The Star Sheffield	06/11/17	Fireworks thrown at police officers and fire engine attacked as more than 500 incidents reported across South Yorkshire within hours	https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10154877933318414&id=63449943413&hc_location=ufi
22	STV News	06/11/17	A police officer in Edinburgh suffered serious burns while responding to a call on Bonfire Night	https://stv.tv/news/east-central/1401616-police-injured-by-firework-after-responding-to-call/
23	ITV News	07/11/17	Fireworks thrown at medics helping hit-and-run victim	http://www.itv.com/news/central/2017-11-07/fireworks-thrown-at-medics-helping-hit-and-run-victim/
24	East London Advertiser	07/11/17	Police appeal after fireworks flung at firefighters in Stepney	http://www.eastlondonadvertiser.co.uk/news/crime-court/police-appeal-after-fireworks-flung-at-firefighters-in-stepney-1-5269658
25	Wigan Today	07/11/17	Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham has blasted yobs who ambushed a fire engine in which he was riding out with a crew.	https://www.wigantoday.net/news/crime/mayor-s-anger-as-he-is-caught-up-in-yob-ambush-of-fire-engine-1-8844302
26	ITV News	07/11/17	Firefighter left requiring hospital treatment after a group launched fireworks at emergency services	https://www.itv.com/news/london/2017-11-07/firefighter-injured-after-group-attack-emergency-services-with-fireworks/
27	Bristol Post	07/11/17	Three police officers assaulted at fireworks display after eyewitnesses see 'man running around naked'	http://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/three-police-officers-assaulted-fireworks-741403
28	The Scottish Sun	08/11/17	A FEMALE cop was badly burned in a firework gang attack after a request for full riot squad back-up was ignored, outraged colleagues claimed	https://www.thescottishsun.co.uk/news/1814635/female-cop-burn-firework-exploded-edinburgh-rioting-yobs-backup-ignored/
29	Leicester Mercury	08/11/17	Firefighter describes fireworks raining down on crew as they tackled blaze	http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/news/leicester-news/firefighter-describes-fireworks-raining-down-741625

			started to lure them to area" I've had the odd thing thrown at me in the past, but it's the first time I've felt threatened in my job"	
30	Manchester Evening News	08/11/17	Gang of 60 youths surround police van hurling fireworks at it injuring two officers	http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/gang-sixty-youths-surrounded-police-13877475
31	Sunderland Echo	08/11/17	On Sunday night a group of 15 to 20 year olds deliberately targeted police officers and fire fighters with fireworks as they carried out joint patrols in the Southwick area of Sunderland.	https://www.sunderlandecho.com/news/yobs-attack-firefighters-and-police-with-fireworks-on-bonfire-night-1-8846732
32	Metro	08/11/17	Thameside Police have been injured after teenagers surrounded their van and starting hurling fireworks on Sunday night	http://metro.co.uk/2017/11/08/police-injured-after-teenagers-surround-them-hurling-fireworks-7065185/
33	Student Newspaper	12/11/17	An Edinburgh police officer has been treated for 'serious burns' after being attacked with a firework on November 5, Bonfire Night.	http://www.studentnewspaper.org/police-officer-burned-by-fireworks/
34	Burnley Express	13/11/17	Idiots hurling fireworks at firefighters need to be dealt with seriously	https://www.burnleyexpress.net/news/opinion/idiots-hurling-fireworks-at-firefighters-need-to-be-dealt-with-seriously-1-8854949
35	The Mancunian	13/11/17	Remember, Remember the 5th of November – the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue service will this year, after several firefighters were attacked throughout the night	http://mancunion.com/2017/11/13/violent-bonfire-night-firefighters-attacked-across-manchester/

Firework Incidents Reported in the Media

	Source	Date	Comment	Weblink
1	Gazette News	26/01/17	Clacton and Holland-on-Sea homeowners quoted thousands of pounds to fix damage from used fireworks	http://www.gazette-news.co.uk/news/15049654.Homeowners_shell_out_thousands_of_pounds_to_fix_damage_from_used_fireworks/
2	Eastbourne Herald	01/02/17	Thieves escaped with £17,000-worth of fireworks from an Eastbourne warehouse burglary	http://www.eastbourneherald.co.uk/news/burglars-steal-17-000-worth-of-fireworks-from-eastbourne-warehouse-1-7802104
3	BBC	07/04/17	A Wrexham street has reopened after police carrying out a search warrant found suspected firearms and "unstable" firework	http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-north-east-wales-39528063
4	Daily Express	05/06/17	Panic in east London after 'really inappropriate' fireworks display	https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/813004/london-bridge-terror-attack-borough-market-fireworks
5	Cambridge News	30/06/17	One of Cambridge's cows has died of internal injuries after it got "spooked" by fireworks and charged through a fence in the city centre.	http://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/news/cambridge-news/cow-dies-cambridges-coe-fen-13264617?rm52
6	Independent	28/07/17	Molotov cocktails, fireworks and bottles were hurled at police officers in Dalston, east London,	http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/rashan-charles-protest-latest-fireworks-riot-metropolitan-police-dalston-hackney-chase-fire-a7866066.html
7	Daily Mirror	01/08/17	Liverpool hooded thug with firework	http://www.mirror.co.uk/.../hooded-thug-captured-cctv..
8	Express	01/08/17	London 'riot': Police in Lambeth pelted with fireworks as they respond to 999 call	https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/835421/police-riot-injured-fireworks-london-party-firearms-knives-helicopter-investigation
9	Mirror	30/08/17	Panic-stricken workers are seen running towards the kitchen as one man jumps over the counter when he realises the exit is blocked by the lit explosives	www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/hooded-thug-captured-cctv-exploding-11079088
10	About Manchester	11/09/17	Police are appealing for information after a large firework was set off under a car in Salford on Saturday evening	http://aboutmanchester.co.uk/appeal-after-fireworks-let-off-under-two-cars-in-salford/
11	Manchester Evening News	12/09/17	Police are scouring the scene of a late-night explosion which could be heard across Greater Manchester. An industrial strength firework was set off outside a cafe in Salford causing a loud bang which was heard as far away as Didsbury	http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/salford-cafe-firework-explosion-pendleton-13606506
12	Manchester Evening News	22/09/17	Hoaxers lured firefighters into ambush and pelted them with fireworks. Yobs then tried to block their escape by lining wheelie bins across a street	http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/hoaxers-lured-firefighters-ambush-pelted-13662545

13	Mirror	22/09/17	Darren Carney has recounted the vile campaign of abuse the pair have suffered at the hands of the youths - including a firework being thrown at him	http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/devastated-husband-claims-powerless-police-11219219
14	Telegraph & Argus	26/09/17	Pupils are undergoing daily searches by staff at Bradford's biggest school after two 12-year-olds needed hospital treatment when a firework exploded inside the building.	http://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/15556835.Pupil_searches_start_to_stop_menace_of_smuggled_in_fireworks_at_city_s_biggest_school/
15	Gazette Live	28/09/17	Boy, 13, appears in court after purple firework was allegedly thrown into Chinese takeaway. Fireworks were allegedly also thrown towards police officers and a dispersal order was put into force after the incident in Stockton	http://www.gazettelive.co.uk/news/teesside-news/boy-13-appears-court-after-13689487
16	Gazette Live	04/10/17	50 youths throwing fireworks	http://www.gazettelive.co.uk/news/teesside-news/nights-stupidity-ts3-footballers-morrisons-13715363
17	Daily Record	06/10/17	Two racist thugs have admitted throwing bricks and lit fireworks at a disabled refugee.	http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/you-black-b-racist-thugs-11300642
18	Newham Recorder	06/10/17	A Stratford man was hospitalised this morning after a lit firework caused a blaze in his block of maisonettes	http://www.newhamrecorder.co.uk/news/http-www-newhamrecorder-co-uk-news-hallway-fire-in-stratford-maisonettes-leaves-man-hospitalised-1-5226150-1-5226150
19	Belfast Telegraph	06/10/17	Paramilitary crime task force have discovered a large stash of counterfeit goods and fireworks	https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/stash-of-illegal-fireworks-found-at-business-premises-in-the-shankill-36203786.html
20	Lancashire Telegraph	11/10/17	FIREWORK-throwing yobs have been wreaking havoc ahead of Bonfire Night.	http://www.lancashiretelegraph.co.uk/news/15590216.Fireworks_yobs_strike/
21	ITV	13/10/17	Cumbria Police are urging young people to be responsible with fireworks following a number of reports from residents in Wigton where fireworks have been set off in the streets	http://www.itv.com/news/border/2017-10-13/police-urge-young-people-to-be-responsible-with-fireworks/
22	Stratford Observer	15/10/17	FIREWORKS were thrown at passers-by and vehicles by youths in Studley	https://stratfordobserver.co.uk/news/lit-fireworks-thrown-by-youths-at-passers-by/
23	International Business Times	15/10/17	A supermarket worker has been left burned after youths set off a firework at a branch of Tesco	http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/youths-set-off-fireworks-yorkshire-tesco-1643235
24	Croydon Advertiser	15/10/17	A police officer was injured and fireworks thrown after crowds of "youths" who attended a party in Sutton and South Morden on Saturday night (October 14) had to be dispersed by police.	http://www.croydonadvertiser.co.uk/news/local-news/fireworks-thrown-riot-police-disperse-629522
25	Telegraph & Argus	16/10/17	Footage has emerged of a residential street being blocked to traffic while a wedding party let off fireworks in the	http://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/local/localbrad/15598904.VIDEO_Anger_as_street_taken_ov

			middle of the street	er for fireworks party/
26	Telegraph & Argus	17/10/17	TERRIFYING firework attacks have been condemned as “unacceptable” by a fire chief.	http://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/15599605_Totally_unacceptable_fire_chief_condemns_spate_of_fireworks_attacks/
27	Manchester Evening News	17/10/17	A teenage girl ended up in hospital after being hit by a firework.	http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/girl-hurt-hit-fireworks-ashton-13771731
28	Nottingham Post	17/10/17	Police are stepping up patrols after residents complained of feeling 'intimidated' by anti-social youths setting off fireworks	http://www.nottinghampost.com/news/local-news/residents-feel-intimidated-youths-setting-638934
29	BBC	17/10/17	Police are appealing for information after a teenager threw a firework into the back of a taxi in Dundee.	http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-tayside-central-41651019
30	The Sun	17/10/17	A man can be seen clutching a rocket before it flies into the bus through an open door, with passengers screaming in fear.	https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/4707662/fireworks-shot-islington-bus-passengers-fear/
31	Worcester News	18/10/17	Two teenagers were caught with almost a dozen fireworks in a city park.	http://www.worcesternews.co.uk/news/15604970.Teens_caught_with_fireworks_in_city_park/
32	2BRNews	18/10/17	Fireworks have been thrown at cars and passing members of the public.	https://www.2br.co.uk/news/local-news/2406880/fireworks-thrown-at-vehicles/
33	Bishops Stortford Independent	18/10/17	A lit firework was posted through the letterbox of a house in Bishop's Stortford and two cars were damaged by rockets in a spate of vandalism	http://www.bishopsstortfordindependent.co.uk/vandals-post-lit-firework-through-letterbox-in-bishop-s-stortford-1-5242147
34	Southport Visitor News	19/10/17	Merseyside Police is investigating claims that three teenagers shot fireworks at swans in Southport's King's Garden	https://www.southportvisiter.co.uk/news/southport-west-lancs/teens-throw-live-fireworks-swans-13783301
35	BCHS	19/10/17	Firework incident at school	http://bchs.co.uk/firework-incident-announcement-from-headteacher/
36	The News Portsmouth	19/10/17	Southsea Common and major roads have been closed off by police this afternoon after reports of a firework exploding in a bin	http://www.portsmouth.co.uk/news/crime/watch-southsea-common-and-major-roads-closed-after-firework-explodes-in-bin-1-8205105
37	Manchester Evening News	20/10/17	A young thug who hurled fireworks at a man in a wheelchair before turning on a policeman has been forced to hand deliver a letter apologising for his shocking behaviour.	http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/ashton-firework-disabled-man-sorry-13787244
38	Nottingham Post	20/10/17	gang with bandanas covering their faces threw fireworks in a street disturbance, say police	http://www.nottinghampost.com/news/nottingham-news/investigation-after-masked-gang-threw-657347
39	Derby & Telegraph	20/10/17	Armed police rushed to a street in Derby after reports of a gunshot – but it was just a firework	http://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/news/armed-police-rush-reports-gunshot-658301
40	Mail Online	20/10/17	Girl, 15, was viciously assaulted by gang	http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/ar

			with weapons and fireworks as crowd of 200 children watched	http://www.fifejournal.co.uk/news/5001832/Girl-15-viciously-assaulted-firework-gang.html
41	Fife Today	20/10/17	The famous dunes at West Sands have been damaged by fire and fireworks	http://www.fifetoday.co.uk/news/famous-dunes-suffer-irresponsible-fire-damage-1-4592448
42	North West Evening Mail	20/10/17	20-YEAR-OLD woman has been injured after a firework was reportedly thrown through an open window.	http://www.nwemail.co.uk/news/barrow/Barrow-woman-injured-after-firework-reportedly-thrown-through-window-cfb6d4db-1b66-4451-8525-458a54adbe9c-ds
43	Belfast Telegraph	20/10/17	Woman's fury as daughter nearly blinded by firework at bus station on way to school	https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/womans-fury-as-daughter-nearly-blinded-by-firework-at-bus-station-on-way-to-school-36243859.html
44	Lancashire Telegraph	21/10/17	A SCHOOLBOY suffered a 'significant injury' after a firework blew up in his hand	http://www.lancashiretelegraph.co.uk/news/blackburn/15611417.School-boy-suffers-39-significant-39-injury-after-firework-incident/
45	Evening Standard	22/10/17	'Idiotic' youths slammed for launching lit fireworks at police officers in street	https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/idiotic-youths-slammed-for-launching-lit-fireworks-at-police-officers-in-street-a3664721.html
46	BBC	23/10/17	A kitchen was totally destroyed after a young child set off a firework in a house in Wrexham on Monday morning	http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-north-east-wales-41718533
47	Edinburgh News	23/10/17	Illegal fireworks worth more than £1,500, including three feet long rockets, have been found abandoned in a wheelie bin on a Midlothian industrial estate.	http://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/our-region/edinburgh/fireworks-worth-1-500-found-abandoned-in-wheelie-bin-1-4594071
48	Gursley Gazette	23/10/17	A HOME fireworks display in Dursley is believed to have gone awry on Saturday, leaving a greenhouse severely damaged by fire	http://www.gazetteseries.co.uk/news/15613795.Fireworks_display_believed_to_be_responsible_for_Dursley_fire/
49	Bristol Post	23/10/17	A group of teenagers terrified passers-by by reportedly shooting fireworks at cars and people in Bristol city centre	http://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/group-teens-shoot-fireworks-terrified-669561
50	Stratford Observer	24/10/17	FIREWORKS were aimed at people walking in Alcester. Some ten youngsters in Hopkins Precinct were letting off fireworks at around 10pm on Saturday then aimed at passers-by	https://stratfordobserver.co.uk/news/fireworks-aimed-at-pedestrians-in-alcester/
51	The Star Sheffield	24/10/17	Police deliver letters to parents of nuisance children	https://www.thestar.co.uk/news/police-deliver-letters-to-parents-of-nuisance-youths-in-sheffield-1-8820393
52	Shropshire Star	24/10/17	Police have warned someone could be maimed after 10 reports of fireworks	https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/local-

			being thrown into gardens over the past two days.	hubs/shrewsbury/2017/10/24/police-warning-over-firework-throwing-in-shrewsbury/
53	BBC	25/10/17	Two engineers were attacked with fireworks launched from a passing van as they tried to repair a fault on the electricity network.	http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-41748747
54	Ham & High News	25/10/17	A Crouch End Chinese restaurant owner has said it was lucky nobody was hurt after a masked group set off a flare firework inside	http://www.hamhigh.co.uk/news/crime-court/firework-thrown-into-crouch-end-chinese-restaurant-jade-palace-1-5251843
55	Huddersfield Daily Examiner	25/10/17	SHOCKING footage of firefighters being attacked with bricks and fireworks has been released in a bid to cut down on such incidents	http://www.examiner.co.uk/news/west-yorkshire-news/watch-shocking-footage-released-yobs-13810944
56	Chronicle Live	25/10/17	A total of 464kg of fireworks were seized including explosives which had been stored illegally in a garage in Newcastle's West End	http://www.chroniclive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/dangerous-haul-fireworks-stored-west-13812622
57	The Star Sheffield	26/10/17	A knuckleduster and fireworks were dumped by youths running away from police officers on a Sheffield estate.	https://www.thestar.co.uk/news/knuckleduster-and-fireworks-dumped-by-youths-running-off-from-police-on-sheffield-estate-1-8825313
58	East Lothian Courier	26/10/17	POLICE were bombarded with complaints last night after a flurry of fireworks were set off after 11pm.	http://www.eastlothiancourier.com/news/15622233.Late_night_fireworks_spark_a_flurry_of_complaints/
59	Get West London	26/10/17	A 17-year-old has been charged with affray and throwing fireworks	http://www.getwestlondon.co.uk/news/west-london-news/teenager-charged-affray-after-reports-13813973
60	Stoke Sentinel	27/10/17	Officers called out after fireworks let off in the street over 5 nights	http://www.stokesentinel.co.uk/news/stoke-on-trent-news/police-warning-after-youths-repeatedly-690957
61	Nottingham Post	27/10/17	Police patrols will be increased in the Carrington area after multiple reports of 'youths throwing fireworks in the street'.	http://www.stokesentinel.co.uk/news/stoke-on-trent-news/police-warning-after-youths-repeatedly-690957
62	Aberdeen Journal/BBC News/Herald	28/10/17	two 18 year old males setting off and throwing fireworks within a car park," said a Police Scotland spokesman	https://www.eveningexpress.co.uk/fp/news/local/police-called-teens-throw-fireworks-near-beach1/
63	Aberdeen Evening Express	28/10/17	Police have seized fireworks after tackling two teenagers throwing off fireworks near Aberdeen beach	https://www.eveningexpress.co.uk/fp/news/local/police-called-teens-throw-fireworks-near-beach1/
64	The News Portsmouth	28/10/17	people setting off fireworks close to the Lidl car park.	https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10155799216107418&id=114450942417&hc_location=ufi
65	STV News Glasgow	28/10/17	Ten-year-old girl struck by lit firework in Glasgow	https://stv.tv/news/west-central/1400959-ten-year-old-girl-struck-by-lit-firework-in-glasgow/

66	Bristol Post	28/10/17	Arsonists riding on motorbikes shot a firework at a home and set a garden on fire in South Bristol last night.	http://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/arsonists-motorbike-shoot-fireworks-bristol-695534
67	Eastbourne Herald	29/10/17	Around 1,000 people a year hurt by firework-related injuries, says first aid charity	http://www.eastbourneherald.co.uk/news/around-1-000-people-a-year-hurt-by-firework-related-injuries-says-first-aid-charity-1-8219568
68	STV News Dumfries	30/10/17	A nine-year-old boy has been shown setting off a rocket in a Snapchat video	https://stv.tv/news/west-central/1401067-boy-nine-filmed-setting-off-fireworks-on-snapchat/
69	Lincolnshire Live	30/10/17	A horse has been badly injured after it ran into the path of a car when it was running away from a firework display close to the A57	http://www.lincolnshirelive.co.uk/news/local-news/horse-left-badly-injured-leaps-702824
70	Manchester Evening News/Greater Manchester Police	30/10/17	Terrified newsagents staff had to run for their lives when two men hurled lit fireworks inside their shop.	http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/police-want-speak-men-after-13834244
71	Camden New Journal	30/10/17	POLICE are imposing a 9pm curfew in Primrose Hill and banning fireworks and lanterns from being set off in the public park	http://camdennewjournal.com/article/fireworks-police-put-primrose-hill-on-9pm-lockdown-until-november-8
72	Wigan Today	30/10/17	Yobs who attack firefighters have once again been condemned following the latest in a spate of sickening assaults on the emergency services	https://www.wigantoday.net/news/crime/attacks-against-our-firefighters-must-end-now-1-8830563
73	Liverpool Echo	31/10/17	A woman who lives just off Allerton Road reported that a gang of youths had put a firework through her letter box	http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/mischief-night-merseyside-bus-windows-13834532
74	Deeside.com	31/10/17	Kids letting fireworks off in park	http://www.deeside.com/police-keep-eye-kids-halloween/
75	Cheshire Police	31/10/17	Mindless vandals threw bricks at cars, set fire to wheelie bins and threw fireworks last night causing disruption to residents in Halton and Winsford	https://www.facebook.com/cheshirepolice/photos/a.10156017142794015.1073741915.172629054014/10156017142954015/?type=3&theater
76	Warrington Police	31/10/17	9 Dispersal Orders to youths and confiscated over 40 fireworks which were being used in anti-social behaviour.	https://www.facebook.com/PoliceWarr/posts/2011651759046662:0?hcllocation=ufi
77	Loughborough Echo	01/11/17	It has been reported that people have been discharging fireworks in the early hours of the morning.	http://www.loughboroughcho.net/news/local-news/fireworks-warning-issued-public-13838437
78	Tyne and Wear Police	01/11/17	Firefighters attacked with fireworks	https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10154723030131612&id=30300321611&hcllocation=ufi
79	Kent online	01/11/17	Terrified residents hid in their homes as hordes of teenagers roamed the streets of Vigo last night, throwing	http://www.kentononline.co.uk/gravesend/news/mob-rule-for-halloween-as-134546/

			fireworks at cars, pelting homes with pumpkins and intimidating villagers.	
80	Birmingham Mail	01/11/17	The blazing rocket was lobbed at Boldmere's Harvester restaurant, shortly before 5pm on Saturday, October 28, by a young male wearing a dark hooded jacket and jeans.	http://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/teens-run-lives-after-thugs-13842752
81	Yorkshire Evening Post	01/11/17	Firefighters in Leeds were among West Yorkshire crews pelted with stones and fireworks during six attacks on Halloween night	https://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/news/west-yorkshire-fire-crews-pelted-with-fireworks-and-bricks-in-halloween-night-attacks-1-8835149
82	Huddersfield Daily Examiner	01/11/17	fireworks deliberately thrown with potentially devastating effects.	http://www.examiner.co.uk/news/west-yorkshire-news/fireworks-thrown-cars-egged-yobs-13842172
83	Leicester Mercury	01/11/17	Students have been blamed for a series of incidents which have seen fireworks launched at buildings and cars	http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/news/leicester-news/students-blamed-after-fireworks-launched-709758
84	Coventry Telegraph	01/11/17	Police had fireworks, stones and bottles thrown at them as they tackled a group of youngsters who were launching fireworks at vehicles and pedestrians.	http://www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/coventry-news/police-attacked-gang-launching-fireworks-13843400
85	Harrogate Advertiser	01/11/17	Teenagers throw fireworks at cars	https://www.harrogateadvertiser.co.uk/news/crime/teenagers-threw-fireworks-at-cars-and-eggs-at-houses-on-halloween-in-harrogate-1-8835636
86	Nottingham Post	01/11/17	Masked men armed with sticks and a baseball bat threw fireworks inside a Sneinton Dale off-licence	http://www.nottinghampost.com/news/local-news/masked-men-armed-weapons-threw-713832
87	Bristol Post	01/11/17	Men in Halloween masks terrorised families as they drove around launching live fireworks out of a car window at mothers and children.	http://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/five-men-wearing-purge-masks-712250
88	Birmingham Mail	01/11/17	Fireworks shot into oncoming traffic in Mosely	http://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/shocking-footage-shows-fireworks-shot-13839963
89	Hertfordshire Mercury	01/11/17	A keep fit class was under way at Havers Community Centre in Knights Row when the lit firework was tossed into the building shortly before 9pm last night	http://www.hertfordshiremercury.co.uk/news/hertfordshire-news/havers-community-centre-bishops-stortford-744012
90	Derby Telegraph	01/11/17	A red Vauxhall Corsa was stopped by officers in Laburnum Crescent at around 8.30pm on Tuesday after residents reported that fireworks were coming from the car	http://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/news/derby-news/reports-fireworks-being-set-people-710108
91	News Shopper	01/11/17	A group of masked kids petrified shoppers in Welling by throwing lit fireworks inside a busy news agent	http://www.newsshopper.co.uk/news/15633738.Halloween terror in Welling as masked youths throw lit fireworks in newsagents/?ref=fbshr

92	Shropshire Star	02/11/17	Three teenagers escaped potentially serious injury after a lit firework was shot at them from a car	https://www.shropshirestar.com/news/crime/2017/11/02/it-went-off-with-a-massive-explosion---fireworks-thrown-at-teenagers-from-car-in-oswestry/
93	Liverpool Echo	02/11/17	youths recklessly lobbed fireworks at a police car following a 'number' of attacks on vehicles across Merseyside on Mischief Night.	http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/unbelievable-moment-more-youths-recklessly-13849704
94	Wales on Line	02/11/17	Police have confirmed that fireworks were thrown in their direction on Halloween in a Cardiff suburb as a video has emerged of fireworks going off near cars and homes. Fireworks were shot "from all angles" and lasted for "hours", according to people living in Ely	http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/fireworks-thrown-police-members-public-13841743
95	Dumfries and Galloway Police	03/11/17	Man remanded in custody for fireworks offence Yesterday we responded to reports a man was setting off fireworks dangerously close to homes in the Stranraer area.	https://www.facebook.com/DumfriesGallowayPoliceDivision/photos/a.216380728442246.54662.178118298935156/1515450111868628/?type=3&theater
96	The Sentinel	03/11/17	Police fled for their own safety fireworks thrown at them, firework went under their police car after officers had pulled over a vehicle in the early hours of today.	http://www.stokesentinel.co.uk/news/stoke-on-trent-news/firework-deliberately-fired-police-officers-723833
97	Maldon Star	03/11/17	Officers were called after a firework struck and smashed through a first-floor double glazed window	http://www.maldonandburnhamstandard.co.uk/news/15640210.Firework-smashes-through-double-glazed-window-sparking-safety-warning/
98	BBC News	04/11/17	People setting off fireworks on a beach sparked concerns a ship may be in distress, a lifeboat crew has said.	http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-tyne-41870076
99	BBC News	04/11/17	Couple Critical. A man is "fighting for his life" after an arson attack in which a firework is believed to have been let off inside a house, police have said.	http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-birmingham-41869897
100	Bristol Post	04/11/17	Injuries as firework explodes into crowd of children and hits man in face at Bristol school. The display at Compass Point Primary School in Bedminster saw two ambulances attend and reports of injuries	http://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/injuries-firework-explodes-crowd-children-728174
101	Sunderland Echo	04/11/17	firework was thrown into the vehicle, which then exploded inside, rendering the car a write-off.	https://www.sunderlandecho.com/our-region/sunderland/sunderland-fan-s-car-trashed-in-shocking-firework-attack-while-he-was-at-bolton-wanderers-match-1-8839740
102	Cambridge News	04/11/17	mishandling of shop bought pyrotechnics, highlights how it can so easily go terribly wrong.	http://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/news/cambridge-news/what-not-bonfire-night-watch-

				13855096
103	Hertfordshire Mercury	04/11/17	Two teenage girls were burned and a young man was taken to hospital after a fireworks attack in Broxbourne.	http://www.hertfordshiremercury.co.uk/news/broxbourne-fireworks-attack-burns-two-740309
104	London Evening Standard	04/11/17	Dramatic body-cam footage shows officers approaching Lavender Park before fireworks are fired in their direction	https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/shocking-moment-thugs-shoot-fireworks-at-police-officers-from-southwest-london-park-a3676591.html
105	Blog Preston	04/11/17	Police have been called to reports of youths throwing fireworks at cars. One driver, who asked not to be named, said a lit firework 'fizzed off his bonnet'	http://www.blogpreston.co.uk/2017/11/fireworks-thrown-at-cars-in-blackpool-road/
106	Sheffield Online	04/11/17	Report received of youths setting fireworks off in the street in Arbourthorne, Sheffield. Report received of youths throwing fireworks at people leaving a pub in Sothall, Sheffield. Report received of youths throwing fireworks at people leaving a pub in Sothall, Sheffield. Officers en route.	https://www.facebook.com/onlinesheffield/photos/a.679981832030695.1073741842.609632969065582/1899755243386675/?type=3&theater
107	Salisbury Journal	04/11/17	People ran in fear from malfunctioning fireworks that were shot into the crowd at a bonfire night event on Saturday	http://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/salisbury/salisburynews/15641558. Everyone started screaming after fireworks shot into crowd at town event/
108	The Argus	04/11/17	Zoe Ball's mum: "Rocket could have killed me"	http://www.theargus.co.uk/news/15641100.Zoe_Ball_s_mum_Rocket_could_have_killed_me/
109	Stoke Sentinel	04/11/17	Firefighters called to house fire after firework thrown through window. The rocket set fire to a bed	http://www.stokesentinel.co.uk/news/firefighters-called-house-fire-after-729654
110	Lancashire Post	04/11/17	Firework shop closed down by police	https://www.lep.co.uk/your-lancashire/preston/fireworks-shop-closed-down-by-police-1-8841025
111	Heart News Sussex	04/11/17	Man hit in chest by stray firework lucky to be alive. 126 casualties and 2 houses damaged	http://www.heart.co.uk/sussex/news/local/lewes-bonfire-casualties/
112	Mirror	04/11/17	Massive fire breaks out at scrapyard as fireworks go off in background while cars burn and cylinders explode	http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/massive-fire-breaks-out-scrapyard-11469180
113	Daily Post	05/11/17	A Bonfire Night display set to wow hundreds of people had to be cancelled at the last minute when the tide swept in and destroyed the fireworks	http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/fireworks-organisers-left-high-dry-13858282
114	Derby Telegraph	05/11/17	cat died after vile sadists tied two firework rockets to it and set them off. Sam Copeland-Whelan said she has been left "absolutely heartbroken" after her	http://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/news/derby-news/vile-sadists-kill-cat-alvaston-728784

			brother found the cat still alive in Thorndike Avenue	
115	Manchester Evening News	05/11/17	Firefighters were attacked with bottles and fireworks during one of the busiest nights of the year for emergency crews	http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/firefighters-were-pelted-bottles-fireworks-13859972
116	BBC News	05/11/17	Fourteen people were injured at a bonfire event when fireworks malfunctioned and shot into the crowd	http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-wiltshire-41876233
117	Planet Radio	05/11/17	Families are claiming they're 'traumatised' after last night's fireworks in Elgin, which reportedly reduced kids to tears	https://planetradio.co.uk/mfr/local/news/watch-moray-fireworks-scene-horror-movie/
118	The Scottish Sun	05/11/17	Fireworks strapped to sex doll explodes in garden	https://www.thescottishsun.co.uk/news/1798890/firework-exploding-scots-lads-garden-sex-doll/
119	Mirror	05/11/17	Gang of 100 youths turn nasty at family firework display	http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/gangs-hundred-yobs-turn-nasty-11470812
120	Daily Record	05/11/17	Lit firework hurtles towards man's face outside chip shop	http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/watch-horrifying-moment-lit-firework-11471024
121	West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue	05/11/17	Video of firework aimed at firefighter narrowly missing him	https://www.facebook.com/WYFRS/videos/vb.116236931754897/1708054322573142/?type=2&theater
122	Derbyshire Police	05/11/17	Firework posted through letterbox, police attended a second similar call out	https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10155941855968000&id=110982222999&hc_location=ufi
123	Bolton News	05/11/17	Fireworks have been thrown at crews as they attended a bonfire started by youths in a park	http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/15642130.Fireworks_thrown_at_firefighters_as_they_are_called_to_a_bonfire_set_by_youths/
124	Independent	05/11/17	Yes, the time has surely come to recognise the reality of fireworks: they are and always have been dangerous and antisocial and will sooner or later be used to make an improvised incendiary bomb	http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/fireworks-bonfire-night-guy-fawkes-terrorism-a8038601.html
125	Gazette Live	05/11/17	Firework pierces conservatory roof feet from grandchildren	http://www.gazettelive.co.uk/news/teesside-news/firework-pierces-conservatory-roof-just-13861471
126	Wiltshire 999s	05/11/17	A black and white Collie dog which ran away from its owner during last night's fireworks has been found dead on the A419 in Swindon this afternoon	http://www.wiltshire999s.co.uk/run-away-collie-dog-found-dead-after-being-hit-by-car-on-a419-in-swindon/
127	Bristol Post	05/11/17	Dad hit in the face by firework during display says it could have been 2 year old son	http://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/dad-hit-face-firework-during-731712
128	The Sun	06/11/17	A 21-year-old man, who was hit in the	https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/197

			chest by a stray firework during Lewes bonfire night, is fighting for his life.	5177/lewes-bonfire-night-2017-effigy-ticket-celebrations-fireworks/
129	Cornwall Live	06/11/17	A stray firework is believed to have sparked a large fire on the hillside above St Agnes	http://www.cornwalllive.com/news/cornwall-news/st-agnes-fire-sparked-stray-731926
130	Liverpool Echo	06/11/17	Sparks fly as firework hits house and explodes	http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/watch-firework-flies-across-street-13862952
131	Huddersfield Examiner	06/11/17	At least 100 youths pelt fire brigade with fireworks, crews had to turn and leave as they came under siege	http://www.examiner.co.uk/news/west-yorkshire-news/firefighters-pelted-fireworks-mob-least-13862829
132	Evening Express	06/11/17	Organisers of an annual North-east fireworks display have launched an investigation after sparks went flying into the crowd	https://www.eveningexpress.co.uk/fp/news/local/investigation-launched-following-sparks-incident-at-fireworks-display1/
133	Glasgow Live	06/11/17	Fire service reports 'completely unacceptable' Guy Fawkes Night attacks on crews	http://www.glasgowlive.co.uk/news/glasgow-news/fire-service-reports-completely-unacceptable-13862619
134	BBC News	06/11/17	Child abduction alert after Manchester firework display	http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-manchester-41881562
135	Manchester Evening News	06/11/17	Keith Maden, 59, from Littleborough, Rochdale, was punched once in the face after reportedly confronting youths throwing fireworks	http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/keith-maden-rochdale-tributes-fireworks-13725465
136	Bournemouth Echo	06/11/17	Detectives are investigating after a car was "gutted" during a blaze in Boscombe at the weekend.	http://www.bournemouthecho.co.uk/news/15642501.WATCH_Car_goes_up_in_flames_shortly_after_fireworks_are_thrown_in_Boscombe_park/
137	Pulse 1 Leeds	06/11/17	18 Attacks on West Yorkshire Fire Teams Over Bonfire Weekend	https://www.pulse1.co.uk/news/local/fireworks-fired-at-emergency-services-in-leeds/
138	West Yorkshire Police	06/11/17	Police are appealing for information following two incidents of firework-related disorder in Leeds last night.	https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/news-appeals/appeal-over-firework-related-disorder-leeds
139	Courier Dundee	06/11/17	Broughty Ferry man found toys burning in home after firework posted through letterbox	https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/news/local/dundee/539678/broughty-ferry-man-found-toys-burning-home-fireworks-posted-letterbox/
140	The Star Sheffield	06/11/17	Fireworks thrown at police officers and fire engine attacked as more than 500 incidents reported across South Yorkshire within hours	https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10154877933318414&id=63449943413&hc_location=ufi
141	West Midlands Police	06/11/17	Can you help us trace who obtained a multi-shot firework (the size of the box pictured) which is believed to have	https://www.facebook.com/westmidlandspolice/photos/a.10150791247715099.727875.81751285098/101594

			caused a house fire in Birmingham leaving two people seriously injured?	70384455099/?type=3&theater
142	Eastern Daily Press	06/11/17	Mum left bleeding after being hit by firework debris at Norwich's Big Boom display	http://www.edp24.co.uk/news/politics/mum-left-bleeding-after-being-hit-by-firework-debris-at-norwich-s-big-boom-display-1-5268023
143	Evening Standard	06/11/17	youths shot fireworks at each other during a two-hour "battle" on a housing estate in east London	https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/shocking-video-shows-reckless-youths-in-two-hour-battle-with-fireworks-on-housing-estate-in-a3677836.html
144	STV News	06/11/17	A police officer in Edinburgh suffered serious burns while responding to a call on Bonfire Night.	https://stv.tv/news/east-central/1401616-police-injured-by-firework-after-responding-to-call/
145	Hull Daily Mail	06/11/17	Woman lets firework off in middle of street	http://www.hulldailymail.co.uk/news/hull-east-yorkshire-news/shocking-moment-sniggering-woman-sets-735478
146	Liverpool Echo	06/11/17	shop owner said his staff were 'scared for their lives' when a box of lit fireworks were thrown into his store.	http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/why-doing-us-bootle-shop-13865357
147	Daily Mail	07/11/17	Anthony Nicholls dies after firework posted through letterbox	http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5058725/Anthony-Nicholls-dies-hospital-fireworks-attack.html?ito=social-facebook
148	ITV News	07/11/17	Fireworks thrown at medics helping hit-and-run victim	http://www.itv.com/news/central/2017-11-07/fireworks-thrown-at-medics-helping-hit-and-run-victim/
149	Fife Today	07/11/17	Police are looking for two men after a firework was put through the door of a Fife home during the early hours of the morning	http://www.fifetoday.co.uk/news/crime/police-hunt-pair-after-late-night-fireworks-attack-on-home-1-4606987
150	East London Advertiser	07/11/17	Police appeal after fireworks flung at firefighters in Stepney	http://www.eastlondonadvertiser.co.uk/news/crime-court/police-appeal-after-fireworks-flung-at-firefighters-in-stepney-1-5269658
151	Mirror	07/11/17	Couples home completely destroyed by firework	http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/couples-home-completely-destroyed-firework-11474576
152	Express and Star	07/11/17	A woman had a lucky escape after yobs launched lit fireworks at her, narrowly missing her head	https://www.expressandstar.com/news/crime/2017/11/07/fireworks-aimed-at-womans-head-in-walsall/
153	Wigan Today	07/11/17	Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham has blasted yobs who ambushed a fire engine in which he was riding out with a crew.	https://www.wigantoday.net/news/crime/mayor-s-anger-as-he-is-caught-up-in-yob-ambush-of-fire-engine-1-8844302

154	ITV News	07/11/17	Firefighter left requiring hospital treatment after a group launched fireworks at emergency services	https://www.itv.com/news/london/2017-11-07/firefighter-injured-after-group-attack-emergency-services-with-fireworks/
155	Wiltshire Times	07/11/17	A LIT firework was shoved through a Trowbridge couple's letter box on Sunday night.	http://www.wiltshiretimes.co.uk/news/15645404.Lit_firework_shoved_through_Trowbridge_couple_39_s_letterbox/
156	Derby Telegraph	07/11/17	Derbyshire Fire and Rescue say they were called to a total number of 15 incidents over the weekend which they say is a high number in comparison to previous years	http://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/news/your-verdict-whether-public-should-740193
157	Birmingham Mail	07/11/17	youths using fireworks to attack each other in the Eastside area of Birmingham City Centre.	http://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/birmingham-city-centre-firework-attack-13868115
158	Metro	07/11/17	Man almost blinded when 1,200 exploding fireworks thrown into shop	http://metro.co.uk/2017/11/07/1200-exploding-fireworks-thrown-into-corner-shop-hitting-worker-in-the-eye-7059263/
159	Bristol Post	07/11/17	Three police officers assaulted at fireworks display after eyewitnesses see 'man running around naked'	http://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/three-police-officers-assaulted-fireworks-741403
160	Plymouth Herald	07/11/17	Box of fireworks started fire at Devonport tower block	http://www.plymouthherald.co.uk/news/local-news/box-fireworks-started-fire-devonport-740346
161	The Scottish Sun	08/11/17	A FEMALE cop was badly burned in a firework gang attack after a request for full riot squad back-up was ignored, outraged colleagues claimed	https://www.thescottishsun.co.uk/news/1814635/female-cop-burn-firework-exploded-edinburgh-rioting-yobs-backup-ignored/
162	Hertfordshire Mercury	08/11/17	Police in Bishop's Stortford have urged parents to take action after children as young as 12 terrorised shoppers and staff with fireworks.	http://www.hertfordshiremercury.co.uk/news/hertfordshire-news/police-warn-parents-over-fireworks-744251
163	Coventry Telegraph	08/11/17	A toddler was rushed to hospital after being hit by a firework on Bonfire Night weekend.	http://www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/local-news/toddler-hit-firework-horror-bonfire-13874069
164	Leicester Mercury	08/11/17	Firefighter describes fireworks raining down on crew as they tackled blaze started to lure them to area" I've had the odd thing thrown at me in the past, but it's the first time I've felt threatened in my job"	http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/news/leicester-news/firefighter-describes-fireworks-raining-down-741625
165	Wales online	08/11/17	Youths are throwing lit fireworks into gardens just 24 hours after a devastating nearby house fire	http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/youths-throwing-lit-fireworks-gardens-13876578
166	Rugby Advertiser	08/11/17	Rugby primary school forced to close after lit fireworks thrown at children	http://www.rugbyadvertiser.co.uk/news/rugby-primary-school-forced-to-close-after-lit-fireworks-thrown-at-

				children-1-8234847
167	Hampshire Constabulary	08/11/17	motorcycles were being ridden through the shopping areas and riders were seen to let off fireworks.	https://www.hampshire.police.uk/news/witness-appeals/motorcyclists-continue-endanger-public-havant/
168	Mirror	08/11/17	Shocking footage shows rival groups of youths brazenly aiming fireworks at each other in a dangerous street battle in east London	http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/brazen-yobs-aim-lit-fireworks-11483242
169	Manchester Evening News	08/11/17	Gang of 60 youths surround police van hurling fireworks at it injuring two officers	http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/gang-sixty-youths-surrounded-police-13877475
170	Sunderland Echo	08/11/17	On Sunday night a group of 15 to 20 year olds deliberately targeted police officers and fire fighters with fireworks as they carried out joint patrols in the Southwick area of Sunderland.	https://www.sunderlandecho.com/news/yobs-attack-firefighters-and-police-with-fireworks-on-bonfire-night-1-8846732
171	Metro	08/11/17	Thameside Police have been injured after teenagers surrounded their van and starting hurling fireworks on Sunday night	http://metro.co.uk/2017/11/08/police-injured-after-teenagers-surround-them-hurling-fireworks-7065185/
172	Coventry Telegraph	08/11/17	Toddler hit by firework in horror bonfire weekend accident	http://www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/local-news/toddler-hit-firework-horror-bonfire-13874069
173	Tommy Sheppard MP Blog	09/11/17	Time to licence fireworks	http://tommysheppardmp.scot/index.php/blog/tommys-blog/entry/time-to-license-fireworks
174	Scottish Sun	09/11/17	Police and fire crews raced to the scene after an unknown “firework device” was found.	https://www.thescottishsun.co.uk/news/1128811/man-arrested-controlled-explosion-paisley-firework/
175	Leicester Mercury	10/11/17	Woman scarred for life in firework attack outside Leicester pub	http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/news/leicester-news/woman-scarred-life-firework-attack-758055
176	Kent online	10/11/17	Yobs use fireworks to blow up wall	http://www.kentonline.co.uk/ashford/news/yobs-use-fireworks-to-blow-135008/
177	Devon Live	10/11/17	Fireworks set off on Teignmouth railway line	http://www.devonlive.com/news/devon-news/fireworks-set-railway-line-teignmouth-755727
178	Daily Record	10/11/17	Cat flees fireworks by climbing into zoo wolf enclosure	http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/scotland-now/help-meowt-cat-flees-fireworks-11497012?service=responsive
179	Camden Journal	10/11/17	A street fireworks display was shut down on Bonfire Night, forcing revellers to stage it in a nearby garden instead	http://camdennewjournal.com/article/police-halt-fireworks-display-held-in-street
180	Sunderland	10/11/17	Bonfire night brick and firework attack	https://www.sunderlandecho.com/o

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181	Spotted Crawley	10/11/17	Fireworks set off near cars	https://www.facebook.com/SpottedCrawley/posts/869678456514757?hc_location=ufi
182	BHS	10/11/17	In total since 2010, 168 incidents have been reported. Tragically 49 horses have been injured and 11 horses have died as a result of fireworks being used near them	http://www.bhs.org.uk/our-charity/press-centre/news/july-to-december-2017/shocking-incidents-show-the-true-price-of-bonfire-night
183	Barnsley Chronicle	11/11/17	Firework throwing teen banned from interchange	http://www.barnsleychronicle.com/article/firework-throwing-teen-banned-from-interchange
184	Telegraph	11/11/17	Dog rescued after getting stuck in six-inch gap between wall and conservatory when it was spooked by fireworks	http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/11/12/dog-rescued-getting-stuck-six-inch-gap-wall-conservatory-spooked/
185	Student Newspaper	12/11/17	An Edinburgh police officer has been treated for 'serious burns' after being attacked with a firework on November 5, Bonfire Night.	http://www.studentnewspaper.org/police-officer-burned-by-fireworks/
186	BBC News	13/11/17	Human fingers found in Leeds street following firework accident last week	http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/live/uk-england-leeds-41944998?ns_mchannel=social&ns_source=facebook&ns_campaign=bbc_look_north_yorkshire&ns_linkname=english_regions&ns_fee=0#post_5a09bef3e4b0a2071a6b09ca
187	Burnley Express	13/11/17	Idiots hurling fireworks at firefighters need to be dealt with seriously	https://www.burnleyexpress.net/news/opinion/idiots-hurling-fireworks-at-firefighters-need-to-be-dealt-with-seriously-1-8854949
188	The Mancunian	13/11/17	Remember, Remember the 5th of November – the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue service will this year, after several firefighters were attacked throughout the night	http://mancunion.com/2017/11/13/violent-bonfire-night-firefighters-attacked-across-manchester/
189	Swansea Online	14/11/17	Horse ran itself to death after firework display held a week after bonfire night	https://www.facebook.com/SwanseaOnline1/posts/1727690893970156?hc_location=ufi
190	Chronicle Live	15/11/17	Cat dressed in Halloween costume before fireworks strapped to its back and detonated	www.chroniclive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/cat-dressed-halloween-costume-before-13904943
191	Click Liverpool	15/11/17	Man 23, arrested after bonfire night shop attack	http://www.clickliverpool.com/news/22371-23-year-old-man-arrested-following-bonfire-night-shop-attack/
192	Minster FM	15/11/17	kids were lighting fireworks in the local field and letting the off.	https://www.minsterfm.com/news/local/2430164/boston-spa-woman-

				calls-for-action-on-anti-social-behaviour/
193	ITV News	17/11/17	5 year old girl badly burned after firework thrown through kitchen window	http://www.itv.com/news/granada/2017-11-17/five-year-old-girl-badly-burned-after-lit-firework-is-thrown-through-kitchen-window/
194	Grantham Journal	16/11/17	Firework goes off inside cinema	https://www.granthamjournal.co.uk/news/firework-goes-off-inside-grantham-cinema-1-8248736
195	Horse & Hound	17/11/17	Owner calls for action after horse spooked by fireworks suffers horrific injuries running onto the A57 near Lincoln	http://www.horseandhound.co.uk/news/owner-calls-action-horse-spooked-fireworks-suffers-horrific-injuries-637879?utm_campaign=20171120_X_HH-X_NWL_EO&utm_medium=email&utm_source=ET
196	Herald Scotland	18/11/17	Pupils jacket melted after it was hit by firework	http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/15668963.Pupils_jacket_melted_after_he_was_hit_by_firework/
197	Mail online	20/11/17	Police have arrested two more people after a father was killed by a 200-shot firework in his home.	http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5100571/Police-arrest-woman-18-man-21-fireworks-death.html
198	Basildon Canvey Southend Echo	21/11/17	Dangerous debris from firework display left for more than 2 weeks in memorial park	http://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/15673491.Dangerous_items_left_after_fireworks/#comments-anchor
199	Salisbury Journal	22/11/17	Loud explosion after vandals taped fireworks to a grit bin	http://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/15676922.Loud_explosion_after_vandals_taped_fireworks_to_grit_bin/
200	ESPN	22/11/17	UEFA has announced it has closed disciplinary proceedings against Benfica after fans set off fireworks during their clash with Manchester United at Old Trafford on Oct. 31.	http://www.espn.co.uk/football/benfica/story/3280129/benfica-avoid-punishment-following-old-trafford-fireworks-charge
201	Telegraph and Argus	22/11/17	A NEIGHBOUR said he was “terrified” when what he thought were fireworks outside a nearby house just after midnight turned out to be gunshots.	http://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/15676751.Terrified_neighbour_thought_gunshot_was_firework_going_off/
202	Get Surrey	23/11/17	Aldershot police incident: firework found after armed police, battering rams and dogs raid Ash Road	https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1852941644733589&id=369041236456978&hc_location=ufi
203	Yorkshire Coast Radio	27/11/17	Fireworks litter Scarborough beach	https://www.yorkshirecoastradio.co.uk/news/local-news/2439990/fireworks-litter-scarborough-beach/
204	Edinburgh	27/11/17	Council call for more control over sales	http://www.theedinburghreporter.c

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205	BBC	28/11/17	Several rooms of a house were badly damaged after lit fireworks were pushed through the letterbox.	http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-42153025
206	Brighton and Hove News	30/11/17	footage of fans setting off flares and fireworks outside the stadium, believed to be an attempt to distract sniffer dogs	http://www.brightonandhovenews.org/2017/11/30/more-arrests-expected-as-police-examine-video-of-palace-match-disorder/
207	Wrexham.com	14/12/17	Southsea street reopens after several hours lockdown due to 'suspicious' fireworks package found	http://www.wrexham.com/news/southsea-street-reopens-after-several-hour-lockdown-due-to-suspicious-fireworks-package-found-141977.html
208	Alton Herald	18/12/17	A HASLEMERE man has been arrested on suspicion of making or possessing explosives under suspicious circumstances. During a search of the property, officers found a number of fireworks and other items which required the assistance of an explosives disposal team.	http://www.altonherald.com/article.cfm?id=124738&headline=Police%20in%20%E2%80%98explosives%E2%80%99%20discovery&sectionIs=news&searchyear=2017
209	Chard & Ilminster News	21/12/17	FIREFIGHTERS tackled a huge blaze at a West Somerset beauty spot that was caused by fireworks.	http://www.chardandilminsternews.co.uk/news/15786371.Huge_fire_at_a_West_Somerset_beauty_spot/?ref=mrb&lp=13
210	EDP 4 News	23/12/17	Ben De-Vilder, 24, of Oak Tree Drive, Norwich, admitted a charge of throwing a firework in a public place when he appeared at Norwich Magistrates Court on Friday (December 22). De-Vilder found the firework in his pocket and decided to throw it away after lighting it but was surprised by how loud it was	http://www.edp24.co.uk/news/crime/man-fined-for-throwing-lit-firework-into-bin-at-forum-in-norwich-1-5332450
211	St Helen Star	29/12/17	A DOG has gone missing after yobs hurled fireworks at her in a park.	http://www.sthelensstar.co.uk/news/15798180.Dog_goes_missing_after_yobs_hurl_fireworks_at_her_in_park/?ref=fbpg&utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn
212	KLFM news	29/12/17	firework was thrown into a property in South Wootton.	https://www.klfm967.co.uk/news/klfm-news/2467622/firework-thrown-into-south-wootton-home/
213	Bury Times	30/12/17	Police and firefighters were called to an address in Spring Street, close to the town centre, at about 2.30am to reports that a firework had been through the letterbox.	http://www.burytimes.co.uk/news/15799798.Firework_thrown_through_letter_box_in_Bury/
214	Time	31/12/17	A family in Hornchurch has had a lucky escape after a "stray firework" filled their flat with smoke.	https://www.facebook.com/time107.5/posts/1506527109467800?hcl_location=ufi

215	Facebook	01/01/18	Dog frightened by fireworks early evening runs off later found	https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=2047517268861248&id=100008089845639&comment_id=2048993772046931&notif_id=1515080894147163&notif_t=comment_mention&hc_location=ufi
216	EDP 24 News	02/01/18	Police are treating an incident where several fireworks were let off in the entrance of an apartment building as arson.	http://www.edp24.co.uk/news/criminology/police-investigating-fire-works-set-off-in-apartment-bulding-1-5339785
217	Scarthowatch Facebook	02/01/18	Large group of teenagers running across scartho fork roundabout in front of cars, setting off fireworks in the middle of the roundabout near the Christmas tree. Some wearing masks. Several cars having to swerve or emergency stop. Reported to 101.	https://www.facebook.com/scarthowatch/posts/1451278164981278?hc_location=ufi
218	South Wales Argus	04/01/18	RSPCA Cymru received "deeply worrying" calls about distressed and unwell stray dogs on New Year's Day in the Caerphilly County Borough area - which could be linked to the fear sparked by fireworks displays.	http://www.southwalesargus.co.uk/news/gwentnews/15807454.Fear_fireworks_sparked_spate_of_injured_stray_dog_calls/
219	BBC News	11/01/18	A man has been jailed for six months after admitting setting off fireworks in a culpable and reckless manner.	http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-north-east-orkney-shetland-42648638
220	The Courier.co.uk	12/01/18	A Tayside man has told of his anger after a firework hit one of his horses, burning a hole through the animal's coat. Neil Walker wants to warn others about the dangers of fireworks after the incident, which happened in Templehall, near Longforgan, earlier this week.	https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/news/local/dundee/578148/anger-after-horse-hit-by-firework-during-bonfire-in-field/
221	The Star	12/01/18	Scuffles have broken out between rival fans attending the Steel City derby this evening amid reports that fireworks have been set off inside pubs.	https://www.thestar.co.uk/news/vid eo-scuffles-break-out-near-bramall-lane-as-fireworks-are-set-off-inside-pubs-1-8955636

Fireworks injuries: counts of hospital admissions and A&E attendances for England from 2008-2017 sourced from NHS Digital data.

Annual period		Hospital admissions		A&E attendances
From	To	Totals	Age (0-14)	Totals
01-04-2007	31-03-2008	131	41	2,952
01-04-2008	31-03-2009	100	27	1,643
01-04-2009	31-03-2010	94	25	2,141
01-04-2010	31-03-2011	158	42	6,173
01-04-2011	31-03-2012	164	37	NA*
01-04-2012	31-03-2013	137	22	4,999
01-04-2013	31-03-2014	120	22	4,434
01-04-2014	31-03-2015	114	36	4,506
01-04-2015	31-03-2016	168	53	5,224
01-04-2016	31-03-2017	183	59	5,340

*Unreliable data (confirmed unreliable by NHS digital)

Hospital admissions data; see External Causes Category W39:

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<https://digital.nhs.uk/catalogue/PUB02567>

<http://digital.nhs.uk/catalogue/PUB02570>

<https://digital.nhs.uk/catalogue/PUB08288>

<https://digital.nhs.uk/catalogue/PUB12566>

<https://digital.nhs.uk/catalogue/PUB16719>

<https://digital.nhs.uk/catalogue/PUB19124>

<https://digital.nhs.uk/catalogue/PUB22378>

<https://digital.nhs.uk/catalogue/PUB30098>

A&E attendances data;

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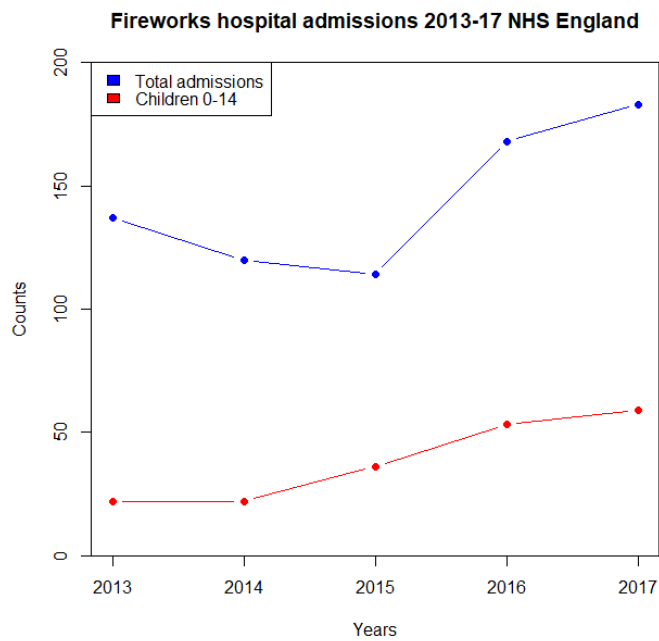
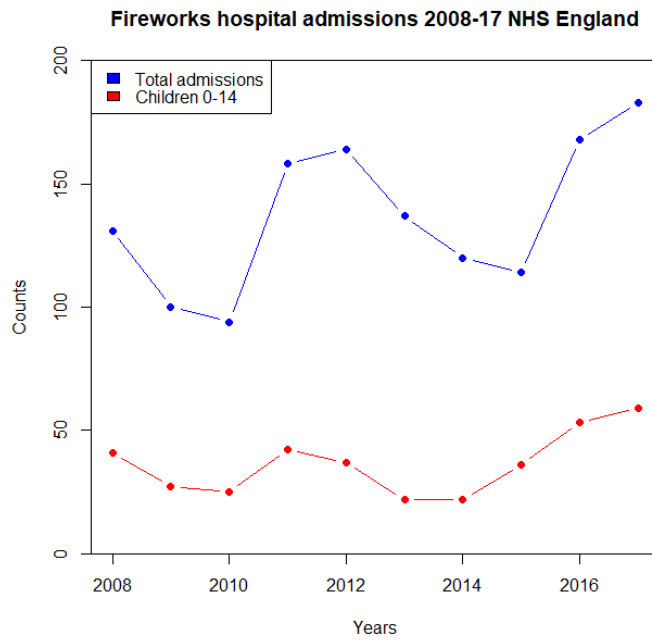
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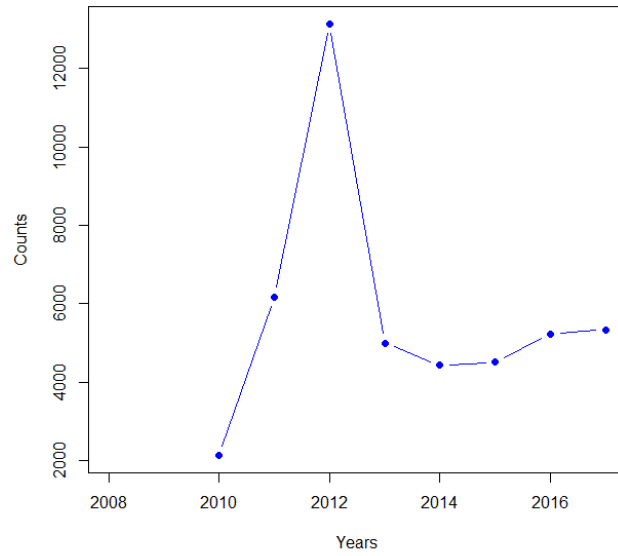
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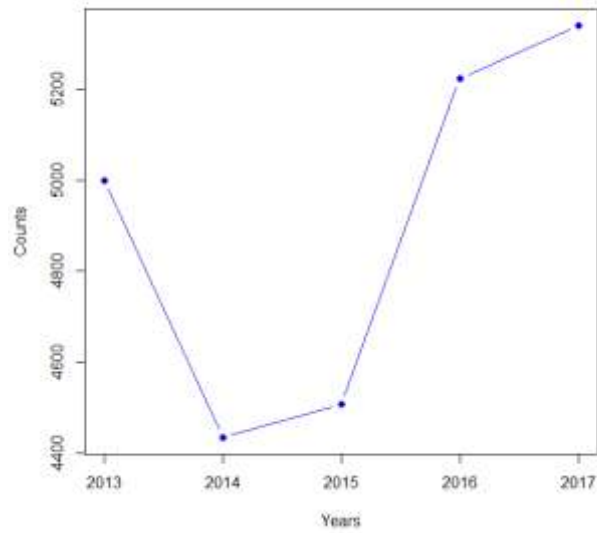
Reason for spike in 2012.

<https://fireworkabatement.files.wordpress.com/2018/01/reason-for-spike-in-2011-12-in-nhs-summary-data.pdf>

Fireworks A&E attendances 2010-17 NHS England



Fireworks A&E attendances 2013-17 NHS England



Statistics Obtained from British Horse Society Horse Accidents Website

- 187 total fireworks reported to the BHS
- 15 horse fatalities
- 59 horses injured
- 2017 – 73 incidents (4 horse fatalities, 17 horses injured)
- 2016 – 23 incidents (4 horse fatalities, 5 horses injured)
- 2015 – 12 incidents (6 horses injured)
- 2014 – 18 incidents (8 horses injured)
- 2013 – 13 incidents (1 horse fatality, 7 horses injured)
- 2012 – 8 incidents (5 horses injured)
- 2011 – 16 incidents (1 horse fatality, 4 horses injured)
- 2010 – 12 incidents (5 horses injured)
- 2009 – 1 incident (1 horse fatality)
- 2008 – 1 incident (1 horse injured)
- 2007 – 2 incidents
- 2006 – 1 incident (1 horse injured)
- 2005 – 2 incidents (1 horse fatality)
- 2004 – 0 incidents
- 2003 – 1 incident (1 horse fatality)
- 2002 – 2 incidents (1 horse fatality)
- 2001 – 1 incident
- 1994 – 1 incident (1 horse fatality)

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Report on the data received from Freedom of Information Requests

Regarding Incidents Involving Fireworks

Between 2015 and 2018 a number of Freedom of Information (FOI) requests were sent to the Police and Fire services.

Section A

Requests sent to Police Services

The requests were divided into several different questions. Several of the requests as detailed below were refused due to the amount of data retrieved exceeding the allowed time and costs limits to collate. The requests were refined, and the following questions are the ones which resulted in the responses: -

1. The number of firework related complaints received from the 1st of January 2010 to the 31st December 2015.
2. The number of firework related complaints received from the 1st January 2016 to the 31st December 2016.
3. The number of firework related complaints received from the 1st January 2017 to the 31st December 2017 (this request has been acknowledged by a number of the police departments, but no data has been received to date).

The data shown below is only representative of the national totals as the information received is not consistent. Of the 43 forces across the UK, only twenty responded and the data provided was not standardised. Several forces responded with just ballpark figures for each year, some provided data for some years, but not others and other forces provided detailed data for each year broken down into dates and times. There were a few that sent refusal notices to all or part of the requests as the amount of data retrieved was too large to analyse and other forces didn't respond at all.

Those forces that provided detailed data, gave the proviso the information wasn't exact as they don't have specific codes for different incidents, so they carried out keyword searches for fireworks and the information provided doesn't specify anything other than the incident involved fireworks. Where fireworks have caused damage to property it would be logged under criminal damage, if used for a weapon it would be logged as assault etc. More detail on the different methods of logging firework incidents, and the different codes used is given in section B.

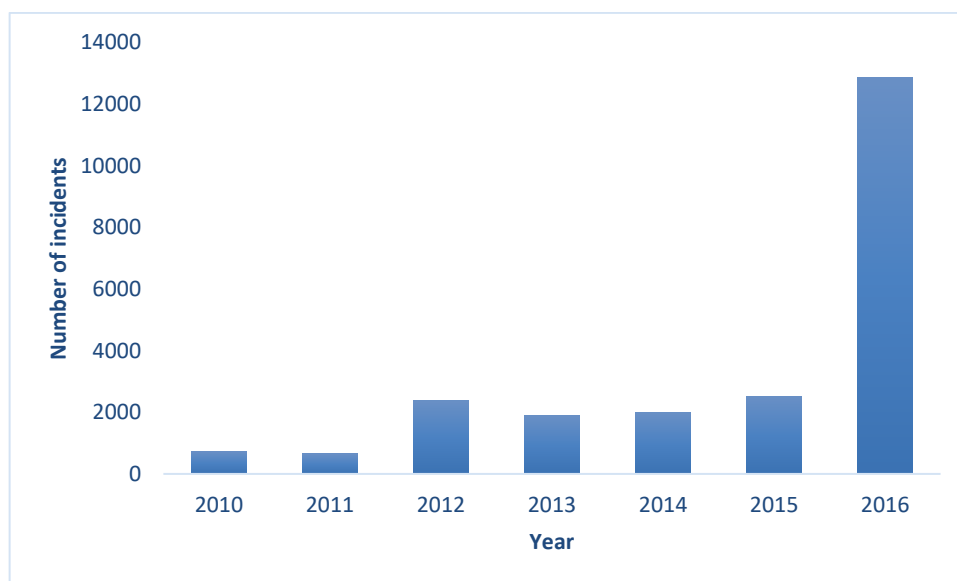


Figure 1 – Bar chart showing the total number of incidents involving fireworks reported nationally each year over a seven-year period

Whilst the data provided is not definitive due to the variance in what was provided by each force, a clear increase in the number of incidents reported to police can be seen.

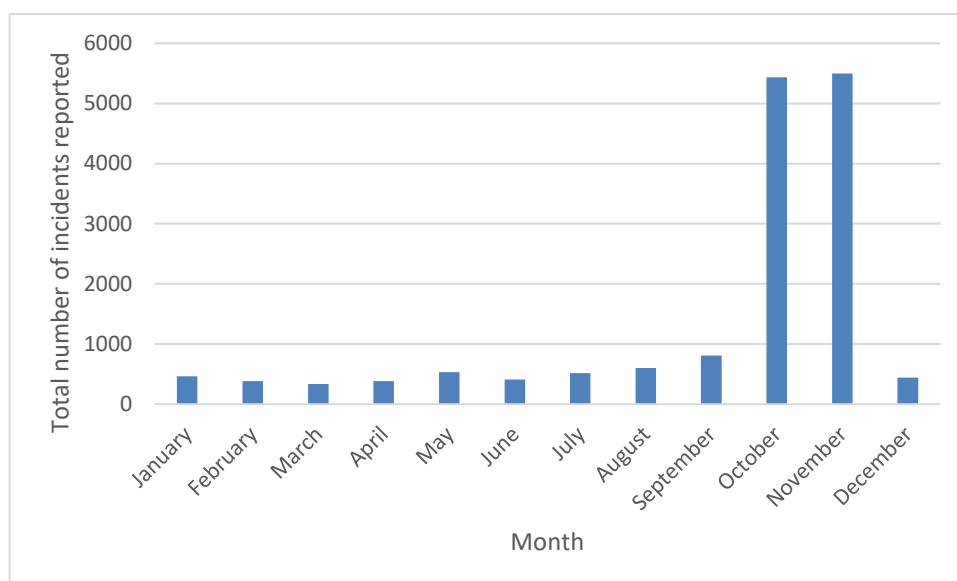


Figure 2 – Bar chart showing the total number of incidents reported nationally per month between 1st January 2010 and 31st December 2016

The data clearly shows that problems caused by fireworks occur through every month throughout the year. However, there is a dramatic increase in incidents reported in October which coincides with the dates that fireworks are easily and cheaply available to the public from supermarkets and garden centres.

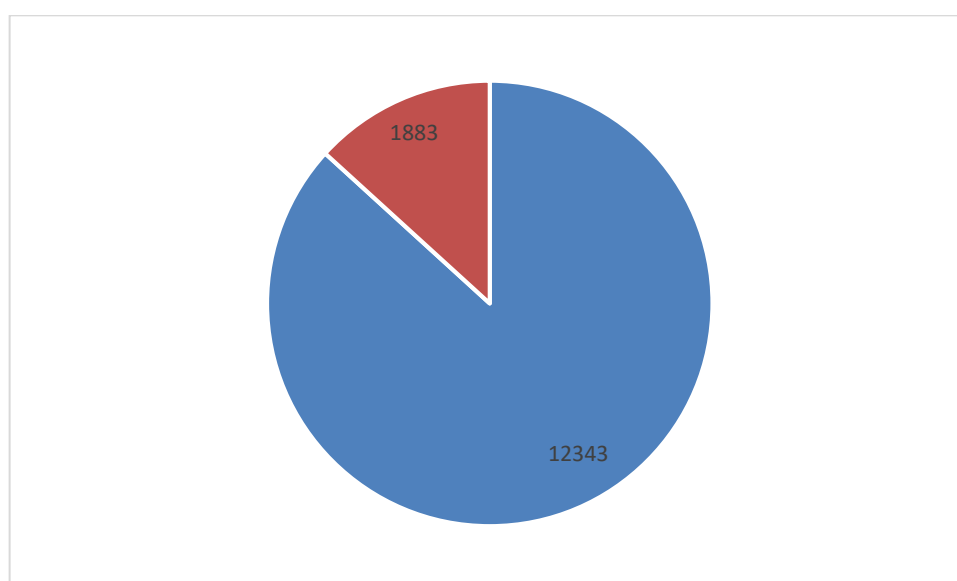


Figure 3 – Proportion of incidents reported within legal hours (blue) and outside of legal hours (orange).
The extended curfew hours on 5th November, Diwali, Chinese New Year and New Year's Eve are included in the legal hours.

Northumbria police provided an interesting breakdown of their figures showing the number of incidents across weekdays and the various times of day.

Day	Number
Monday	81
Tuesday	80
Wednesday	90
Thursday	72
Friday	126
Saturday	211
Sunday	103

Time	Number
00.00-06.00	54
06.00-12.00	23
12.00-18.00	120
18.00-00.00	549

In conclusion, whilst this data is only representative of incidents across the country, it does highlight several different points.

1. Fireworks cause enough of a problem to warrant police involvement throughout the entire year, not just when they would be expected on traditional dates. Whilst there maybe a few people who may ring the police to complain about noise, it is unlikely that many people ring the police to report the neighbours for setting fireworks off in their garden, so it is a fair assumption that these incidents are likely to indicate anti-social or illegal use/sale/possession.
2. The number of incidents rockets around October and it is unlikely to simply be a coincidence that this coincides with when they are on sale to the public in supermarkets and garden centres, so they are easily accessible and affordable.
3. Northumbria's data highlights the fact that many of the reports are not only made during the legally allowed hours, but during daylight hours, a fact that is reflected in the information from other forces.

Section B

Refusals and partial answers

Collecting and collating information about firework incidents has proven difficult for a number of reasons. All responses carried the following statement "Police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to requesters of information. The systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted for these reasons this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive". With no generic, standardised recording system, the data generated is representative at best, and along with that is the difference in the amount of detail different forces are able/willing to provide.

Along with the requests detailed above a further request was sent: -

- 1) The number of firework related incidents reported between 00.01 1st January 2016 to 00.59 31st December 2016.
- 2) The number of incidents where fireworks were used to attack emergency personnel i.e. paramedics, firemen, police between 1st January 2015 to 31st October 2017.
- 3) How incidents involving fireworks are logged, classified and dealt with.

Overall, the response to this request were refusals, however, there was some information provided for the second and third question.

More detailed explanations for refusals and responses to Q2 and Q3 were provided by the following forces: -

Surrey Police – "Submitted request to the force analysts who replied that 'firework offences' are non-notifiable so there is no requirement to submit this data to the Home Office. The analysts therefore only looked for those incidents with a closing code of 'AsBos – Fireworks Inappropriate Sale/Use/Possession' have been included with the results. 205 results were returned. However, we are unable to establish if what you are looking for is held in the 205 results as it would mean a manual read of each of those incidents. This would exceed the 18 hours allowed".

Merseyside Police – Q3 "All calls regarding fireworks are logged, classified and graded and dealt with according to their urgency factors. Logs can vary from the reports of illegal selling, to that of injuries caused by fireworks. Fireworks themselves do not have a separate NICL (National Incident Category List) code. The incident is logged under the problem caused. For example, damage caused by a firework would come under Criminal Damage, injury caused would be Assault etc."

West Midlands Police – "Unfortunately our data is not organised in such a way as to allow us to provide this information, there is no 'firework' special interest marker on our incident system and it would involve using a keyword search for 'firework' and researching the MO notes on every log to determine its relevance. The word 'firework' can relate to a shop or an expression when referring to a heated argument i.e. 'there will be fireworks when he finds out' etc."

Northumbria Police – Q3, "On receipt of a call where fireworks are involved, as with every other incident reported to the Police the Contact Handler will use the prescribed rationale to grade the

incident appropriately and, where necessary officers will be allocated to investigate. When the incident log is finalised in addition to the appropriate closing code. The Communications Department utilise a specific “Qualifying Code” (QF1 – Fireworks or QB0 – Bonfires and Bonfires with Fireworks). The final coding depends on other factors that must be taken into consideration regarding each incident. As there are only field for 3 codes, it is unlikely that other more urgent coding would take priority and be applied. Any searches on those codes alone would therefore not yield accurate results”.

Suffolk Police – Q3, “There is no set procedure for logging, classifying and dealing with fireworks incidents reported to police. Each individual report is logged against what is deemed to be the most appropriate category found within The National Standard of Incident Recording published by the home office which incorporates the National Incident Category List. For example, the category of “violence” would be used if a firework is set off against at person, “anti-social behaviour” concerning noise complaints, “concern for safety” if it’s a report of children misusing fireworks. It is entirely to the call takers’ discretion dependent on the information received from the caller. Incidents are also dealt with using the most appropriate Police resources. If the report is of low level nuisance the constabulary would expect ordinary response officers to deal. If it concerns a violent person deliberately setting fireworks off at somebody else causing death or serious injury, then an armed police response might be more appropriate – there are no set procedures and each incident would be dealt with dynamically based on the information available at the time”.

Leicestershire Police – Q3, “Leicestershire Police do not have a specific policy for logging, classifying and dealing with firework related incidents. These re generally dealt with as Anti-Social Behaviour, however they are assessed on a case by case basis in line with the National Decision model.

Dyfed Powys – “Fireworks classed under ASB, Assault and violent 40,050 incidents under these headings, would require each record to be individually examined which would exceed the time limit.

In conclusion, due to the large variation in the way each force records and logs incidents involving fireworks it is extremely difficult to collate definitive data to enable the full examination of just how much of a problem fireworks are for both the public and the police. The fact that many of the more serious incidents will have been logged under Assault and Criminal Damage would suggest that the figures gathered are significantly lower than they would be if there was an NICL code universally used across the UK’s police forces to record all firework incidents. It also means that a large amount of data is missing, because a keyword search for firework turns up so many results that the force is unable to go through each individual record to ascertain whether it is pertinent to the request.

Section C

Fire Brigade Requests and Responses

Freedom of Information requests were also sent to all the Fire Brigades across the country asking for the following information: -

1. The number of incidents involving fireworks being used as weapons against firefighters between January 1st 2015-October 31st 2017.
2. If possible, the dates and times of those incidents.
3. The number of fires caused by fireworks during those dates.

The following responses were received: -

Tyne and Wear – Incidents are only logged as objects thrown, verbal abuse or physical abuse. Although, figures could be provided for objects thrown, they won't differentiate between fireworks or bricks.

Surrey – No recorded incidents involving fireworks as weapons. Number of fires caused by fireworks was 12.

Essex – 1 attack on a firefighter. IRS (Incident Response System) does not break down further than a) fires, b) special services including co-responding, c) false alarms.

Royal Berkshire – 2 fires caused by fireworks.

West Yorkshire – IRS doesn't record fireworks. Either logged as objects thrown, or bomb/incendiary device, but no way of specifying fireworks.

Cheshire – 3 incidents where fireworks were thrown or aimed at firefighters. 22 fires in this period were caused by fireworks.

Hampshire – 17 cases where fireworks were the source of ignition in a fire. 2 incidents where fireworks were involved, but weren't the source of ignition. No incidents of them being used as weapons. 14 of these occurred during legal hours, 5 were outside of those hours.

London Fire Service - We have records of three incidents within our Safety Event Reporting Database (SERD) during that time period - 31 October 2016, 5 November 2016 and 31 October 2017. During the period stated, there were 219 fires caused by fireworks, with the greatest numbers being in October 78 and November 53.

In conclusion, again there is no parity in data collection across the services. However, as with the police data, it does highlight that there is a peak in incidents during the period of October and November when fireworks are on general sale to the public in supermarkets and garden centres.

Statement by Shoulder to Soldier PTSD Support Group

Random Fireworks awareness raising campaign.

The Founder and Trustee of Armed Forces Charity Shoulder to Soldier, Linda Fisher has been campaigning and raising awareness about the impact of random fireworks on our Armed Forces Families for the last few years. Random fireworks impact negatively on those with mental health problems, PTSD, depression and anxiety. For some veterans, the loud noises trigger flashbacks and they relive traumatic experiences.

The charity has provided funding for Armed Forces Families to go away for 1 week during the firework periods. To get away from those who ignore the law and are disrespectful to those who suffer.

Thomas Houston an army veteran who has been on operational tours in Northern Ireland, Cyprus and Iraq said: **"It is great that a local charity is providing the opportunity for armed forces families to get away to somewhere quieter at this time of year. It is the random fireworks that impact on some veterans the most. I hope the idea of the offer of breaks away takes off and would like people to support this charity and the great work it delivers. So in the run up to bonfire night "Please think Soldiers depression" (PTSD)"** .

This year the campaign was successful in obtaining The Royal Society for the Protection of Accidents (ROSPA) support to the campaign. They added awareness to their website about Shoulder to Soldiers campaign together with advice leaflets.

The wording inserted by RoSPA is outlined below.

"Please act responsibly and have consideration for those around you For veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), the sights, sounds and smells of fireworks around Bonfire Night and other celebrations can be an unwelcome trigger for upsetting and frightening memories of conflict. You can find more information at Shoulder to Soldier."
www.shouldertosoldier.org.uk

The charity continues to campaign to have wording added to the Firework code.

The campaign has received BBC coverage, local media coverage and retailers have backed the campaign by handing out leaflets with all sales of fireworks. E.g. Tesco's.

Kind regards



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The Government's response to the petition

This is the Government reply when our petition reached 10,000 signatures

Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

(our response in italics.)

Government acknowledges that many people have genuine concerns about the use and, the misuse, of fireworks and the risks of firework-related injury. However, the number of injuries is low, and the total number of hospital admissions caused by firework injuries has remained below 200 a year for the last 10 years.

This is misinformation, and only half the story, the number of injuries and A&E attendances has been rising year on year. Many injuries and most mental health issues caused by fireworks are treated either within the home or by GP's and so are not captured in statistics. In addition, many A&E attendances for treatment do not result in admission. When A&E attendances due to Firework related injuries are considered, there has been over 100% increase to date since 2010. Recent surveys have shown that 1/3 of parents and grandparents have reported witnessing injuries to children. With regards to pets and livestock, many reported cases of distressed animals result in the death of or acute injury to valued family members, and often valuable livestock is lost within the farming community. Random fireworks affect people with mental health issues. 1 in 4 people suffer with Mental health, Government have previously pledged that Mental Health will receive equal treatment to other health issues. This has not been the case and it is falling further behind – Those with Mental Health issues become forgotten

The Government does not plan to make any changes to the way statistics relating to enforcement actions are collected. The Government believes the focus of enforcement should be on delivering necessary protections and on working with businesses, citizens and others to ensure safety.

There are NO statistics collected from any emergency services which would give the government an overall picture of the present situation regarding firework use and misuse. Currently there are no statistics gathered or available from any of the emergency services, therefore it is not possible for the Government to reasonably assess both the current situation regarding Firework use or to assess the impact of the preferred approach currently applied. However, given the year on year increases to firework related A&E attendances and attacks on emergency services, the ongoing public support for online Petitions regarding the use of Fireworks and the Fire Chiefs Statement 2018, it is reasonable to suggest that the current approach is not effective, and should be reviewed.

The Government believes that the current regulations strike the right balance between the enjoyment of fireworks by the public and restricting the sale and use of fireworks for public safety reasons.

365 days a year, all day, every day, is NOT a balance. In the name of a good time and enjoyment of fireworks for some, how much of a thoroughly bad time are you prepared to be inflicted on others? Public mental health has not been considered in any way. Given the current restrictions permit the use of fireworks 365 days a year, consideration must be given to the number of people who are adversely affected with mental health issues and pet owners. 1 in 6 people are believed to suffer from mental health issues in the UK, many of which will be severely affected by the year-round use of fireworks, and their families and friends are also witness to the distress caused. This adds to further unnecessary burden to our mental health/social care as a single incident can create the need for days or even weeks of additional support required. 44% of households currently own household pets, many of which suffer from anxiety and distress due to Firework explosions in close proximity. Many of family homes, and it is

very distressing for all members of the families to see loved pets suffering due to even a single firework. It is our belief that the right balance has yet to be reached, and that further information must be sought to ensure that vulnerable groups in society and animals/wildlife are adequately protected – the current legislation does not protect these groups in any way, given fireworks are permitted on any day of the year. There is no desire to fully ban the use of fireworks, however restrictions to allow fireworks only to the stated traditional, and multicultural times of year would provide a more reasonable balance between those who enjoy fireworks, and those that are negatively affected by them.

The best way to continue to reduce the distress caused by fireworks is to work with industry, retailers and others to promote the safe and responsible use of fireworks through guidance and public education and to ensure that appropriate action is taken against those that break the rules.

Education is not working. *There is more anti-social use and more damage to people, animals and property than ever before. Again, there are no statistics to support the statement that appropriate action is taken against those that break the rules. The police do not/can't act due to the staff shortages. Due to lack of supporting statistics and little information regarding action taken against those that break the regulations, it is impossible to ascertain whether appropriate action is taken in all cases. Many members of the public have reported incidents to local police authorities, who are unable to provide resource to investigate apart from very serious life-threatening cases. Many forces do not record reported incidents and do not provide incident numbers. The current legislation is difficult for the police to apply in many cases, as it is almost impossible to ascertain the location of people launching fireworks outside of the Regulations, particularly when only small numbers are launched. As such, most forces are unable to assign limited resources when incidents are reported. As the current Regulations permit firework use at any time of the year, this is an ongoing concern for many members of the community.*

The obligations for the Secretary of State referred to in the e-petition, to publish a Regulatory Impact Assessment and to consult interested organisations, only apply when making new regulations and we have no plans to change the legislation relating to fireworks.

Current legislation does not protect our modern 21st century multicultural Society and it is therefore not fit for purpose and should be reviewed. *It does not protect any of the vulnerable people in our society, who are also affected, it is flawed in that it unfortunately allows others to have firework fun at the expense of the vulnerable. In the absence of any specific statistical evidence the Government is being misguided if it believes the current legislation is effective, the suitability of any Legislation should be borne out by data and evidence, and should consider all aspects of Society, particularly those more vulnerable.*

As set out above, given there is already legislation in place which controls the sale and use and misuse of fireworks; we have no plans to extend this further.

Legislation that is in place does not control the use and misuse of fireworks. *Anti-social use is on the increase. Our emergency services come under attack on a regular basis. It is disappointing that there is an unwillingness to open this area of legislation for review given the year on year increase in anti-social use, attacks on our emergency services and injuries caused. It has had public support, online Government petitions have gained over 100,000 signatures, each year, for the last 3 years, and there is increasing awareness of mental health issues within Society.*

Even more concerning is that this decision was taken at 10,000 signatures, with disregard to the number of people yet to sign the petition or the parliamentary debate now taking place. As a democratic country, we believe that this decision should be subject to discussion and debate, followed by an enquiry to establish how many people are affected by random fireworks throughout the year.

FAB Suggestions regarding the current fireworks law

The government admitted during the debate of firework petition 109702 that their statistics are not recorded in a way they can be used logically to determine how many people and animals suffer from the increasing use of fireworks. However, in every reply from MPs to constituents during our last campaign (petition 109702) included the following: “The government believes that the majority of people who use fireworks do so at the appropriate times of year and have a sensible and responsible attitude towards them”. We would like the government to collect/collate statistics in future to prove/disprove their statement. We would also like to know, do they consider 7am to be appropriate? If not when are the appropriate times?