

UK NEWS

TYNE AND WEAR

TOE OR POTATO?

When a dog walker saw what looked like a toe poking out of the ground she was understandably upset and called the police.

But when officers came to investigate, it turned out (thankfully!) to be just a potato!

Inspector Phil Hamlani said: “The search team did have a chuckle when they realised it was a potato. But the call was made in good faith and we can only praise the vigilance (carefulness) of the woman who made the call.”



STAFFORDSHIRE

BUMBLING BURGLARS!

Two burglars were arrested after one of them called 999 with his bum, during the crime!

It's hard to believe, but one of the burglars sat on his phone, and dialled 999 by accident. The police heard everything the criminals were up to in the house.

Chief Inspector John Owen has described the pair as “the world's unluckiest burglars”. He explained: “We received a call detailing all of their antics up to the point of hearing our patrol [cars] arriving to arrest them!”



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

SAVE ME!

An iguana made a daring escape from a house fire by jumping onto a firefighter's helmet. The fire started after a heated mat, used to keep the reptile warm, caught fire.

When the fire brigade turned up, the iguana clearly recognised that help had arrived!

A person from the fire service said: “The fireman... didn't realise the iguana had climbed on top of him at first – what a surprise he then had to find this iguana chilling on his head, eager to escape the burning building!”

Luckily, no-one was hurt in the fire, including the iguana.



Questions on: 'UK News'

Look at the news from Tyne and Wear.

- 1) Can you explain the mistake made by a dog walker recently?
- 2) Here are the main events of the story. Put them in the correct order.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a dog walk | <input type="checkbox"/> a shock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a chuckle | |

Look at the news from Northamptonshire.

- 3) What type of reptile was rescued in this fire?
- 4) What started the fire?
- 5) What **surprised** the fireman?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> He didn't know there was an iguana in the house. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> He didn't know the iguana was on his head. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> He didn't realise how heavy iguanas can be. |

Look at the news from Staffordshire.

- 6) Why is 'Bumbling burglars' a fantastic headline for this news story?

Look at the stories about the potato and the burglars.

- 7) What is similar about the way the two stories have been written and organised? Can you find **two** similarities?

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Consider all the news.

- 8) Can you think of a subject that connects **all three** news stories?