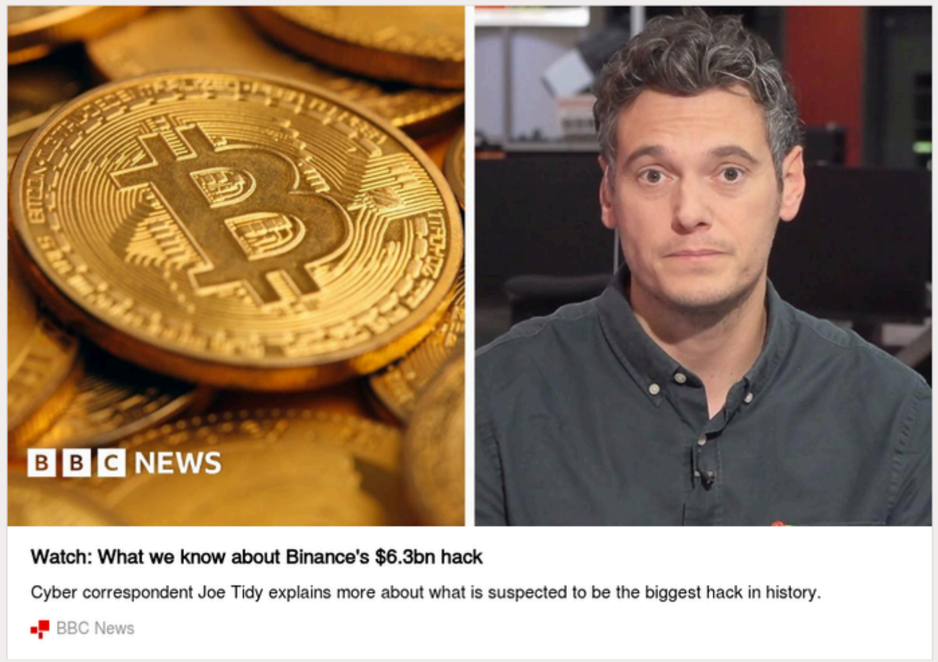
GLOBAL NEWS

Cryptocurrency (crypto) is digital money that can be bought, sold and traded online. Bitcoin is the best-known example, and its value can rise or fall quickly.



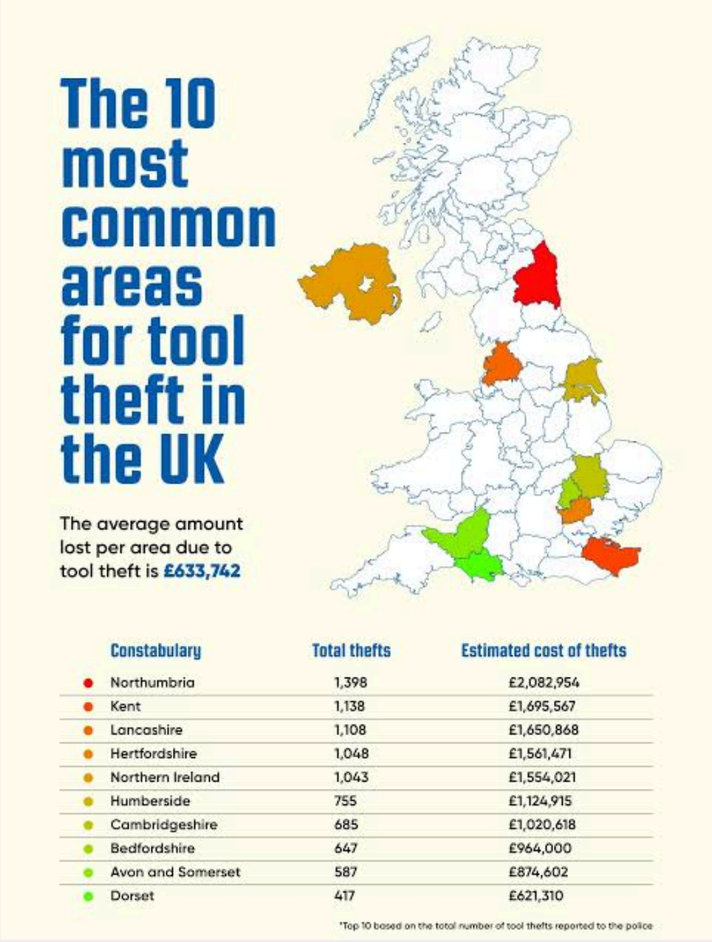
One of the world's largest cryptocurrency exchanges, Binance, temporarily suspended deposits and withdrawals after reporting a huge cyberattack.

Reports suggest around $6.3 billion worth of cryptocurrency was affected, making it one of the largest crypto thefts ever reported. The news caused the value of major cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin and Ethereum to fall.

NATIONAL NEWS

Traders' tools worth thousands of pounds were stolen somewhere in the UK every 20 minutes last year, figures show.

At least 26,164 tool thefts were recorded in 2025, based on responses from 30 police forces who shared data. The true figure is likely to be higher as a further 15 forces could not respond.



Constabulary	Total thefts	Estimated cost of thefts
Northumbria	1,398	£2,082,954
Kent	1,138	£1,695,567
Lancashire	1,108	£1,650,868
Hertfordshire	1,048	£1,561,471
Northern Ireland	1,043	£1,554,021
Humberside	755	£1,124,915
Cambridgeshire	685	£1,020,618
Bedfordshire	647	£964,000
Avon and Somerset	587	£874,602
Dorset	417	£621,310

*Top 10 based on the total number of tool thefts reported to the police

The Home Office said it was "working with the police to tackle and prevent tool theft to protect more hardworking tradespeople", including increasing neighbourhood policing, investing in police and working with industry and AI to tackle the sale of stolen goods.

Should tool theft carry harsher penalties because it can stop someone from earning a living?

LOCAL NEWS



Weston's first night market draws crowds to Italian Gardens

The event brought traders, food, music and Halloween decorations to the town centre on Thursday, October 29.

Organisers said some traders sold out within hours and confirmed they hoped to repeat the event.

“The atmosphere was incredible, and seeing the Italian Gardens so busy, full of people enjoying themselves, was exactly what we'd hoped for.”

Future night markets are expected to be announced at short notice because they rely on suitable weather.

Do events like this make Weston a better place to live? Why or why not?

LOCAL NEWS



Local Builder Uses Music to Break Mental Health Stigma

A builder from Bruton, Somerset, has written and released a song to encourage people in the construction industry to talk openly about their mental health. Inspired by the loss of his uncle, who struggled in silence, He hopes the song will start important conversations and remind workers that support is available.

The construction industry is known for its strong camaraderie, but many workers still find it difficult to speak about how they are feeling. Ben Francis says that behind the jokes and banter, some people may be struggling alone. His message is simple: talking to others can make a real difference.

‘Smile in the Dirt’ is available on Spotify and other music sites and proceeds go to Mental Health charities.

COLLEGE NEWS

WELLBEING WEEK

Join activities across the college designed to support your wellbeing, help you connect with others, learn new skills and discover simple ways to look after your mental and physical health.



GOOD NEWS

Britain's largest ever woodland survey of bats would "simply not have been feasible" without AI, scientists say.

Researchers left recording devices in 310 woodlands across Britain, capturing 98 million bat calls over three years.

Without AI, analysing this data would have taken more than 30 years.

The study recorded some of Britain's rarest bats, including the red-listed Barbastelle, in Somerset, Devon, Cornwall and Dorset.

Researchers said the project shows how AI can be used for good by helping to monitor and protect wildlife.





Busker's Epic Journey Supports Mental Health

'Piano Man' James Tofalli is cycling 874 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats with an upright piano in tow and his dog, Jeff, by his side.

Along the route, he performs for local communities while raising awareness of mental health and autism and encouraging more public access to music.

Can music help improve people's wellbeing? Why or why not?