



Jet pack paramedics could save lives

Paramedics in the Lake District could reach injured walkers in seconds if trials for jet-powered 'flying' paramedics succeed. The Great North Air Ambulance Service and Gravity Industries have come together to test a suit that has two mini engines on both arms and one on the back, leaving paramedics free to tend to casualties on the mountain side. Andy Mawson, director of operations at GNAAS, said: "If the idea takes off, the flying paramedic will be armed with a medical kit, with strong pain relief for walkers who may have suffered fractures, and a defibrillator for those who may have suffered a heart attack." Seeing his idea become a reality, he described it as 'awesome'. It can often take up to an hour for medical aid to reach walkers on the fells so the jet suit could mean the difference between life and death.



Pictured: Jet pack paramedic on the Lakeland fells. Source: Gravity Industries on TechSpot Twitter page.

Humpback whale takes a wrong turn



Pictured: It is usually unheard of for a migrating whale to make its way up a crocodile-infested river. Source: NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries

Three humpback whales became stranded 18 miles inland last week during their annual migration, as they followed the western coast of Australia to get from the tropics to Antarctica. Two of them managed to escape straight back to sea, but the third was not so lucky. The huge mammal was spotted by marine ecologists in the East Alligator River in the Australian Northern Territory's Kakadu National Park. The river, named by European explorers who did not know the difference between crocodiles and alligators, is home only to crocodiles. Humpback whales can measure up to 16 metres in length and weigh 15-30 metric tons so they are unlikely to be attacked by crocodiles unless they are sick. Thankfully, the third whale made its way back to sea at high tide with no ill effects.



Socially distanced football team lose 37- 0

German football team, SG Ripdorf/Molzen II, endured a crushing defeat when they agreed to a socially distanced game. The team from Uelzen in Northern Germany went ahead with the match against rivals, SV Holdenstedt II, with only seven players. If they had abandoned the match, the club would have faced a fine of 200 euros. Ripdorf co-chairman, Patrick Ristow, explained that his players had made a concerted effort to stay two metres apart from their opponents, but the referee went on to book them for unsportsmanlike conduct. Ristow said after the game: "The Holdenstedt players did not understand. But we did not want to risk anything. For the rest of the match, our players returned to the field, but they only stood on the pitch." Despite Ripdorf's attempts to stay safe, Holdenstedt were ruthless and scored 37 goals, amounting to one goal every two minutes. The teams are in one of the lowest leagues in Germany.



Pictured: Spectators have also been made to socially distance when watching team sports during the pandemic. Source: Mark Bonica

Your thoughts on the news...

If I saw someone in school not following the rules, I would tell an adult.

Thomas – age 7

In my opinion you should follow rules because a place without rules is crowded and there is many problems there.

Hazza – age 9



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It's important to tell if people are not following the rules but we do need to remember that there are those who are exempt e.g. asthma sufferers don't have to wear masks.

Macie – age 10

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