

Safety Alert



Member of the public started shooting a gun at a road surfacing crew.

The incident occurred on 9th August 2022 following the refusal of some members of the public to move their vehicles from the road that was programmed to be surfaced on this day.

Advance notices had been posted to inform the residents regarding the time and date when the works were to be completed.

The local authority (client) instructed a car removal company to remove the cars so that the surfacing could take place.

A member of the public whose car had been removed by the car removal company, confronted the surfacing crew shouting obscenities at them. The resident then returned to his house and commenced shooting at the crew from the window of the house.

The crew had to hide behind one of their vehicles until a police force armed response unit arrived at the location. The person responsible for the shooting was arrested and taken to a police station.

The incident is currently under police investigation.

Damage occurred to one vehicle, being a shattered driver's side window and a hole in the windscreen of the vehicle.

The surfacing company are attending to the wellbeing of the crew following this serious incident.

According to the surfacing company:

“This occurred due to a disgruntled member of the public, the crew were just doing their regular duties as they have done all year.

We cannot control what the public do and how they react to us, the only thing we can do is be extra vigilant in future when a member of the public seems more irate than usual and be ready to phone the authorities immediately should it look like it could escalate.”

This safety alert has been prepared by the RSTA.
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