



Mothercare closes 60 shops

Mother and baby products shop chain Mothercare says it will close 60 stores by next summer. The extra closures mainly come from its Children's World division, which is completely closing. The closures will put 900 jobs at risk.

Mothercare has been affected by issues faced by many town shops including less people spending money in high street shops and the increase in people choosing to shop online.



Pictured: A recently closed Mothercare shop.

Ozone hole mystery: China insulating chemical said to be source of rise



Barrels of CFC-11 chemical.

Low cost Chinese home insulation, which is used to keep houses warm in cold weather, is being blamed for a huge rise in emissions of a gas, highly damaging to the Earth's protective ozone layer.

The Environmental Investigations Agency (EIA) found huge use of the chemical, called CFC-11 in China, even though the chemical has been banned since 2010.

The recent report suggests the key source is China's home construction industry. It is hoped that there will be much stricter punishments for any companies caught using the chemical in the future.



Charge points for electric cars could be requirement in new homes



Pictured: A car charging at an electric pump.

New homes being built in England may need to be fitted with electric car charging points under a government suggestion to cut damaging CO2 emissions.

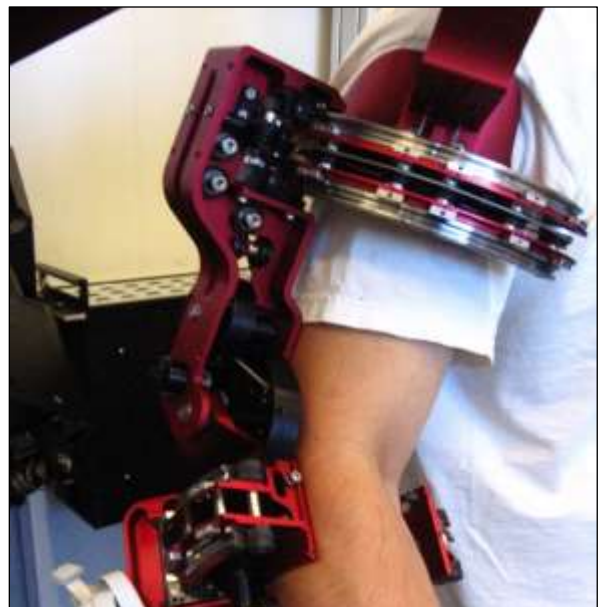
In the plans, new street lights to come with charge points wherever there's on-street parking have also been suggested. It's also thought that a ban on new conventional petrol and diesel cars by 2040 are also expected to be set out.

The suggestions come at a time when the government is facing criticism for failing to reduce carbon emissions.

Doing more with an exoskeleton!

The technology to give people exceptional strength is being developed but the questions about whether we should be developing it and when it should be used, are just being talked about.

An exoskeleton is a frame that can be worn to support the body outside of it, either to help a person overcome an injury or to improve their natural abilities. It looks a bit like an external robot that you can wear! The design is powered by a system of electric motors, the frame gives arms and legs extra movement and strength.



Pictured: An exoskeleton shoulder.

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