

Man due in court after body found on waste land

A MAN is due in court today in connection with the death of Darren 'Sinky' Sinclair.

Police Scotland confirmed on Sunday that they had arrested and charged a 20-year-old.

We previously reported that 27-year-old Darren was found in waste land on a footpath near to Kinfauns Drive at around 7.45am on Tuesday.

The man is due before Glasgow Sheriff Court on Monday, November 12 and a report will be submitted to the procurator fiscal.

Detective Chief Inspector Mark Bell said enquiries are ongoing and continues to appeal for information regarding this incident to contact Police Scotland on 101, quoting incident number 0602 of Tuesday 6 November 2018.

FOOTFALL continued to drop across Scottish high streets and shopping centres last month, according to a report.

There was an overall 3.6 per cent decline in October, above the three-month average of 2.5 per cent.

Despite a 7.5 per cent decline in shopper numbers on the

high street and a 1.3 per cent fall in shopping centres, there was a 2.4 per cent increase in footfall at retail parks, the fastest rate of growth since August 2017.

The Scottish Retail Consortium (SRC) and Springboard monitor also found the town centre vacancy rate for

Scottish high street in further decline as footfall drops

shopping, a shift to "in-home leisure" and heightened restructuring activity.

In the first half of 2018 there were 58 new store openings in Scotland's main cities and towns, but 107 closures.

The SRC called for greater support in the upcoming Scottish Budget.

Scotland was 11.1 per cent in October, an increase from 10.8 per cent in July and above the average vacancy rate for the UK at 9.6 per cent.

The latest figures follow a report last week that found an "acceleration" in retail closures across Scotland, largely put down to the growth in online

Kind primary pupils sleep out at school to raise charity cash

BY CATRIONA STEWART

THERE were some bleary eyes and tired faces in St Albert's Primary School.

But it was all for a good cause as kind-hearted youngsters took part in a Wee Sleep Out to raise money for homeless people in Glasgow.

Class teacher Nadine Cohen organised the event, which saw pupils from P5 to P7 spend a night sleeping at school.

While spending a whole day at school might be enough for some youngsters, pupils at the Pollokshields primary bedded down in a school corridor as part of the initiative with charity Social Bite.

Ms Cohen said: "I was doing a lot of research into different charities and organisations that help the homeless when I came across Social Bite.

"I read about their Big Sleep Out in Kelvingrove Park and thought that would be a really interesting thing to do with our pupils.

"Of course, when I looked into it further, someone had already come up with the idea. "So instead, we took part in the Wee Sleep Out."

Although the evening had a serious purpose, pupils also made time to have a bit of fun.

A samba band played, a bedtime story was read and classes in yoga meditation were held.

Lights out was at 10pm but teachers were sure they could



Pupils get ready for their sleep out to raise money to help the homeless

still hear chatter at 1.30am from the 46 children who took part.

Ms Cohen said the school focuses on charitable causes that are close to pupils' hearts.

"This year the school has a child who is homeless and another who had to flee their home in Syria.

The teacher said: "What we hope to do is engage the children so they have an understanding of social problems and then a genuine motivation

Park comes to Kelvingrove Park on December 8.

People can pledge to raise cash for the charity while sleeping outdoors in the West End greenspace.

While the night can be a challenge, warm tents and hot food and drink are provided to help people get through the challenge.

Organisers are still looking for people to sign up - see www.sleepinthepark.co.uk/ social-bite

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Suited thugs glass victim in violent pub attack

A GROUP of thugs set upon a man and glassed him during a violent assault in a Greenock pub.

The 31-year-old victim was hit with a glass in the face during the attack which has been described as unprovoked.

He suffered severe cuts to his

ear and his face when he was set upon by a gang in the Tail O' the Bank in Rue End at around 5pm on Saturday.

His attackers, who were in the pub with a larger group, were all wearing suits and ties and appear to have been at a function elsewhere.

Detectives are now appealing for help from those who were in the pub at the time, to catch those responsible.

Greenock Police Detective Sergeant Neil Martin said: "This appears to be an unprovoked attack. It took place near the pool table. The victim was with his

Contact Police on 101.