



Don't Blame the Drones

I'd be willing to bet that drones have been in the headlines - for a variety of reasons - almost daily this year.

I'd also wager that the majority of those news stories are negative - hobbyists flying too close to airports, illegal filming and photoshoots, accidents and injury - and now, once again, drones are big news for their role in drug smuggling in prisons.

The recent riot at Bedford Prison raised the issue again and neatly illustrated the problem. Apparently, there were 33 incidents involving drones like this in 2015 and an - as yet - uncounted number this year.

There are plenty of possible solutions to the prison problem being bandied about, including restricting airspace and, bizarrely, using eagles to intercept them (another story for another time perhaps).

Some believe that keeping drones and drone awareness in the news can only be good for the industry. I'd argue that we need a change in focus. There are plenty of positive stories involving drones, not least their ability to deliver life-saving medical supplies in hard-to-reach locations.

Then there's the extra layer of detail they're currently giving our emergency services to help them assess situations more effectively, the environmental and wildlife monitoring that's providing new data to science, and their greatly under-reported ability to spot and fight wildfires - quicker and more effectively than ever before.

I believe drones are a force for good, and I haven't even touched on the [phenomenal efficiencies](#) we're bringing to inspection and surveying services!

So next time you read the latest doom and gloom drone story, remember – don't blame the drones. There's a world of difference between an incompetent pilot delivering contraband, and the enormous benefits being delivered to industry by professional, fully approved and insured service providers.

Ben Gorham, Director

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