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Britain's 'blindingly cool' engineering innovation

Ted Humble-Smith is a conceptual still-life photographer. He's well known for his fashion work. Ted can take a lipstick or a watch and with his extraordinary vision and skill turn the beautiful into something even more gorgeous.

But speak to him for just a few minutes and it's clear he sees not just the colour and form of his subjects, but the engineering that underpins their design.

In fact, it's obvious Ted has a passion for it. He points to the 4-inch stiletto heel.

"Everyone laughs when I talk about it," he told me. "But you have this thing that's so elegant, so beautiful - and yet at the same time, there has to be some serious engineering and mathematics in there as well.

"Eight stones at least is going through a square centimetre. These are big loads but you rarely see people snap their heels these days."

Ted has just put his inquisitive eye to a project for the Royal Academy of Engineering.

He's produced a series of images to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the MacRobert Award, which honours examples of remarkable British innovation. From the aerodynamic design of the Severn Bridge to the composite wing of an Airbus jet.

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Climate change: Ireland on the verge of its 'greenest government ever'

Ireland stands on the brink of putting climate change at the heart of its government if Green Party members vote in favour of a new coalition.

The new administration plans to ban fracked gas imports from the US, make steep cuts in emissions and end new drilling for oil and gas.

Agreed in talks with two larger parties, the plan now needs the support of two thirds of Green members.

But there is opposition, with some saying it is not progressive enough.

The results of voting are expected on Friday evening.

Climate change tops public's environmental concerns
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Ireland's reputation as a clean and green country has been tarnished in recent years by the inability of successive governments to tackle carbon emissions.



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Oumar Niasse: Striker to leave Everton; Cuco Martina & Luke Garbutt released

Senegal forward Oumar Niasse will leave Everton when his contract expires at the end of the month.

The 30-year-old signed from Russian club Lokomotiv Moscow in a £13.5m deal in 2016 but only managed 12 goals in 65 league appearances for the Toffees.

Niasse had half a season on loan at Hull in 2017, scoring five goals, and another at Cardiff in 2019.

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"I know it is difficult for people in this moment but we could not hold back. We will enjoy this with our supporters when we can."

As the global pandemic disrupted life in England and led to the suspension of the Premier League for three months, Liverpool supporters endured a nervous wait to see how the season would end, with some early suggestions it might have been declared null and void, thus wiping their remarkable efforts from the record books.

The Premier League's return this month enabled them to cap their stunning success.

However, because of the measures put in place in response to the virus, Liverpool will not be able to celebrate their long-awaited success with their supporters immediately, at least not in the traditional sense.

As with Wednesday's impressive 4-0 win over Crystal Palace, when they next play at Anfield - against Aston Villa on Sunday 5 July, and for their two other remaining home games - it will be behind closed doors.

It also seems unlikely they will be able to take part in any of the usual public events in Liverpool, such as an open-top bus parade around the city.

By a quirk of fate, though, the next time they take to the field will be at the side they