

## Statement on the Closure of Scott's Radio Site May 2020



As you may already be aware, Scott's Radio Site is to close at the end of May. The decision has not been taken lightly, but the continual erosion of local radio into national brands/stations mean that it is no longer feasible to continue operating the website.

When I first started running the website, the intention was to provide a station directory and schedule information for as many UK radio stations as possible. Unfortunately, the continued expansion of Bauer Media and Global (entirely through acquisition), has led to fewer and fewer stations that can be listed.

I am unwilling to support the business practises of these two dominant groups, as I simply do not believe in them. Although the station guide is not the only part of the website, it forms a large part of the website, and it is counter productive to operate the website without it.

Both groups claim that local radio is not profitable or viable, which for some smaller licenses is the case. However, both groups have made many acquisitions in recent years, and clearly have financial resources behind them. Global have made no secret of the fact that their aim is to challenge BBC Radio 1 and BBC Radio 2 with their Capital, Heart, and Smooth brands.

Both groups have invested heavily in digital stations and brand extensions. Whilst this has opened up choice, this has been at the expense of local stations. Additionally, it is also worth noting there are a number of overlapping stations, such as Absolute Radio 90s (Bauer Media) and (Global). Many of the brand extensions are automated or voice tracked, and are little more than jukeboxes with the insertion of adverts.

Therefore, after much consideration, I have opted to close Scott's Radio Site. This has been something that I have been considering for sometime now, and has been a very hard decision to make.

With the exception of DAB multiplex lists (within the Transmitters section), all updates have now ceased. The DAB multiplex lists are continuing whilst the website Wohnort DAB is still on furlough, and will move over to Digital TV UK ([www.digitaltv.org.uk](http://www.digitaltv.org.uk)) in due course. Radio In Malta continues unaffected.

Scott's Radio Site will be removed on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020, and will become a landing page promoting Digital TV UK and Radio In Malta. The twitter account will remain active until the 31<sup>st</sup> May, and will continue to be monitored, but no longer updated after this date.

I trust you can understand my reasons for doing this, and hope that you have enjoyed reading Scott's Radio Site these past few years. Thank you to all of you who have read the website, and contributed with corrections, feedback, and information. It is gratefully appreciated. I hope you find my remaining websites useful and enjoyable.

If you have any questions, you can send me an email to [scott@scottsradiosite.co.uk](mailto:scott@scottsradiosite.co.uk).