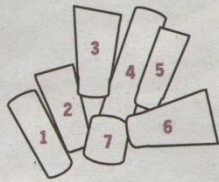


## VANITY FARE

Even tough guys need a little help from nature to save their skin from the ravages of shaving and the Scottish climate

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**1 Smooth operator** Ruscus & Chestnut Anti-ageing Men's Cream with SPF15 ★★★ £22, Korres, at Dolly Leo ([www.dollyleo.co.uk](http://www.dollyleo.co.uk)). The cream is non-oily, with a bright lemon colour and a pleasant mild fragrance. While quite thick in terms of texture, it is refreshing, invigorating and not at all greasy.



**2 Sticky moments** SKN-FC 901: Facial Moisturiser with SPF 15 ★★★ £43, Kyoku for Men ([www.kyokuforamen.com](http://www.kyokuforamen.com)). This is a thick, rich, slightly medicinal-smelling cream that goes on smoothly and nourishes. It claims to do the job of a moisturiser, serum and eye cream in one, which is all very well, but it leaves the skin feeling sticky and clammy for at least ten minutes after application – which is too long for this tester.

at Boots. Billed as a post-shaving balm, this is also a great all-round moisturiser. It left our tester's skin feeling smooth and fresh after a shave, without any stickiness. He was also impressed with the moisturising results from using it on stubborn dry patches on his forehead.

**3 Big softie** Daily soothing balm ★★★★★ £4.89, The Real Shaving Co,

**4 Dawn to dusk** 24-Hour Facial Moisturiser ★★★ £36, Eyre BioBotanics ([www.mankind.co.uk](http://www.mankind.co.uk)). The pump head has two parts: one for the morning application and one for the evening. The morning moisturiser, used after a shave, was very refreshing



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**5 Eco-warrior** Save the Males Multi-benefit Moisturiser ★★★★★ £25, Origins ([www.origins.co.uk](http://www.origins.co.uk)). This has a creamy, smooth texture, with an aroma of citrus fruits and woodland. It goes on easily and

rubs in well, leaving skin oil-free and fresh, with no tightness.

**6 Top dog** Anti-ageing Natural Grooming Moisturiser ★★ Bulldog ([www.meetthebulldog.com](http://www.meetthebulldog.com)) and at Sainsbury's. Contains essential oils, including bitter orange, this light cream has a subtle fragrance. Active ingredients include millet seed and

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