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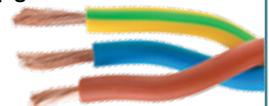
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Children and parents, are looking forward to bonfire night with their family as there will probably not be any displays this year!

Spare a thought though to dogs, cats and pets who can be terrified of the noise and smells and please ensure children are well supervised.

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S CANCER COALITION

The Children and Young People's Cancer Coalition (CYPCC) surveyed 24 of its member organisations to see how coronavirus has affected them.

THE MONEY

Over 95%

of these cancer charities have lost income because of the pandemic

Most of them have lost between

30 & 60%

of their income

Two-thirds

of these cancer charities couldn't access Government support

Only half

of those who did, said it was enough to help them cope

THE DEMAND

Two-thirds

of charities surveyed saw an increase in demand for their services, most by around

50-75%

but

100%

also said their ability to deliver services was affected by coronavirus

50%

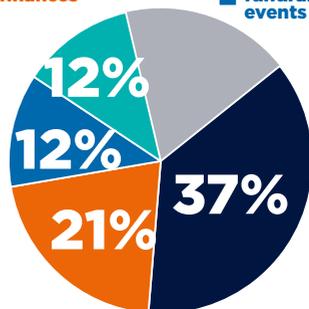
of these charities feel the impact will be long lasting, and many predict an effect for the next 9-12 months

THE SERVICES

Some services have had to scale down or stop completely during the pandemic.

The areas most impacted in % of charities surveyed:

- service delivery and programmes
- funding research
- finances
- fundraising events



WHAT'S CHANGED

- Charities have been able to keep providing support online or set up new online support programmes
- The charities said coronavirus has led to their organisations becoming more agile and flexible
- Charities have proactively looked to work together and support each other

WHAT'S NEEDED NOW

- The generosity of the public has been a lifeline for charities, and especially so during the pandemic. It's vital this generosity continues as much as possible to protect the important services they deliver.
- The Government must provide emergency relief for all, or part, of the income that charities supporting children and young people with cancer have lost during the coronavirus pandemic.

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2. In 2017, a church in Wittenberg, Germany introduced a robot priest, called BlessU-2, that gives blessings.



3. A typical microwave oven uses more electricity keeping its digital clock on standby than it does heating food.

4. In 14th-century England, some children were baptised in cider.

5. The operating cost of GPS is just over \$2 million a day.

6. A Pakistan court banned Valentine's Day celebrations across the country in 2017, since the holiday is not a part of Muslim tradition.



7. Way before the Web, France had Minitel since 1978, an online service that gave its users access to online shopping, search engines, porn and message boards. It reached 25 million users in the 90s, connecting to more than 23,000 services.

8. Inside Singapore's Changi Airport there's a butterfly garden, a rooftop swimming pool and a free 24-hour cinema.

9. When Pope Francis released "peace doves" at the Apostolic Palace in 2014, the doves were immediately attacked by other birds, losing feathers and being driven away as a huge crowd watched.

10. More than twice as many people were guillotined by the Nazis as during the French Revolution.

11. Anyone can become a legal citizen of Dominica, in the Caribbean, for US\$100,000.

12. The Eiffel Tower was inaugurated the same year Nintendo was founded and Adolf Hitler was born: 1889.



13. Disney quietly cut ties with McDonalds in 2006 so as not to be associated with childhood obesity.

14. Rolling luggage wasn't invented until 1970. Initially, stores didn't want to stock it.

15. In 2016, it was discovered that Beyonce's "Empower Women" clothing line was made by women sweat shop labourers working on less than £5 a day.

16. The deaths of those who jumped from the WTC on 9/11 were ruled homicide, not suicide.

17. Warrior ants will sometimes carry their injured comrades back to the nest instead of leaving them to die.



18. The members of Black Sabbath used to have their cocaine flown to them on private planes.

19. To your brain, one sleepless night is the cognitive equivalent of being legally drunk.

20. The first published crossword was called a word-cross.

21. The British pound is the world's oldest currency still in use: it's 1200 years old.



22. During WW2, an Italian doctor prevented Nazis from taking Jewish patients by claiming they suffered the fictitious 'K Syndrome'. He saved 45 lives.

23. Rock star Ozzy Osbourne once joined a Christian protest march against himself outside of one of his concerts.



24. In the UK continues printing and storing its laws on vellum, made from calf or goat-skin.

25. Each square foot of Jackson Pollock's painting "No. 5, 1948" is worth over \$4 million.

26. According to TSA rules, you can get drinks through a U.S. airport security if they're frozen solid.

27. Soccer player Edson Arantes do Nascimento, most known as Pelé, was named after Thomas Edison.

28. Shakespeare and Pocahontas were alive at the same time.

29. Snapchat's mascot has name: Ghostface Chillah.



30. Watermelons contain an ingredient called citrulline that can trigger production of a compound that helps relax the body's blood vessels, just like Viagra.

31. The Burj Khalifa is so tall that residents above the 80th floor have to wait 2 to 3 minutes longer to end Ramadan.

31. Syria had more tourists than Australia in 2010.

32. You have to be a retired letter carrier to live in Nalcrest, Florida. Ironically, the town does not have mail delivery service.

33. Morning sickness in pregnant women has been linked to a significantly reduced risk of suffering a miscarriage, new research has found.

34. The town of **Whynot**, North Carolina has its name because as residents were arguing over a name for the town, someone stood up and said "Why not name the town Why Not and let's go home?" And so they did.

35. In 1956, a scientist imported African honeybees to South America. Some of them escaped and bred with European honeybees in the wild, giving rise to a hybrid species: **killer bees**.



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OUR ZOO

What's happening at Chester Zoo.

Critically endangered baby chimpanzee born at Chester Zoo



- **Birth of Western chimpanzee hailed as 'hugely significant' by zoo conservationists**
- **Beautiful photos show doting mum, Mandy, cradling her new born baby**
- **Western chimpanzees are the first chimpanzee subspecies to join the list of critically endangered apes**
- **Latest birth follows a 10 year genetic study which recognises Chester Zoo's chimpanzee group as a vital conservation breeding group**
- **Zoo is fighting to prevent the extinction of chimpanzees in Gabon, Uganda and Nigeria**

A critically endangered baby Western chimpanzee is the latest addition to the family at Chester Zoo

A critically endangered Western chimpanzee has been born at Chester Zoo.

The baby was safely delivered by 43-year-old mum, Mandy, overnight on Friday 21 August, following an eight-and-a-half-month pregnancy.

Primate experts at the zoo are yet to determine the sex of the new arrival but have declared the birth as a 'hugely significant' for the species.

New estimates suggest that as few as 18,000 Western chimpanzees remain in Africa and it's the first subspecies of chimpanzee to be added to the list of critically endangered apes.



To save Chester Zoo head to: www.chesterzoo.org/saveourzoo

Andy Lenihan, Team Manager of the Primates section at Chester Zoo, said:

“Mandy is a wonderful mum. She’s bonded instantly with her new baby and can be seen protectively cradling it in her left arm at all times.

“It’s a little too soon to tell if her new arrival is male or female as a newborn chimpanzee will remain in the arms of mum for several months until they develop the confidence to start exploring independently. Most importantly though, it’s bright eyed, alert and getting stronger by the day.

“A new arrival always creates a lot of excitement – it’s a real extended-family affair as many of the females in the group often want to help to take care of the newcomer while, for some of the juveniles, seeing a mum with a new baby is a completely new experience. It’s great to see the other youngsters watching Mandy closely and learning from such a natural mother.”

A scientific research project, carried out over a decade, has carefully assessed the genetics of all the chimpanzees living in European zoos. The study has confirmed that the genetic make-up of the group at Chester Zoo is vital to the future of the Western chimpanzee subspecies.

Mike Jordan, Animal & Plant Director at the zoo, added: *“We’re incredibly proud to see a precious new baby in the*

group – it’s a hugely significant addition and a big boost for this species. The chimpanzees here at Chester are a key part of the international efforts working to ensure there’s a viable safety-net population of these critically endangered animals.

“In the wild, the Western chimpanzee is under huge threat from hunting, the illegal bush meat trade and extensive habitat loss – all a result of human activity. Western chimpanzee populations have declined extremely quickly and continue to do so - with little or no prospect of this decline halting. It makes the conservation populations in zoos extremely important for the future.

“In tandem with the endangered species breeding programme, involving many of the world’s most progressive zoos, our conservation teams are working alongside our partners in Uganda, Nigeria and Gabon to help protect chimpanzees and their forest homes.”

The Western chimpanzee is found in West Africa – ranging from Senegal to Ghana - but is already believed to be extinct in Benin, Burkina Faso and Togo.

Chester Zoo is actively involved in the conservation of some of the world’s rarest chimpanzees in Africa, including its vital 20-year-long support for the last stronghold of another species, the Nigeria-Cameroon chimpanzee, in Gashaka Gumti National park in Nigeria.



- The new baby at Chester Zoo was born on 21/08/2020
- Mum Mandy has one daughter and two granddaughters
- The Western chimpanzee is listed as critically endangered by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Young chimps have a white tuft of hair on their rear which they lose after puberty, which is a signal to other chimps to be gentle with them
- Chimpanzees share 98% of their genetic makeup with humans



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Our veg box delivery service is continuing to thrive. We have recently expanded the "extras" range offering a wide variety of vegetarian store cupboard staples from pasta to nuts and seeds. We have also extended our reach and are now delivering fruit and veg boxes all the way to Wrexham! If you are interested in getting your own box please email bridgevegbox@gmail.com

During October we have launched the Bridge Crafts & Creations club, where members can enjoy an afternoon of crafting, creating, and fun, as well as a delicious meal from our Better Lives Café. We were delighted to have a fully booked club week in and week out from day one, and are looking forward to producing more projects like this where we can support the community and Grow Better Lives.

As we lead up to Christmas the crafting work in the Wellness Gardens has gone into full swing! We have a wide range of hand crafted wooden Christmas decorations including Santas, reindeer, baubles and more! All crafted by our Crafting Lead, Sharon, along with our wellness clients. These decorations would make a great gift for someone you love, or

for yourself! You can purchase one of our Christmasy crafts online on our website <https://bwgardens.co.uk/wellness-shop>

A huge honour has come to us this past month, with our founder Francis Ball being awarded an MBE for the work Bridge Community Farms and Bridge Community Wellness gardens have done throughout lockdown. During this time we were able to help many members of our community with the expansion of our delivered veg box service, we've recruited 30 extra volunteers including drivers to help with the distribution of their popular weekly vegetable boxes after a fourfold increase in enquiries from older people confined to home and worried about getting fresh food.

During August we produced nearly 10,000 free meals for struggling families during the school holidays, delivered to their home by Chester charity Passion-for-Learning. Lastly, we have established the Bridge Buddy Club to help vulnerable customers who were feeling isolated, lonely or anxious at home. A Bridge Buddy would call them for a chat as often as they liked.

We are continuing to help those feeling lonely in these tough times via the Buddy Club. If you feel that you may like a friendly chat over phone, the Bridge Buddy Club may be the solution. In the Buddy Club one of our Bridge Buddies will call you every week just for a chat and a friendly giggle. If this sounds like something that may help you, or someone you know, please get in touch and we will get you paired with one of our Bridge Buddies.

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Festive favourite The Snowman returns to Chester



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Chester Cathedral, and world-leading performers of The Snowman film with live orchestra, Carrot Productions, are delighted to announce that

its highly-acclaimed sell-out tour of The Snowman will return to Chester to enchant audiences of all ages this December.

BOOKING IS NOW OPEN - with a revised seating plan to allow for social distancing. A safe event for families of all ages.

Accompanied by a live orchestra comprising some of the UK's top musicians hand-picked from orchestras such as The Hallé and the BBC Philharmonic, this magical presentation of The Snowman returns for its 8th year to delight audiences with a unique screening of the iconic animated film together with lots of festive surprises throughout the event.

Performances feature the much-loved Walking in the Air solo sung by a local young soloist chosen through audition, as well as a Christmas medley, a fun introduction to the orchestra and of course, a visit from The Snowman himself.

Alongside The Snowman, audiences will be able to see an exclusive animated film of the award-winning book The Bear and the Piano by David Litchfield, commissioned by Carrot Productions in 2017. This beautifully-illustrated tale of music, friendship and adventure features music by Daniel Whibley played live by the orchestra, and a narration recorded by Joanna Lumley.

Carrot Productions' Rachel Whibley said: "I'm absolutely thrilled to announce that The Snowman tour is returning this Christmas. For many families, attending our performances marks the beginning of their Christmas celebrations and we're so excited to perform again this year.

The Snowman shows always sell-out super quickly – even more so this year due to Covid-safe restricted capacities – so we're advising schools and families to book early to avoid disappointment."

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Cathedral Exhibition Highlights Modern Slavery



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Despite being in the midst of a pandemic, we still have a role to play in raising awareness of such topics, and I'm exceptionally grateful to the exhibition's supporters in enabling us to bring Sara's work from London to Chester. How can we fight modern slavery?"

Cheshire Constabulary, Chester Cathedral congregation, The Diocese of Chester, Cheshire West and Chester Council and individual donors have supported the Cathedral in bringing Sara Shamma: Modern Slavery to Chester.

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28

A new exhibition opening at Chester Cathedral on **Saturday 10 October** will draw attention to the global issue of modern slavery. Human trafficking and modern slavery affect an estimated 40 million people worldwide.

The exhibition, **Sara Shamma: Modern Slavery** hopes to highlight the global issue of modern slavery. The exhibition opens on Saturday 10 October until Thursday 22 October – and is open as per current Cathedral opening times.

Based on interviews with women who have lived experience of modern slavery and experts in the field, London-based Syrian artist Sara Shamma visually considers the meaning of survival, endurance and recovery from survivors' perspectives.

The exhibition is the result of a research-based residency as part of the King's Artists programme at King's College London.

Chester Cathedral Vice Dean, Canon Jane Brooke says -

"Many people are shocked to discover that modern slavery remains a major issue right now. Sara Shamma's stunning exhibition brings to light the plight of people entangled in this horrific crime.



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THIS MONTH'S HISTORY

This feature each month will give true interesting facts from years gone by. See what you remember that happened in your lifetime.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

1963



NOVEMBER 22, 1963: DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT

Shortly after noon on November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated as he rode in a motorcade through Dealey Plaza in downtown Dallas, Texas.

Crowds of excited people lined the streets and waved to the Kennedys. The car turned off Main Street at Dealey Plaza around 12:30 p.m. As it was passing the Texas School Book Depository, gunfire suddenly reverberated in the plaza.

Bullets struck the president's neck and head and he slumped over toward Mrs. Kennedy. The governor was shot in his back.

NOVEMBER 17, 2003: THE FIRST TERM OF ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER AS GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA BEGAN ON

The first term of Arnold Schwarzenegger as Governor of California began on November 17, 2003, and ended on January 3, 2007.

The actor's romantic life also captured the attention of the American public: he married television journalist and lifelong Democrat Maria Shriver, niece of the late President John F. Kennedy, in 1986.

Born in Thal, Austria, on July 30, 1947, Arnold Schwarzenegger began body-building as a teenager. He won the first of four "Mr. Universe" body-building championships at the age of 20, and moved to the United States in 1968.

2003



NOVEMBER 5, 1605: THE PLAN WAS TO BLOW UP THE HOUSE OF LORDS DURING THE STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

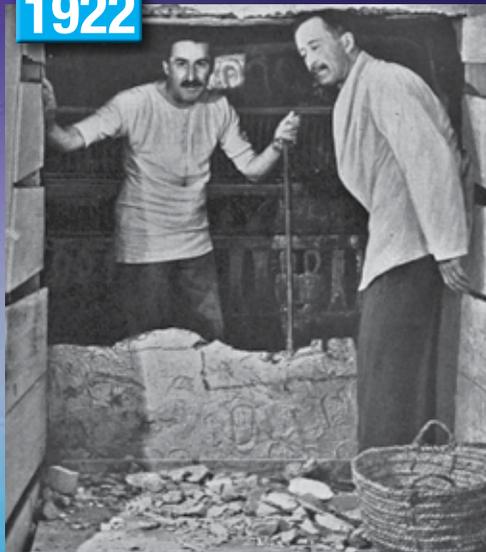
The Gunpowder Plot of 1605, in earlier centuries often called the Gunpowder Treason Plot or the Jesuit Treason, was a failed assassination attempt against King James I by a group of provincial English Catholics led by Robert Catesby.

The plot was revealed to the authorities in an anonymous letter sent to William Parker, 4th Baron Monteagle, on 26 October 1605. During a search of the House of Lords in the evening on 4 November 1605, Fawkes was discovered guarding 36 barrels of gunpowder—enough to reduce the House of Lords to rubble—and arrested. Most of the conspirators fled from London as they learned of the plot's discovery, trying to enlist support along the way.



1605

1922



NOVEMBER 26, 1922: CARTER AND FELLOW ARCHAEOLOGIST LORD CARNARVON ENTERED THE INTERIOR CHAMBERS OF THE TOMB, FINDING THEM MIRACULOUSLY INTACT.

British archaeologist Howard Carter and his workmen discover a step leading to the tomb of King Tutankhamen in the Valley of the Kings in Egypt.

Thus began a monumental excavation process in which Carter carefully explored the four-room tomb over several years, uncovering an incredible collection of several thousand objects. The most splendid architectural find was a stone sarcophagus containing three coffins nested within each other. Inside the final coffin, which was made out of solid gold, was the mummy of the boy-king Tutankhamen, preserved for more than 3,000 years. Most of these treasures are now housed in the Cairo Museum.

NOVEMBER 11, 1992: THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND VOTED TO ALLOW WOMEN TO BECOME PRIESTS.

NOVEMBER 27, 1975: ROSS MCWHIRTER, THE FOUNDER OF THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS AND AN OUTSPOKEN CRITIC OF THE IRA, IS MURDERED OUTSIDE HIS HOME BY MEMBERS OF THE PARAMILITARY GROUP.

NOVEMBER 4, 1979: PINK FLOYD RELEASE "THE WALL" THE 4TH IN THEIR SERIES OF MULTI AWARD WINNING CONCEPT ALBUMS "THE WALL" WHICH IS LATER MADE INTO A MOVIE.

NOVEMBER 30, 2007: STUNT RIDER EVEL KНИЕVEL DIES AGED 69

November

GARDENING JOBS FOR THE GARDEN AND GREENHOUSE

Autumn is without a doubt one of our most favourite times of the year. As the weather changes and turns crisp, it's the perfect excuse to get out for a walk and kick some leaves! And as our gardens welcome the change of the season by shredding its leaves, there is still plenty to be getting on with in order to prepare your garden for the colder winter months, and the spring ahead.

Out in the garden

Although the fallen leaves can look spectacular and make a fun play area for young children, it's important to not let them sit on your lawn for too long as they will prevent the amount of sunlight from reaching the lawn, so be sure to rake these up on a regular basis. If you want to help your local wild animals, you could make a mound out of your raked leaves and help provide a winter bed for some of your little visitors.

Plant out your winter bedding plants and add some colour and interest to your garden during the colder days.



Raise your containers now to prevent possible waterlogging later.

If it's mild where you are and your lawn is still growing, trim it back but set your mower blades to a higher setting. There is still time to give your lawn its Autumn feed, choose one which is high in potassium and phosphorous

as this will help to establish a strong root system and harden your grass ready for the cooler weather.

Clean out and fill up your bird feeders. This will help encourage winter birds into your garden. You should also ensure your bird baths are clean and topped up.

Think about moving your plants into your greenhouse or garage to protect them against winter frost.

In your greenhouse

In preparation for your Spring growth, give your greenhouse an Autumn clean and disinfect it. It will help get it ready for next year's growing season.

Remove any dead or yellowing leaves along with dead flowers.

Maintain good levels of ventilation in your greenhouse to help with air flow and winter growth.

Tidy up any pots and containers you have ready for use next year.

Replace any broken glass and glazing strip ready to get the most out of your greenhouse next year.





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This is a delicious curry recipe which is great for a weekend treat when you've got your friends coming over. Serve the curry with steamed rice and Naan bread or Poppadoms.

This recipe is quick and very easy to make. The king prawns make it really special. The curry only takes 30 mins to make and is packed full of flavour, spice and plenty of veggies. The coconut milk adds a great, creamy texture to the curry which is perfect.

Method

Pour 200ml of the coconut milk into a wok or deep sided sauté pan and bring to the boil.

Add the curry paste and lime zest and stir well. Reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes.

Add the fish sauce, salt, sugar and remaining 200ml of the coconut milk and the stock. Simmer for 5 minutes.

Add the prawns and tomatoes and simmer for a further 8 - 10 minutes until the prawns are pink and cooked through and the tomatoes are softened. Add the coriander.

Sprinkle with the lime juice and serve with rice and Naan bread or poppadoms.

Ingredients

400ml can coconut milk
200ml hot vegetable stock
30ml yellow curry paste
Grated zest of 1 lime
1 tablespoon fish sauce
1/2 tablespoon salt
1 tablespoon sugar
450g raw king prawns, shelled and deveined
225g cherry tomatoes
1 - 2 tablespoon fresh chopped coriander
Juice of 1 lime

You can buy yellow curry paste from the supermarket. You could use cooked king prawns instead of raw – simply add them to the sauce right at the end and heat through.



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Ford Puma Titanium – 1.0L EcoBoost MHEV 6-speed Manual



I don't know about you, but I remember the good old Ford classics from my younger days, such as the Escort RS1600i and the bonking mad Escort RS Turbo Mk1 & Mk2.

When I was 21 years old, I bought a rather 'well used' Mk1 Escort Mexico which I then went on to own for about 23 years. A few years ago, I sold it and I very much regret it, because no other car I have ever owned since has made me feel as alive at the wheel as that old Mk1 did – and, I doubt I will ever get the chance to own another one now because the prices - even for a banged-up Mk1 Mexico in need of restoration are now 10k plus.

Happily, though - Ford has lent me the new 'Puma' and I have to say that it's probably the only car so far this year I have got really excited about. So, let's give it the once over.

Power and Efficiency:

Powered by 1.0 Litre EcoBoost petrol engine with 210Nm of torque, 125PS of Ford Power and a 0-62 time of around 9.8 seconds. To finish off, the Puma will achieve a maximum top speed of around 119mph.

If you do want to know about fuel economy, then the highest mpg you can expect to achieve is around 61.4 mpg (high end) and 43.5 (low end) Looking good then. Also, I used the Puma as my

vehicle for my summer holiday to Devon and let's just say it was packed full to bursting with holiday gear and three children. Even with all that, it still managed to return a steady 53.4mpg. CO2 Emissions were also g/km: 96

On the road:

The Puma feels fantastic to drive – and if I'm being honest, it has outstanding driving dynamics and a suspension setup that's spot on. This is something I have not felt in a while – especially from a vehicle of this type. Also, no matter what the road surface was doing – the Puma handled it very well.

Of course, the ride for some, may feel a tad soft, but for me, it felt stable and a real joy to take into the twisty bends around some of Devon's more challenging roads.

Design & Technology:

As you can see from the image, the new Ford Puma is a great looking vehicle. Also, while I was away, many people commented on the looks – and one gentleman even said he was looking for a new car and would be off to his nearest Ford dealer that very afternoon to take a test drive.

So, what do you get in the form of key features? Well, you get; 17" 10-Spoke Alloy Wheels,

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To sum up:

All in all, Ford have once again created a remarkable piece of engineering. Hats off to the boys from Ford for making all my dreams come true once again. If I was looking to buy a modern family vehicle right about now – then the Puma is the only one you need in your stable. Maybe that's why it just stole my heart.

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New community policing model for Cheshire

- *Local police working more closely with local communities to meet local priorities.*
- *Dedicated police officers and PCSOs for each 122 policing community*
- *Accessible police base in the heart of each community*
- *£200K funding package to deliver local projects which tackle crime and ASB*

Cheshire Police has today launched its new approach to community policing, which will see dedicated police officers assigned to each of the county's 122 policing areas to tackle crime and support communities.

The initiative has been developed by Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) David Keane who is striving for Cheshire to be the leading police service for delivering community policing.

It builds on the already successfully delivered initiative to provide a dedicated PCSO and police community base for each area.

The new community police officers will work with their fellow PCSO, the wider policing team, and key partners to build relationships within the community, sharing the same mission to solve problems at their root-cause before they become more serious.

They will spend more time in the heart of their dedicated communities and be given time to deal with issues that matter most to local residents.

Another benefit of the changes is local residents will have more opportunities than ever before to directly contact their officers - either online, through social media, or face-to-face during police surgeries.

The work of the new community policing teams will be supported by a funding package for each community, made available by the Police and Crime Commissioner from money seized from criminals under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.

This will consist of a £1,000 funding pot for all 122 communities and an additional £10,000 for all eight policing units that local people can bid



for to deliver projects which work with the local policing team and key partners to address specific issues.

By investing this money back into communities, the Commissioner hopes this sends a clear message that crime doesn't pay. PCC David Keane said: "My focus will always be to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour, support victims and protect vulnerable people. I believe the best way to do this is by delivering a truly local police service that is fit for the future and an integral part of our communities.

"This project is about local police working more closely than ever before with local communities, to meet local priorities.

"With the support of Cheshire residents, we have been able to increase our officer numbers, which has helped make this next stage possible.

"Delivering it has been a key budget priority for me this year and I am pleased we have been able to deliver this initiative despite the challenges that Covid-19 has posed and continues to pose on our communities.

"I'm confident having dedicated officers will build on the success we've already had in providing each community with a dedicated PCSO and its own community base and will allow us to stay connected to our communities in light of new coronavirus restrictions.

"For me, community policing is an integral part of protecting our communities and my ambition is to make Cheshire the best in the country at community policing.

"I know that we can only achieve this by investing in our communities and our workforce to ensure policing teams and local residents are given the support and tools they need to make our communities safer."

Chief Constable Darren Martland added: "This is a big step forward and exciting development in our policing model.

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Like similar organisations, Chester Rambling & Hill Walking Club's activities were thrust into disarray in March thanks to the Covid-19 pandemic. Our social programme remains on hold until next year, but group walks partially resumed in September, within Government guidelines. Numbers had to be restricted for safety reasons, but it was good to be out in the hills with fellow members again.

One of the first hikes my other half and I did under this new regime was a 7½ miler starting from Trelawnyd, near Dyserth. From here we headed for Gop Hill, a mere 823ft above sea level but an ideal spot to crack open the coffee flasks and admire the views around us. Atop this hill is a curious man-made hump, built of local limestone. There's no information board to explain its existence to inquisitive visitors, despite it being Britain's second largest Neolithic mound - after Silbury Hill in Wiltshire. Why our predecessors went to the trouble to build something like this up on Gop Hill is open to speculation. Some suggest that it was an astronomical observatory, a religious site, or a memorial to a long-dead king, although Y Gop, as the Welsh call this place, is not believed to be a burial site. To the side of the hill are Gop Caves, where prehistoric animal remains and flint arrowheads were uncovered during archaeological investigations. There's ancient history galore here.

A couple of weeks later, we joined a walk with fellow members at Llanarmon-yn-ial. My other half and I are often in this area and thought we were acquainted with its every footpath. Our leader, Dave, proved us wrong! This just shows that however well you think you know a place, there's always something new to discover. This is an enticing walking area, with its limestone outcrops, industrial archaeology and the River Alyn never far away. A glance at the OS map around Llanarmon reveals several dotted green lines - great scope for a number of circular walking routes.

Both of those two Club walks took us along short stretches of the Offa's Dyke. This well known trail passes through our favourite stomping grounds in the Clwydian Range and Llangollen, before meandering south through Shropshire, the Black Mountains and the Wye Valley to Chepstow in Monmouthshire. The present day trail follows, as closely as possible, the original borderland dyke built by King Offa in the 8th century to keep the kingdoms of Mercia and Wales apart. In places the original earthworks can clearly be seen, in others there is no visible clue at all.

Borders became a key word within days of that lovely walk at Llanarmon. The unwelcome news of Covid-related lockdowns in Flintshire, Denbighshire, Wrexham and Conwy means that members in Cheshire cannot now cross the border into North Wales, and those of us living on the Welsh side are once more trapped within our own county boundaries. Sadly, having got some semblance of a walking programme up and running, once again it falls flat on its face.

However, unlike the situation back in spring, we on the Welsh side are permitted to travel more than 5 miles from our doorsteps and have the whole county of Flintshire to play in. As I write, I have the OS map to hand, ready to work out which parts of the county are currently available to us.

Like everyone else, we hope things become more settled over the next few months, and that there won't be too much dust to blow off our winter programme when next we're released across the borders.

Check our website for updates: www.chesterwalkingclub.com or take a look at our Facebook page to see what we're up to.

Maria Owen, Press Officer, Chester Rambling and Hill Walking Club

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OPEN SPACES SOCIETY SLATES GOVERNMENT'S DEMOLITION OF THE PLANNING SYSTEM



The Open Spaces Society(1), Britain's oldest national conservation body, has slated the government's white paper, Planning for the Future. In its response to the government consultation, the society has argued that the proposed reforms will put precious open spaces and paths at risk.

The government proposes to divide the country into three planning zones: 'growth' (suitable for substantial development), 'renewal' (suitable for development) and 'protected' (restricted development).

The society is concerned that there is no guaranteed protection for public open spaces and paths in the 'growth' and 'renewal' areas, and the 'protected areas' only cover a limited area of the country. Furthermore, there are no proposals to level up open space provision for all, despite the severe inequalities across the nation.

Community involvement would be restricted to the local-plan process so that people would lose their ability to comment on individual planning proposals and applications, drastically reducing local democracy. Permitted development rights would be extended, resulting in much more development affecting public paths and no prior administrative consideration of provision for the paths themselves.

The proposals conflict with both the Environment Bill, currently in parliament, and the government's flagship 25-year environment plan. The threat posed to open spaces close to where people live, which were crucial during lockdown, would undermine public health and well-being.

Says Nicola Hodgson, one of the society's case officers: *'These devastating proposals put at risk the thousands of small open spaces close to communities, at the very time that people are discovering how much they need them.'*

'The government pledged, in its 25-year environment plan, to leave the environment in a better state than it found it, to pass on to the next generation. The government's proposals to destroy our planning system show what an empty promise that was.'



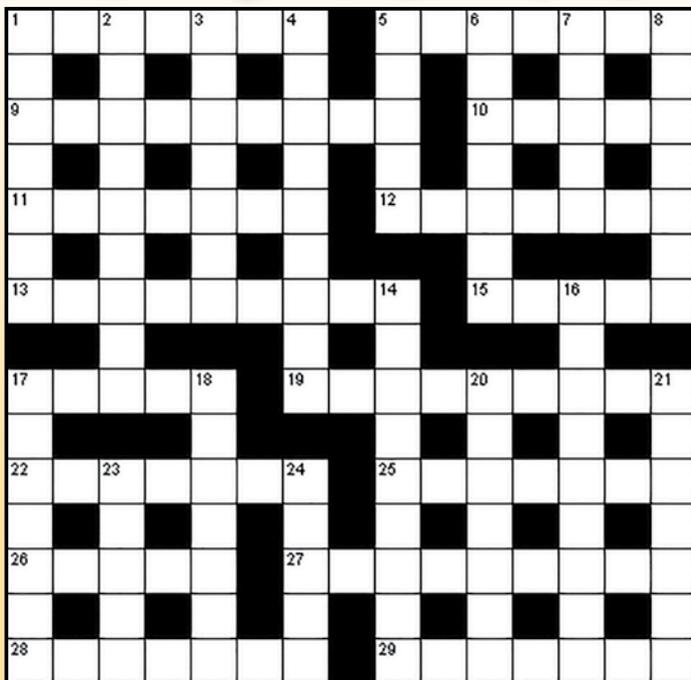
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PUZZLE CORNER



Down

- 1 Made broader (7)
- 2 In an illegal manner (9)
- 3 Front limb of a horse (7)
- 4 Make laws (9)
- 5 French for "Our" (5)
- 6 These stop football plays (7)
- 7 Become liable to (5)
- 8 Food market (7)
- 14 Disaffected (9)
- 16 Well-kept (9)
- 17 Pampered (7)
- 18 Take one's clothes off (7)
- 20 Utmost (7)
- 21 One of New York's baseball teams (7)
- 23 Forever no (5)
- 24 Dirty (5)

Across

- 1 Deliberate (7)
- 5 Mesh (7)
- 9 Out-and-out (9)
- 10 What chocolate comes from (5)
- 11 Pins (7)
- 12 Make bigger (7)
- 13 Assign (9)
- 15 Effeminate (5)
- 17 A South American rodent (5)
- 19 A finger or toe (9)
- 22 Laid bare (7)
- 25 Craftsman (7)
- 26 Dike (5)
- 27 Discriminate (9)
- 28 Probably (2 words) (7)
- 29 People watching their calories (7)

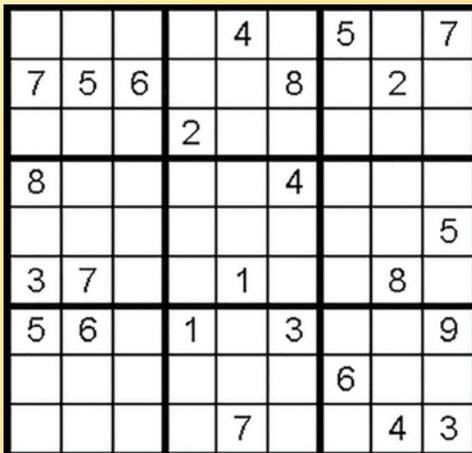
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