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Councillor Helen Hayden, Leeds City Council's executive member for sustainable development and infrastructure, said:

“These new plans to transform the way people get around the city centre will help provide safer routes for alternative travel options for those that live, work in or visit our city.

“The delivery of major city centre schemes, like the closure of City Square, have helped to reduce general through traffic and free up space for greener and healthier travel choices.

“Importantly, the plans also make busy junctions in the city centre safer for pedestrians and cycle users, working towards the Vision Zero Strategy of eliminating road deaths and serious injuries on Leeds roads by 2040.

“I’d urge everyone that uses the area to have their say in the consultation.”

This scheme is being developed by Leeds City Council in partnership with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority.

Tracy Brabin, Mayor of West Yorkshire, said:

“A reliable and inclusive transport network, which prioritises walking, cycling and public transport, is key to our plans for a stronger and better-connected region.

“This scheme is part of a multi-million-pound package of investment to help us achieve that.

“Your opinion matters, so please make the most of this opportunity to have your say and shape the proposals.”

Residents, businesses and anyone that visits the city are encouraged to have their say on proposals before the survey closes on 19 November.

The survey can be completed online via;

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People that live, work in or visit Leeds are being encouraged to feedback on plans to improve key routes for alternative travel options like walking, wheeling\* and cycling.

Proposals aim to improve the design of city centre streets, making Leeds an easier place to get around and creating a more welcoming, safer environment for anyone that visits, or travels through the city.

The consultation focuses on transformations to the north and south of the city centre, extending from Great George Street (near Leeds General Infirmary) to Call Lane, and is part of the council’s ambition to make Leeds a ‘city where you don’t need a car’ to get around, where everyone has an affordable and accessible zero carbon choice in how they travel.

In addition to increasing the opportunities for safer and alternative

travel, the consultation focuses on improving key areas in the city with pavement widening, space for greenery and opportunities for street cafés.

The Leeds City Links consultation is part of a wider package of transformational works in the city centre. The closure of City Square has reduced through traffic from the area, which means that surplus road space can be reallocated to safer routes for alternative travel options and spaces to spend time in.

Proposed improvements include:

- Widened pavements, making it safer and easier to walk around the city centre
- Safer and easier places to cross the road at key junctions, including the busy Merrion Street junction

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■ The two link bridges were installed overnight over the course of two weekends

## £26.5 Million White Rose Rail Station Takes Major Step Forward With New Link Bridges

A major construction milestone has taken place at the £26.5 million new White Rose Rail Station in south Leeds.

Rail infrastructure specialist Spencer Group has now installed two new link bridges from the main station buildings to platform level at the new station, which is being built next to the White Rose Park between Morley and Cottingley on the main trans-Pennine route to Manchester via Huddersfield.

The new station will make it easier to walk, cycle and use public transport, connecting more people with jobs, training, education and leisure activities.

It will provide improved access to the White Rose Park, shopping centre and bus interchange.

Alongside 80 cycle parking spaces, the scheme also includes better walking and cycling routes for local communities, including to the White Rose Shopping Centre and bus interchange.

The scheme is being delivered in partnership by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, Munroe K, Leeds City Council, Network Rail and the Department for Transport.

Tracy Brabin, Mayor of West Yorkshire, said:

“We’re determined to create a better-connected region where everyone has the same opportunity to get on in life.

“Investing in transport schemes that support economic growth, like the White Rose Rail Station, has a key role to play in that.

“This investment will bring new opportunities for people in nearby communities by boosting transport links, regeneration and jobs.”

The two link bridges were installed overnight over the course of two weekends.

A 1,200-tonne crane – about 200 times the weight of an elephant – was built on site. It had to be transported in sections and took a week to assemble with more than 25 lorry deliveries of components.

The east link bridge, which had to be built in two halves and welded together on-site, is 40m long and weighed 84 tonnes.

The west link bridge is 20m long and weighs 46 tonnes.

The works follow the installation of platform canopy sections earlier this year.

Leeds City Councillor Helen Hayden, Executive Member for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure, said:

“It’s really pleasing to see a significant milestone achieved in the construction of Leeds newest Rail Station. The changes when complete will improve access to the city centre for residents in surrounding neighbourhoods, visitors to Leeds and thousands of young people who learn in the city’s schools and colleges each day. White Rose Station along with other improved transport links we’re working on provide more opportunities to reduce our city’s carbon impact and realise our economic potential.”

David Aspin, CEO of Munroe K, said:

“Seeing the two foot bridges installed marks a significant milestone in the project and is real testament to the workmanship of the whole team at Spencer Group. In the recent weeks the station buildings have come to life as the external cladding has been added and now the passenger walkways. We’re excited to see the progress continue as we head towards the new station opening next year.”

Anna Weeks, Principal Programme Sponsor at Network Rail, said:

“It’s always special to reach milestones such as this in the large-scale infrastructure projects that Network Rail supports alongside its partners. We’re proud to be playing our part in delivering a new accessible railway station for local residents and the wider public, offering them more sustainable ways to travel into Leeds city centre and beyond.”

Joe Bennett, Operations Director at Spencer Group, said:

“The installation of the two link bridges represents a major milestone in the project.

“We had to work around external obstacles with the bridge lifts, including gas main renewals on the main road, but it went very well. The station is now really beginning to take shape.

“We’re excited to be working closely with our partners to deliver this important project, which will provide a significant upgrade to the rail infrastructure in the North.”

## Consent Granted For Leeds Gateway Office Scheme

A planning application to redevelop a landmark site in Leeds city centre to deliver 77,000 sq ft of prime, best in class workspace has been approved by Leeds City Council.

A joint venture partnership between Asset Capital and Prescient Capital purchased Wellington Plaza, a prominent 1980’s former HQ building on Wellington Street, last year with plans for major redevelopment that would set new standards in business accommodation.

The partnership has confirmed its intent to fund and deliver the £50 million scheme speculatively with a start on site by early 2024. This transformation of one of the last remaining standalone gateway sites in the heart of Leeds’s West End business district is currently the only pipeline scheme of its calibre in the city centre to start on site in 2024.

Designed by Leeds based DLA Architecture, the approved plans will increase floor space availability from 21,000 sq ft to 77,000 sq ft with Grade A specification floorplates up to 10,000 sq ft. A total redesign of the buildings’ façade is influenced by the local conservation area and ESG credential targets including BREEAM Outstanding, minimum NABERS 5 Star, Fitwell 3 Star and Wired Score Platinum Certification.

The internal space is designed to support the post-pandemic hybrid way of working with total flexibility for occupiers fit out. Communal spaces will include a large roof top terrace, sky lounge, and business lounge linked into reception for occupiers and their guests.

Daniel Newett, CEO at Asset Capital, the developer, said,

“We are delighted to secure planning consent to redevelop this important building in Leeds city centre that has lain vacant for some time now. We have plans to not only bring the site in line with its neighbouring Grade A premises but surpass this with a specification that the city has not yet seen, redefining the term ‘super prime’.”

Fox Lloyd Jones, strategic property advisors have been appointed joint office leasing agents for the scheme alongside Cushman & Wakefield and Knight Frank. Society Studios is appointed as branding and marketing consultants for the scheme.

With an anticipated eighteen month build programme, the development is expected to achieve completion for occupation by the Spring 2026.

## Topping Out Stage Reached For Major Hotel Development In Leeds



■ The development and delivery team gather to mark the topping out stage of the £62.7m Hyatt hotel development in Leeds

GMI Construction Group has completed the topping out stage of the landmark £62.7m Hyatt Hotel which is the final part of the prestigious Sovereign Square development in Leeds.

Situated next to the city’s railway station, the 12-storey 305-bedroom hotel is a joint venture between Marrico LLP and Helios for UK Commercial Property REIT (UKCM) and Hyatt.

Aimbridge, a leading hospitality company, will operate the 140,000 sq. ft hotel, on behalf of UKCM, under a 25-year franchise agreement with Hyatt Hotels, which is growing its presence within the UK market. It will operate under the dual brands of Hyatt House and Hyatt Place, providing short and long stay accommodation for business and leisure guests.

Designed by Leeds-based DLA Architecture, the building is inspired by the city’s merchandising and textile past – with the hotel’s striking external façade set in a sophisticated arrangement of red terracotta, light beige brickwork with detailing around the recessed double/triple height window bays that are in harmony with the surrounding architecture.

The ground floor frontages will sit behind a colonnade, with recessed detailing around the arch-heads and down the columns, with a glazed frontage behind. It also features meeting rooms, an on-site gym, a ground floor restaurant and bar extending into the public square, together with an independent rooftop bar with views over Leeds and the surrounding area.

GMI started work on site in May 2022 following the site’s purchase from Leeds City Council. Around 190 jobs have been created during the construction phase, with 80 full-time jobs expected to be established upon completion.

Steve Ford, Development Director at Marrico, said: “This is a project that delivers quality hotel accommodation into the epicentre of the city’s dynamic commercial, retail, and leisure landscapes. Situated in a prime position, it will be operated by a leading global hotel operator and is sure to further raise Leeds’ profile as a coveted destination for business and leisure travellers alike.”

# Market Is Top Of The Shops As Work Continues On £10m Renovation Scheme



■ A computer-generated image showing Leeds City Council's exciting vision for the market's blockshops area

A multi-million pound renovation scheme is ushering in a bright and busy new era for the most historic part of Leeds Kirkgate Market.

Work on the £10m refurbishment of the market's 19th-century 'blockshops' area got under way last year, with the first phase of the Leeds City Council scheme now complete.

A total of 24 units have been fully renovated and improved with features such as new canopy fronts, electric roller shutters, extraction ducting, LED lighting and extra storage space.

Wider structural work has seen roofing repaired, walkways brightened up with new glazing, new guttering installed and floors lowered to enhance accessibility.

The project team has also taken care to respect and protect the site's history, with heritage features such as herringbone brickwork being restored to their former glory.

A further 24 units will be given similarly stylish makeovers when the second and final phase of the scheme begins in the next few weeks.

And the ongoing rebirth of the blockshops is hailed as a sign of the council's steadfast commitment to ensuring that Leeds Kirkgate Market remains one of the jewels in the city's retail crown.

Councillor Jonathan Pryor, Leeds City Council's deputy leader and executive member for economy, culture and education, said:

"Leeds Kirkgate Market is an important and much-loved part of life in our city and, as such, we're determined to keep on giving it the kind of care and attention it deserves.

"The blockshops scheme is a fine example of how this approach is delivering real and tangible benefits, with its now-completed first phase set to make a huge difference to traders and customers alike.

"The project has been designed to complement other investments by the council in the market, which I'm proud to say has recently been attracting more than 500,000 visitors per month.

"It's great to hear that the second phase of the blockshops scheme will be getting under way soon – it will be fascinating to watch as further improvements

take shape and help make this famous symbol of Leeds an even better place to shop and spend time."

Dating back to 1875, the blockshops are the oldest surviving structures at the market and comprise eight two-storey buildings linked by an infill glazed roof.

The renovation scheme has required meticulous planning and preparation on the part of the council and contractor Bernar, due to both the historic nature of the buildings and their position at the heart of the wider market complex.

A number of the refurbished units are now available to rent, while others are already in the process of opening up for business.

Three have been secured by Leeds-based charity Zest for an initiative called The Leeds Cookery School @ Kirkgate Market. Zest's units will offer a variety of community cooking programmes as well as bespoke cooking classes and corporate away day opportunities.

Leeds City College is also set to take up a unit for use as a vegan and vegetarian cafe, allowing catering and hospitality students and apprentices to gain valuable hands-on experience of running a business.

Other improvements and support delivered for the market by the council in recent times include:

The creation of the popular Market Kitchen street food hall and event space as part of a £14m refurbishment scheme in 2016;

The provision of more than £1.4m worth of rent concessions to help traders cope with the financial effects of the COVID-19 pandemic;

A freeze on rent increases that has been in place since 2011.

The council is also currently considering the potential for bringing a 'container-style' food village to part of the market's outdoor site, with a view to boosting footfall for traders based in that area.

A planning application has also been submitted by the council for the development of a new hotel, gym and commercial units on the George Street side of the market.

A commercial tender pack has been put together for businesses keen to learn more about the opportunities offered by the refurbished blockshops area. Packs can be obtained by e-mailing [market.events@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:market.events@leeds.gov.uk).



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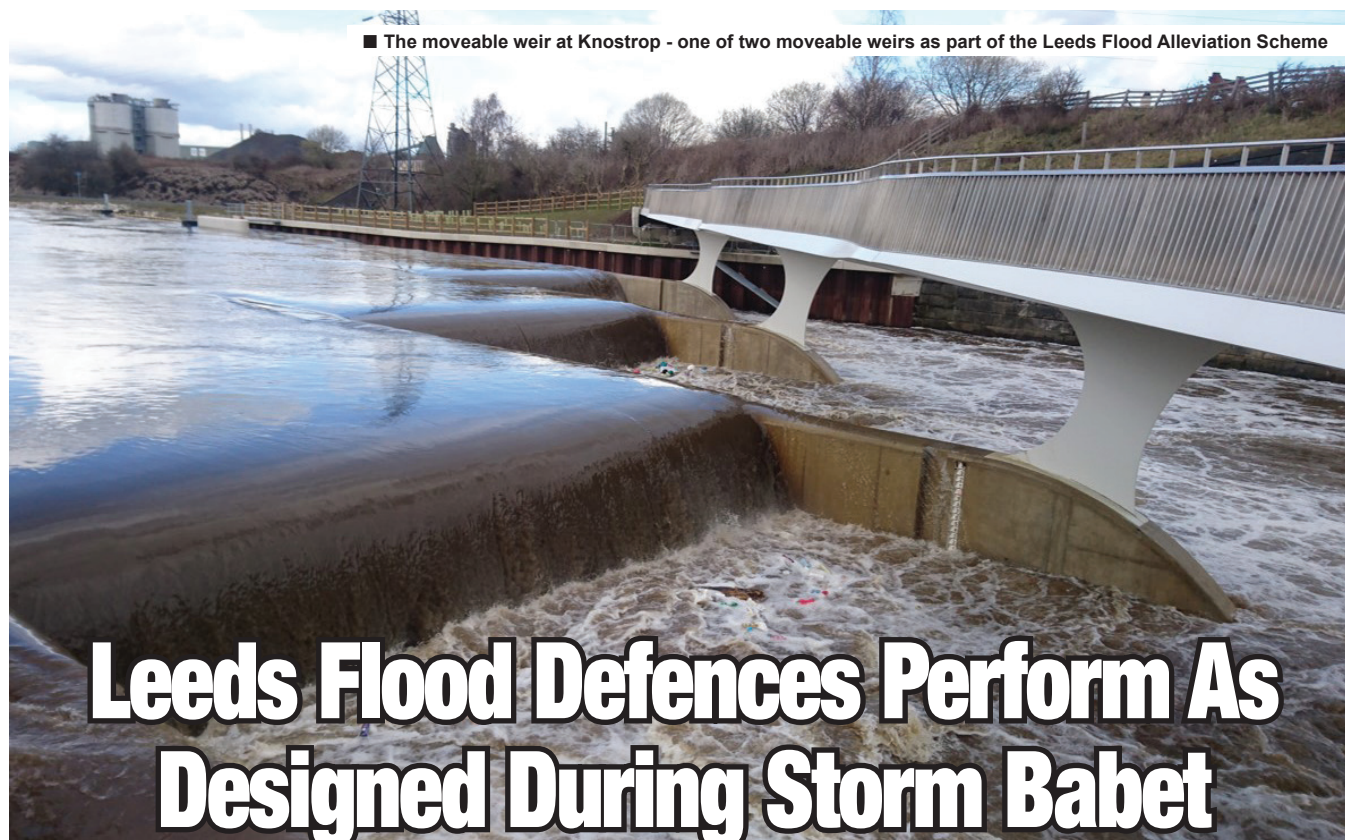
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## Leeds Flood Defences Perform As Designed During Storm Babet

Leeds City Council has issued an update on the current known impacts of Storm Babet, which brought high winds and heavy rain between October 19-21 2023.

Yellow and amber alerts for rainfall were issued by the Met Office across the storm. The high levels of rainfall resulted in a peak river level of 3.64m recorded at the Armley gauge on the river Aire. This is around 0.9m higher than the top of the typical range, but lower than levels recorded in previous events such as storm Ciara in 2020, or storms Dudley, Eunice, and Franklin in 2022.

Officers from a range of Leeds City Council services including flood risk management, resilience and emergencies and highways began working with partners from the Environment Agency to put plans into place as soon as the named storm was forecast. During

the event, they worked in conjunction with emergency services including West Yorkshire Police and West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service as well as community groups, flood wardens and Network Rail to monitor and respond to help keep people safe.

Fortunately, this preparation and combined action resulted in just a small number of flooding impacts recorded across the storm, all of which are being responded to by the council's flooding investigations team.

On the afternoon of October 20, river levels on the Aire triggered the need for the Leeds Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS) to be activated. The moveable weirs at Crown Point and Knostrop were lowered to allow more room in the channel, successfully defending the city centre from flooding.

This is the 9th time that the £50million scheme has been operated since its completion in 2017.

The Leeds Flood Alleviation Scheme phase 2 is under construction and will not provide the full level of protection until it is complete in spring 2024. Despite the full benefits of the scheme not yet being realised, there were some examples of the scheme already proving effective in certain areas, for example, the newly installed flood walls effectively protecting the Kirkstall Bridge Inn as designed.

As construction of flood defences are ongoing, there are many building sites near the river, and in areas that are prone to flooding. In the run up to the storm site operatives from our contractor partners successfully ensured that equipment and materials were moved or secured safely, including a pontoon being secured to the riverbed, following risk assessments, and fully considering the detailed forecast from the Environment Agency.

Despite this, there has been some impact to a small number of building sites. Council officers and our construction partners are already working diligently to resume work on the scheme, which will protect a further 1,048 homes and 474 businesses as well as doubling the standard of protection for the city centre.

Councillor Helen Hayden, Leeds City Council's executive member for sustainable development and infrastructure, said:

"Thank you to everyone who worked diligently over the weekend to keep us all safe, and to those who are continuing to improve our resilience to severe weather across Leeds. There is a huge amount of time that people give up when it comes to flood management, often on short notice and unsociable hours, that the public never see. That work is so important, and I would really like to stress my personal thanks to all involved"

Flooding affects many in our communities, and there are actions that we can all take to prepare and to keep ourselves safe:

- Do not attempt to travel through flood water, on foot, in a vehicle or otherwise.
- Create a flood plan for your home or business using the template from the Environment Agency
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Oliver has spent his working life self-employed in the housing industry and specialised for many years in the flooring business. This means he has a wealth of experience in different types of properties and approaches. More recently, he decided to further develop his skills and has trained extensively with the largest estate agency in the world for self-employed estate agents. Keller Williams are a huge name in the USA and are partnered with a vast amount of estate agents around the world. Now Oliver George is bringing the partnership to the north of England for the first time and is excited to offer sellers a fresh alternative.

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# The BACIL Awards 2023: Celebrating The Unsung Heroes That Make Leeds A Safer City

The BACIL Awards 2023, saw over 200 guests from both the retail and night-time economy attending the prestigious event along with the guest of honour, recently appointed Lord Mayor, Councillor Al Garthwaite.

BACIL (Business Against Crime in Leeds) is a dedicated organisation protecting business premises both in retail and the night-time industry in Leeds. Its main aim is to make the city a safer place for both customers and staff who work in the hospitality and retail sector.

The awards, now in their 9th year, were created to recognise outstanding achievements and shine a light on the businesses and teams that consistently go the extra mile. The awards for both the day and night sectors include Best Security Team, Best National Venue, Best Independent Venue, and Outstanding Contribution to BACIL.

Sean Walker, Head of Bacil, said:

"The BACIL awards were put together in 2014 to recognise the hard work of BACIL member business and partner agency teams working on the front line. These teams go above and beyond in their roles to reduce the potential for crime and disorder in and around Leeds City Centre by working in partnership and sharing information over the BACIL network.

The last year has been a particular challenge to these teams against a backdrop of rising business costs and cost of living increases. Even with these challenges, this year's BACIL AWARDS 2023 nominees have demonstrated exemplary partnership work and information sharing via the

BACIL radio and web network.

This hard work has led to positive identification and arrest of known criminals in the city and reduced potential for crime and disorder, both in and around their premises and in the city as a whole."

This year the awards saw the introduction of two new awards, Outstanding Contribution to Daytime Female Security and Outstanding Contribution to Night-time Female Security. Designed to put the increased focus on female security across the city in the spotlight, the evening was turned pink to honour the new female-focused awards.

Jon Hancock, BACIL Co-chair for NTE said:

"Female safety has always been a big focus for BACIL members and our partners, and we wanted to make it even more so this year. Initiatives such as the Violence Against Women and Girls initiative from West Yorkshire Police, Ask Angela in the NTE, and LCC Safer Leeds' Walk Safe app are all making a huge impact."

"Not only have they each received widespread support from businesses and their teams across the city, but they are all helping to keep female students and indeed women of all ages safe in the city."

The awards made a return to one of Leeds' most historic venues, the Faversham, and were hosted by Leeds entrepreneur and bar owner, Terry George, and Drag Queen Precious McMichael's.

Winners on the night included:

- Best Day Time Shopping Centre Security: St Johns Centre & Merrion Centre
- Best Daytime Store Security: John Lewis
- Outstanding Contribution to Daytime Female Security: Victoria Leeds
- Outstanding Partner to BACIL Daytime Award: Lodge Security
- Best Night-Time Independent Night-time Security: Toast
- Best National Chain Night-time Security: Be At One, Greek Street
- Outstanding Contribution to Night-time Female Security: Leeds Women's Night Safe Space
- Outstanding Partner to BACIL Night-time Award: Controlled Space, Street Marshalls

BACIL is partnered with the West Yorkshire Police, Leeds City Council and Safer Leeds, and has over 420 members, all united by the goal to prevent and reduce criminality and antisocial behaviour on the streets of Leeds.

BACIL also works closely with Pubwatch, a voluntary organisation set up to promote best practice. Their aim is to achieve a safer drinking environment in all licensed premises throughout the UK.

Sean Walker, Head of Bacil, commented:

"BACIL are integral to the Leeds Business Crime Reduction Partnership. We provide radios and intelligence products to all our members and partners highlighting active offenders and prison releases of previously active offenders so that they can be deterred from offending or arrested and taken back into custody."

The 2023 awards were sponsored by True Security, specialists in security staffing for hospitality and events.

Paul Bamford, director of True Security said:

"We are proud to be supporting this year's awards. Our business is all about protecting both the daytime and night-time industry. The awards are the perfect way to celebrate the great work the people in the hospitality industry have achieved and continue to do so."

Considering the focus on female safety, this year, BACIL partnered with Leeds charity, Women's Aid, whose main focus is on protecting women and their families from the damage that domestic abuse and violence can cause.

Nik Peasgood, CEO, Leeds Women's Aid said:

"Leeds Women's Aid are honoured to have been chosen as a charity partner for the BACIL Awards 2023. This year's focus on female safety is a natural fit with our belief that women and girls should live free from fear and abuse. As the lead organisation in Women & Girls Alliance Leeds, we're proud to deliver Women Friendly Leeds and other women's safety projects, working with BACIL member businesses."

"The awards are a fantastic opportunity to come together to celebrate the thriving night-time economy in Leeds and shine a light on the outstanding work taking place. By joining together, businesses can empower and support each other to innovate and champion safety in our city."

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cash. We often see fraudsters impersonating trusted brands to deceive the public but impersonating the very essence of those that protect consumers by pretending to be Trading Standards is disgusting and shows that these criminals have no limitations to how far they are willing to go to defraud people of their savings."

This scam, which initially was reported in England only, has now spread throughout the United Kingdom, with the email and letter recently materialising in Scotland.

CTSI has informed Trading Standards services across the country of these emails and letters, and there are open investigations, including a prosecution, that are with consumer protection professionals working hard to protect the public from these scams.

Anyone who receives a letter of this nature letter should contact the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and their local Trading Standards Service.

The FCA issued a warning to the public earlier this year.

Operation Broadway, a City of London Police Partnership to tackle investment fraud have successfully disabled more than thirty phone numbers that have been included on the scam letters, and they continue to proactively intercept these scammers in their tracks.

## Self Assessment Customers

Self Assessment customers are urged to be on the lookout for scam texts, emails and phone calls from fraudsters.

This warning comes as HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) received more than 130,000 reports about tax scams in the 12 months to September 2023, of which 58,000 were offering fake tax rebates.

With around 12 million people expected to submit a Self Assessment tax

return for the 2022 to 2023 tax year before the 31 January 2024 deadline, fraudsters will prey on customers by impersonating HMRC.

The scams take different approaches. Some offer a rebate; others tell customers that they need to update their tax details or threaten immediate arrest for tax evasion.

Myrtle Lloyd, HMRC's Director General for Customer Services, said: "HMRC is reminding customers to be wary of approaches by fraudsters in the run up to the Self Assessment deadline. Criminals are great pretenders who try and dupe people by sending emails, phone calls and texts which mimic government messages to make them appear authentic. Unexpected contacts like these should set alarm bells ringing, so take your time and check HMRC scams advice on GOV.UK."

Customers can report any suspicious communications to HMRC:

- forward suspicious texts claiming to be from HMRC to 60599
- forward emails to [phishing@hmrc.gov.uk](mailto:phishing@hmrc.gov.uk).
- report tax scam phone calls to HMRC on GOV.UK.

HMRC works to protect the public from scammers. In the 12 months to September 2023, HMRC has responded to 60,000 reports of phone scams alone and got 25,000 malicious web pages taken down.

Customers do not need to wait until 31 January before filing their tax return, they can submit it before then but do not have to pay until the deadline, unless they choose to. Filing earlier allows them to find out what they owe sooner or if they are owed money, get their refund.

Help and support is available on GOV.UK to help customers complete their return, there is no need to call. HMRC has a wide range of online resources to help customers file a tax return including a series of video tutorials on YouTube and help and support guidance on GOV.UK alongside HMRC digital assistant, HMRC app, community forums and the help and support email service.

## Public Losing Thousands To Scammers Impersonating CTSI

The Chartered Trading Standards Institute (CTSI) is warning consumers to be vigilant and not to respond to correspondence carrying the CTSI branding, which is currently in circulation and has nothing to do with the Institute.

Figures from one Local Trading Standards Authority shows losses of more than £16,000 to a bogus mail and email insurance scam impersonating CTSI that has been targeting the public for three years.

CTSI warns that this could be the tip of the iceberg as often scams going unreported, so the money being lost to scammers could be tenfold what CTSI has evidence of. Evidence also suggests that those receiving the letters are on 'target lists' having previously been the victims of different scams.

The letter in question, which uses CTSI branding, informs the recipient that Trading Standards has caught insurance scammers and that they should fill in a "creditors debt form," which is supposedly a compensation scheme but in actual fact serves as a means for fraudsters to gain access to personal details, including bank information, which puts respondents at risk of financial loss.

Chief Executive at CTSI, John Herriman, said: "These scammers show no sign of slowing down and although Trading Standards are working hard to take action against these despicable individuals it is important that the public are on guard and do not respond to letters or emails that appear to be from genuine organisations, like CTSI. Trading Standards are the very people that protect the public, so to see scams targeting our good name in this way is appalling and we want to raise as much awareness about this as possible to stop consumers being defrauded out of their hard-earned

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■ Representatives from across West Yorkshire came together for the first meeting of the new West Yorkshire Local Visitor Economy Partnership



## Region's Ambitious New Tourism Partnership Off And Running

Tourism chiefs from across West Yorkshire came together for the inaugural meeting of a new partnership aimed at unleashing the vast potential of the region's visitor economy.

The first meeting of the Local Visitor Economy Partnership (LVEP) saw representatives from each of the five West Yorkshire districts join forces with key figures from the tourism sector to begin exploring ways to grow the visitor economy, attract more visitors and inward investment and create job opportunities across West Yorkshire.

The meeting followed a successful joint bid for LVEP status earlier this year by councils in Leeds, Calderdale, Kirklees, Bradford and Wakefield alongside West Yorkshire Combined Authority.

Under the new LVEP programme, developed and administered by VisitEngland, districts will share ideas and resources to improve the offer and make the most of the region's 65 million annual visitors.

The West Yorkshire LVEP will also be able to access expert advice, dedicated toolkits and training programmes as well as getting support for applications for important national funding.

Tracy Brabin, Mayor of West Yorkshire, who chaired the first meeting of the West Yorkshire LVEP, said: "I'm thrilled that work is underway to showcase our amazing region to the world.

"We're combining our strengths to ensure that West Yorkshire's tourism and hospitality businesses can unleash their potential and thrive for years to come.

"West Yorkshire is the place to be. And this exciting new partnership will help us build a stronger, brighter region that works for all."

The LVEP programme was originally launched nationwide last year after consultation following a government review of Destination Management Organisations across England.

Now it has formed, West Yorkshire's LVEP will continue working with partners and organisations across the wider Yorkshire region to promote the Yorkshire brand.

Councillor James Lewis, Deputy Mayor of West Yorkshire, said: "It is fantastic to be able to bring together key figures who share the goal of showcasing our unique, vibrant and beautiful region to the world and show why we are all so proud to live and work here.

"Having LVEP status means we are now working more closely with our neighbours across the region, as well as working collaboratively with the tourism sector as a whole to really bring together our unique offer and work towards initiatives which encourage even more people to come and visit us."

The first meeting of the West Yorkshire LVEP board followed a visit from VisitEngland director Andrew Stokes, who came to Leeds to take in key sites, and speak to leads in the region about new ideas and initiatives the West Yorkshire LVEP is bringing forward in 2024.

VisitEngland director Andrew Stokes said: "I was very pleased to visit West Yorkshire and see for myself the fantastic tourism products, businesses and attractions that make this region an outstanding visitor destination. I am also delighted that this new Local Visitor Economy Partnership is already working collaboratively with stakeholders and industry leaders to grow the region's visitor economy."

The first LVEP board meeting also comes with the year-long Leeds2023 cultural celebration and Kirklees Year of Music in full swing, and with the region building towards Bradford's year in the spotlight as the UK's City of Culture 2025. Wakefield is also gearing up for Our Year- Wakefield District 2024 while CultureDale is being celebrated in Calderdale.

## Grant Applications Open For Businesses To Boost Digital Enterprise

Digital Enterprise has secured £4.6 million funding from the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), to encourage ambitious businesses in West Yorkshire to take a technological leap to improve productivity, performance and competitiveness and achieve sustainable growth by investing in digital.

As the new round of funding is now live, the clock is already ticking for businesses to access the support they need for growth. This third Digital Enterprise (DE3) programme will end in March 2025.

Digital Enterprise has two levels of grant funding available. Eligible businesses considering a digital investment between £2,000 to £25,000 can apply for a Digital Accelerator Grant for up to 50% of the project costs, with a ceiling value of £10,000.

New for DE3 is a limited number of High Impact Grants for substantial and transformative digital projects, eligible businesses can receive up to 50% contribution, (capped at a maximum value of £35,000) towards new digital projects costing between £25,000 - £100,000.

High Impact projects will take longer to complete, further reducing the time businesses have to apply for this next level of funding. Representatives from DE3 are encouraging businesses to come forward sooner rather than later, in order to take full advantage of the support available.

The new programme includes a streamlined application process that allows hardware, software, technology, connectivity and internet upgrades to be combined within a single application. Businesses will also receive

impartial advice and support from their dedicated Digital Advisor, who will be on hand throughout the application process to help them make the best use of digital solutions.

Digital Enterprise Programme Manager, Suzanne Bradbury, said: "We're here to support West Yorkshire based businesses looking to scale up. While we are not prescriptive about business sectors, this grant funding is for growth-focussed businesses, operating for more than three years that need investment in digital innovation to propel them to the next stage.

"We know businesses are facing a myriad of challenges and are increasingly having to do more with less in order to survive. Technology can play a key role in overcoming those challenges, and we are here to provide businesses in the region with the advice and financial support needed to help them progress and grow."

Since its launch in 2016, Digital Enterprise has provided over £12 million in funding and helped over 2,700 businesses through its grant funding and business support programme, including Leeds-based businesses White Label Loyalty and VTR North.

Digital Enterprise can support businesses from a wide range of sectors and fund impactful digital projects before the programme ends in March 2025. Ambitious growth businesses can find out more about eligibility and apply for a Digital Accelerator Grant or High Impact Grant while there's still time by visiting [www.digitalenterprise.co.uk](http://www.digitalenterprise.co.uk)





■ Abby Dix-Mason of the Smeaton300 project with a book containing original plans for John Smeaton's famous Eddystone Lighthouse

## Historic Lighthouse Designs A Beacon Of Brilliance In City's New Exhibition

A book of historic lighthouse designs from the brilliant mind of Leeds-born engineering genius John Smeaton has gone on display in Leeds.

The beautiful first edition, penned by Smeaton himself, is among the fascinating objects featured in a new exhibition which has opened at Leeds Industrial Museum.

Its detailed pages include Smeaton's own first-hand account of the building of his famed Eddystone Lighthouse, and features a series of intricate maps, engravings and plans of a design adopted across the world.

The book itself took 35 years to complete, with this first edition being published in 1791 and dedicated by the author to King George III.

Recently featured on the BBC's Antiques Roadshow, the book is on loan from Leeds Central Library and is being displayed at the museum as part of Engineering, which explores the story of civil engineering and the huge impact

it has had on the world.

It coincides with the upcoming 300th anniversary of Smeaton, who was born near Whitkirk, Leeds, in 1724.

A self-taught engineer, instrument maker and astronomer, his pioneering approach to problem solving and commitment to improving the world around him saw him dubbed the "father of civil engineering."

Charged with designing a new lighthouse on Eddystone Rocks off the coast of Devon, Smeaton took his inspiration from the tapered trunk of an oak tree, combined with masonry which mimicked the kerbstones of London's pavements.

His radical idea also included the invention of a new form of hydraulic cement which would set under water.

Once completed, the lighthouse stood 59 feet high, and was first lit on

October 16, 1759, guiding ships safely through the notoriously perilous approach to what was one of the most important naval harbours in England.

John McGoldrick, Leeds Museums and Galleries' curator of industrial history, said: "John Smeaton was a true genius, who for much of his life focused his brilliant mind and prodigious intellect on the task of improving the world around him.

"He pioneered the field of civil engineering, inspiring many others to design and build projects which shaped the world around us in countless ways.

"Smeaton's story and legacy, like his designs, have stood the test of time and we're proud to be celebrating his many achievements and those who followed in his footsteps."

Other exhibits on display as part of Engineering include a lathe Smeaton crafted as a young engineer in Leeds and a medal he was awarded 1787 by the Royal Society of Arts.

They will be on show alongside more modern examples of engineering including the cylinder head from a Land Rover and a breathing aid designed and manufactured during the COVID-19 pandemic and used in more than 130 NHS hospitals.

As well as featuring in the exhibition, the Eddystone Lighthouse book has inspired Smeaton300, a city-wide project which celebrates Smeaton's life and legacy in partnership with Leeds 2023.

An accompanying exhibition by the Young Smeatonians and will also run alongside a programme of events and activities.

Councillor Jonathan Pryor, Leeds City Council's executive member for economy, culture and education, said: "Leeds is very proud to be the birthplace of John Smeaton, a genuine trailblazer in the field of engineering whose legacy can still be seen in the city today and all around the world.

"His innovations and those he inspired changed the face of Leeds and many other cities and it is testament to his place in history that we are still celebrating him three centuries later."

The Eddystone Lighthouse book has also been digitised thanks to a joint project with Leeds Libraries, The British Library and funded by Leeds2023. Visitors can now borrow a copy for free from Leeds Libraries using their library card.

For more information on Smeaton 300, visit [www.smeaton300.co.uk](http://www.smeaton300.co.uk)

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# Leeds Bike Charity Gets New Workshop Thanks To Enfinium Skelton Grange Funding

The Big Bike Fix in Leeds – a charity which gives used bikes a new lease of life before gifting them to those who need them most – has renovated its workshop, thanks to a grant from enfinium. The funding was awarded to the charity by enfinium’s nearby Skelton Grange energy from waste facility, which is currently under construction.

Since launching in June 2020, the Big Bike Fix has refurbished over 1,100 bicycles and donated them back to the local community. The scheme enables people in low-income households and communities to access active travel for free, in turn contributing towards improved wellbeing and better air quality in the area.

As well as funding the renovation of the Big Bike Fix Workshop in Beeston Hill, the grant from enfinium will enable more volunteers to

be trained and become more experienced bicycle mechanics. This helps grow skills within the community as well as passing on know-how that boosts employability, where needed. Beneficiaries of the bikes are also encouraged to get involved in the fixing and maintenance of their own bicycles.

Councillor Ed Carlisle, from the Big Bike Fix, said: “Huge thanks to enfinium for supporting our bike project with this grant. Our workshop and teaching space is so much better than before, which our volunteer team have really appreciated. It’s meant we’ve been able to make an even bigger difference in our community: enabling people to travel for free (which can especially help with work and education opportunities), and also positively impacting people’s health, wellbeing and confidence.”

Clara, a bike recipient from the Big Bike Fix, said: “We’ve managed

to get bikes for our whole family of five from the Bike Fix project and they’re brilliant. When we’ve had issues with them we have simply visited the workshop and got them fixed, plus gained the skills to sort the minor things ourselves. The bike has made a huge difference to my mental health but also allows us to enjoy family time – every weekend we head off on a bike ride together. I’m very environmentally conscious of how much we consume as a family, so knowing that we are making full use of bikes, rather than driving somewhere, and fixing instead of buying new, is great.”

Mike Maudsley, Chief Executive Officer at enfinium, said: “We are already creating jobs and generating supply chain opportunities for local businesses - but we know that our commitment to Leeds goes further than this. We will always be a good neighbour to the communities in which we operate and are delighted to be supporting the great work that the Big Bike Fix do in getting people together and engaged in active travel. We look forward to seeing how this grant – and the other grants we will be making over the coming months and years – makes a real difference.”

Enfinium’s £50,000 Community Benefit Fund has been made available to community groups and organisations in Leeds via enfinium Skelton Grange, which is currently under construction and scheduled for completion in 2025.

Applications to enfinium’s Community Benefit Fund are still open and will be accepted from projects or organisations that will directly benefit the communities neighbouring the facility’s site. Organisations who are based outside of this area are also eligible to apply for grants, as long as they can prove how the award of funding will have a beneficial impact on these communities. Applications are welcomed from registered charities, schools, places of learning, not-for-profit companies, community organisations and groups – including those supported by public funding.

All applications must demonstrate that the project or event in question will either deliver environmental benefits (such as the promotion of clean energy, waste reduction and / or recycling improvements), improve standards of health, safety and wellbeing or enhance the wider community. This could mean promoting skills and educational development, environmental improvements or activity that helps boost community cohesion.

Application criteria and application forms can be downloaded from the project website: [www.enfinium.co.uk/facilities/skelton-grange](http://www.enfinium.co.uk/facilities/skelton-grange).

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## Headingley Station Given A Makeover By Volunteers

One of Northern's West Yorkshire stations has been spruced up thanks to a team of volunteers – including the addition of new colourful artwork.

A group of more than 40 people from Northern, Yorkshire Asian Business Association, Yorkshire Cricket, Headingley East Allotment Group, ISS property management services and students from Halifax Station Partnership spent the day giving the station a makeover.

The team spent time litter-picking and tidying up the platforms and surrounding areas.

New artwork celebrating the station's cricketing ties has also been installed on the waiting shelter.

Kerry Peters, regional director at Northern said: "I'd like to thank everyone who volunteered to spend the day at Headingley – there has been an amazing transformation in just one day.

"Our community partners are the heartbeat of the railway and we're extremely proud to work closely with them to deliver such a wide-ranging positive impact for the North of England."

Northern is the second largest train operator in the UK, with 2,500 services a day to more than 500 stations across the North of England.

## Long Serving Volunteer Reflects On Wetherby Charity's 20 Year Milestone

One of Wetherby charity's longest serving volunteers has hailed its impact on older people's lives, as the organisation prepares to mark its 20 year anniversary.



Beryl Hughes, from Harrogate has volunteered for Wetherby in Support of the Elderly (WiSE) for 18 years.

Here, she reflects on the charity's growth to meet an increasing demand for its services- as well as the joy she has gained volunteering at its broad range of activities and events.

"I started my volunteering journey with WiSE around 18 years ago, which was a result of a dear friend's husband's dementia diagnosis. I attended a training session in Collingham to find out more about dementia, which led to the Sunshine Café- for people living with dementia and their carers- being formed. Due to its success, a similar event was formed in Boston Spa - The Boston Spa Tea Party- which I also attended.

"Over the years more events were brought in to help reduce isolation and loneliness in the over 60s, from singalong sessions and music entertainment, to fish and chip lunches and sitting exercise classes.

"Since the beginning, I have seen WiSE grow exponentially – there is a bigger variety of activities and the wider spread of geographical areas has given people more opportunities to get involved.

"There's so many opportunities for volunteering with WiSE – all which are all different and require a different set of skills. I love volunteering at the Welcome Café - I am interested in the number of new people dropping in and like to welcome them and signposting other activities.

"The weekly craft session is a different vibe completely. The group is well established with the same clients attending each week, so I'm able to get to know them on a more personal level and be able to offer advice for any problems they may be facing in their lives. I also volunteer at Line Dancing, the Tea Dance and Elderberries, plus many of the one-off events.

"Choosing my favourite activity is difficult as they are all varied, but I must admit that although the most physically demanding, the teamwork needed at the Welcome Café as we prepare and serve the food and drink is very rewarding.

"Far be it for me to give the impression that volunteering is all about giving. I have gained so much myself over the years, having made many friends with the volunteers and clients. It has just become what I do during the week, and I would recommend to anyone with time to spare to take on such a fulfilling role. Since being widowed, WiSE has also become a lifeline for me helping to fill an enormous gap in my life.

"WiSE has changed the lives of so many people, giving them the opportunity to meet and talk to others in comfortable and safe surroundings. I am proud to be part of that ethos."

If you are interested in volunteering and would like to find out more, phone 01937 588994, or email [volunteering@w-ise.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@w-ise.org.uk). The main services where volunteers may be needed are Befriending, Memory Café, WiSE Owl Café, Transport Scheme, Activities and Events. Visit [www.w-ise.org.uk](http://www.w-ise.org.uk) for more information.



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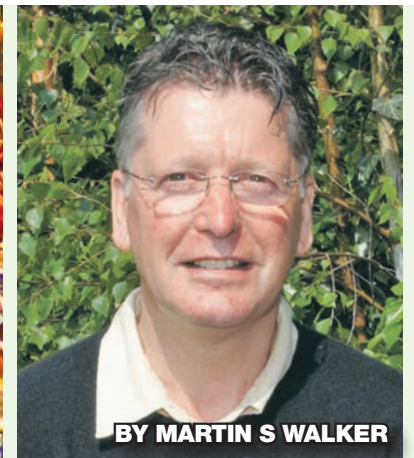
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# GARDENING

## Leaves Are Scattered All Over The Lawn, These Long Dark Mornings Do Make Me Yawn



BY MARTIN S WALKER

As we head towards the end of 2023, the garden starts to prepare itself for whatever lies ahead. On the whole, plants are quite resilient and seem to cope reasonably well with the changing seasons. We have been harvesting and storing produce from the kitchen garden and although we are far from self sufficient, we do grow enough to have something from the garden most days. The joy of eating home grown produce and the taste make the effort worthwhile, despite the fact that it may be cheaper to buy from a large supermarket chain. It's not just about eating produce the whole journey from seed to harvest is as good for your mental wellbeing as it is for your diet.



As the temperature drops and the crispy crystals (frost) arrive it's important to look at plants that need winter protection. Although in some areas and very sheltered parts of the garden it may be possible to leave plants such as dahlias in the garden, there is no guarantee that they will survive, especially if we have a very cold winter. Lifting and storing plants in a frost free place can be a chore and these days maintaining a frost free place can be quite a cost. We have a closed garage and a wooden potting shed, which we don't heat but do provide a frost free place where we overwinter plants such as dahlias that don't have any leaves on in storage, so don't really need any light. Just check on them every three to four weeks to make sure they are not going mouldy or too dry. The critical time is as the weather starts to warm up next February, as they might start to shoot, in which case they will need a place with some light.



Ideally a frost free greenhouse or conservatory will do. I take late cuttings of many of our tender perennials used in pot displays and keep them in a

greenhouse, but a windowsill would do. We then lift the mother plant, remove about 50% of the soil and pack in trays lined with old greenhouse insulation or bubble plastic, then packed around with wood chippings, from the workshop or you could use bark chips. This insulates the rootball and allows air to circulate. Strangely this freezes less than when packed with soil or compost.



Garlic is one of those vegetables that you either love or hate, but you can't beat it for adding flavour to many dishes, and now is an ideal time to plant out in the garden, as it benefits from a period of cold to help it produce a good crop. Garlic is available from your local nursery or garden centre, or indeed online, it looks just like the garlic you buy in the supermarket although using 'shop' bought is not good idea as it is probably a variety suitable for a warmer climate. When planting carefully separate the individual cloves, choose a part of the vegetable garden that is reasonably sheltered, with good free draining soil. Cloves should be planted about 15cm(6ins) apart in rows 30cm(12ins) between the rows. Pointed end uppermost plant the clove so the top is about 2.5cm (1in) below soil level. I have grown the cultivars, Solent Wight and Carcassonne Wight with good results. It may take a little while for the shoots to appear and growth is slow through the colder months. Give them a dressing of general fertiliser in late Feb - early March, and water in dry spells. they should be ready for harvest in late July early August, the foliage starts to turn yellow and flops over. If your soil is wet and heavy, why not try growing a few in a large pot?

At this time of year you will often hear the term 'Bare Root' or 'Open Ground' plants are available. This refers to the fact that the plants have been grown outside in the nursery as opposed to pots. They are generally cheaper to buy but are only available when the plants are dormant through late autumn into early spring. They are lifted with only a little soil on the roots and if you are unable to plant them straight away then either store them in a frost free place, making sure the roots don't dry out or take a trench out in a sheltered part of the garden, place the roots in the trench and cover with soil. Plant them as soon as you can as once they are in the ground they will settle and root into the soil. Even though the soil may be damp, water the plant in as this ensures the soil is in good contact with the roots. Current guidance suggests that you don't need to add compost and fertiliser to the planting hole but to be honest I haven't found any difference although our soil is fairly light and the roots can run freely, so I like to give them a little sprinkle of general fertiliser.

*Happy gardening,*

*Martin*

*Next month, ( check on winter vegetables, pruning ornamental trees and shrubs, looking after Christmas flowering plants.)*

## Top Tip - Don't Get In A Tangle!



**There always seems to be something in the garden that needs tying up, a wayward rose stem, rampant sweet peas or floppy perennials, the choice of tying materials is considerable and there seems to be a new invention every year.**

When I trained as a gardener all we had was 'Jute' a light brown straw coloured coarse woven twine, not only can you purchase every colour of garden twine imaginable but there are also lots of different materials too, many of which are of plastic origin. Maybe we should go back to twine which is organic, natural and biodegradable?

There is however an art to using twine and avoiding the ball collapsing or becoming so tangled its only good for throwing at the wall. There are two key tips, firstly find a screw top container that the ball of twine will fit into, make a small hole in the lid through which you can thread the twine, and secondly don't take the outer wrapper off the string but poke your finger into the middle (They are usually hollow in the middle) and fish out the end of the string. That way as you use the string it will not collapse and should remain tangle free. We use an old Branston pickle jar that was my Mum's, (other pickle jars are available) and it still has years of life left in it.

There are occasions when we don't use garden twine, and for sweet peas, we use wire rings, some are just wire and some plastic coated but essentially they are a split ring of wire and you simply open the ring, place it around the cane or support and the sweet pea stem and gently squeeze it together, hey presto the stem stays in place. The advantage is it is quick and easy and they can be used year after year.

Other options include plastic clips, rubber coated twisty wire and paper coated twist ties, but there are many more.



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# RSPB Youth Group Celebrating 80 Years Welcomes New Members & Volunteers

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the start of RSPB youth groups and now the RSPB's new Aire Valley Phoenix youth group, based at RSPB St Aidan's and Fairburn Ings nature reserves, is appealing for more nature-loving members aged 13-to 18-years-old as well as volunteer leaders to join them and help grow the group.

RSPB youth groups first began in 1943, then known as the Junior Bird Recorder's Club, with membership costing one shilling (12p) a year. The club gave 14 to 17-year-olds the chance to enjoy birdwatching in their local area and had 550 members across the UK.

The RSPB now has different youth groups for children aged five to eight, eight to 12 and 13-to 18-year-olds, all with the aim of inspiring and connecting children to nature in a broader sense.

Groups usually meet monthly, to learn about and take part in nature-based activities. This can include anything from pond-dipping, minibeast hunting and carrying out wildlife surveys, to beach cleans, tree planting, creating and managing habitats and planning events.

Jenny Hackland, the RSPB's Education, Families and Youth Manager, explains the benefits of connecting young people to nature: "Our early experiences with wildlife and the outdoors are so powerful in helping build a lifelong connection with the natural world, as well as having proven

benefits for children's emotional wellbeing, physical health, education and social skills," she said.

"Our youth groups aim to connect children to nature in a fun and informal way, which will in turn inspire and empower them to become advocates for nature, both now and in the future."

New youth group members are always welcome, and more leaders are now being sought to help run groups, or set up new groups, as Jenny explains: "Our amazing team of volunteers are central to helping us run youth groups and give children of all ages the chance to enjoy nature.

"To now be celebrating 80 years of RSPB youth groups is an amazing milestone, and we are so grateful to all our passionate and dedicated leaders who voluntarily run groups, as well as all our children and teenagers who are members.

"Now we are appealing for more volunteers to help provide even more young people with these amazing opportunities to explore, enjoy and help protect the natural world."

RSPB youth groups are led and delivered by a team of skilled adult and youth volunteers, who are recruited safely by the RSPB and given regular training to grow their knowledge, skills and experience.

To find out more about joining or supporting the RSPB's new Aire Valley Phoenix youth group, visitor email [ygsupport@rspb.org.uk](mailto:ygsupport@rspb.org.uk).



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# Antiques And Collectables

## With David Oddy

I have in recent years given free talks to various church and other groups which I thoroughly enjoy. When the covid pandemic hit, this all stopped and has never really got going again. I have missed doing them, so if you have an organisation and would like me to do a talk, please give me a call. The usual format is people bring items in and I try to identify and value the object. I then give a general talk on antiques and what is in vogue at this time. It is great fun and I normally get a nice cup of tea and slice of cake too!



■ Example of a wonderful victorian silver plated conch shell spoon warmer

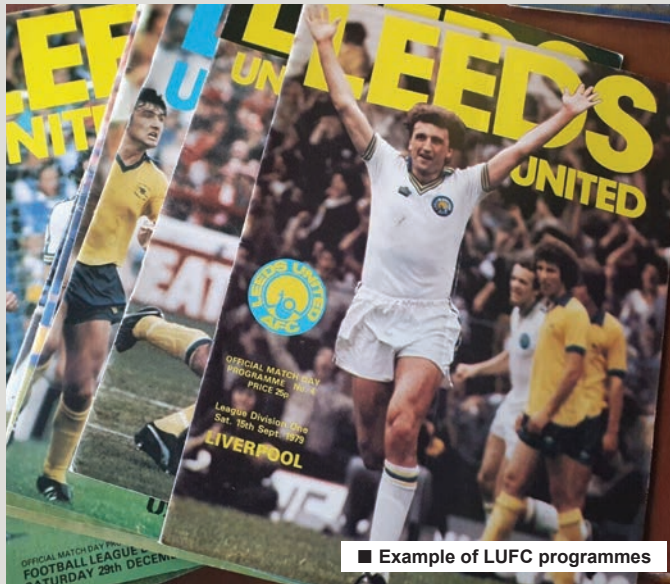
I have had some really unusual items brought in such as a Victorian spoon warmer and a Georgian scarifier (which is a blood letting instrument!) On a similar theme was a leech jar for keeping live leeches which I believe are still used in modern medicine – although I don't fancy that treatment! Someone brought in a First World War field surgeon's box of instruments with the most horrific tools for removing bullets and saws for cutting off limbs. I shudder to think of the conditions these items were used in and before modern anaesthetics too.

On a cheerier note, I have recently had several items of sporting memorabilia brought into the shop. I have to admit to being a bit of

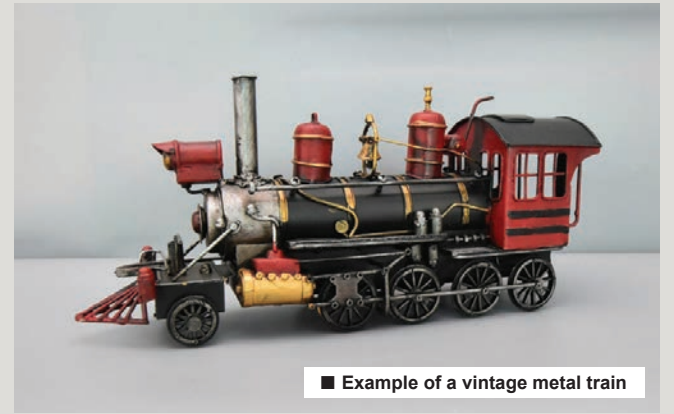


■ Example of a 1886 cricket bat

a sports fanatic and love all sports. I have in the shop a cricket bat dated 1886 which was won for the best batting average that season. I played cricket myself and coached junior cricketers for many years. I get great pleasure out of watching young people develop into really nice individuals, which I think is greatly helped by team spirit and sporting ethics. I am always interested in buying sports related items, medals, silver cups, old programmes – anything really.



■ Example of LUFC programmes



■ Example of a vintage metal train



■ Example of a dinky toy

I am also looking for old toys. Christmas is coming up and we always sell vintage toys at this time of year. I am particularly looking for vintage trains and dinky toys, anything made of tinfoil can be quite valuable. I will always call out without any obligation to offer a free valuation..

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■ Another Sky

## The Music Scene With Stuart Glossop

The festival season eventually closed with Live At Leeds, with starring roles, amongst others, for The Last Dinner Party, Pip Blom and Quiet Houses. However, the stand out set came from ANOTHER SKY, familiar to our regular readers, who already know that they are a band that transcends the boundaries of conventional genres and creates a sonic landscape that is both captivating and challenging. Their music is an amalgamation of post-rock, progressive rock, noise rock, indie rock, and post-punk, drawing inspiration from diverse artists such as Talk Talk, Tracy Chapman, Radiohead, and Björk. Their debut album, *I Slept On the Floor*, released in 2020, is a testament to their artistic vision and originality, as well as their remarkable vocal and lyrical abilities. The band is composed of Catrin Vincent (vocals, guitar, piano), Jack Gilbert (guitar, synth), Max Doohan (guitar, synth), and Naomi Le Dune (bass). They met while pursuing music degrees at Goldsmiths, University of London, and formed the band in 2017. Their name is derived from a poem by Emily Dickinson, which reflects their poetic inclination and their aspiration to explore new possibilities. Clearly seen in the excellence of a heavier sound on their releases in 2023: *Psychopath*, *A Feeling*, *Burn The Way* and *Uh Oh*. Still the most salient features of Another Sky is Vincent's voice, which has been

characterized as “haunting”, and “mesmerizing”. She possesses a remarkable vocal range and agility, shifting from a low register to a high falsetto with ease, creating a contrast between the dark and the light in their songs. Her lyrics are often introspective and political, addressing issues such as mental health, feminism, and social justice. Another Sky's music is equally diverse and dynamic. They combine atmospheric soundscapes with angular riffs, intricate rhythms with melodic hooks, and quiet moments with explosive crescendos. Their songs are often unpredictable and adventurous, taking unexpected turns and twists. They also experiment with different genres and styles, such as jazz, folk, electronic, and classical. Another Sky is a band that merits more attention and recognition. They have a unique sound and vision that distinguishes them from other bands in the scene. They are not afraid to challenge themselves and their listeners with their music. They are one of the most exciting and innovative bands in the UK today bar none.



■ Lo Moon

Psyche-pop four-piece LO MOON return with their first new music of 2023, ‘Evidence,’ thus confirming a new body of work is on the way for 2024. Speaking about the new song, Lo Moon's Matt Lowell told us, “‘Evidence’ is a song about learning from your mistakes. A song that explores the innocence of young love and the journey we're all on to become better partners, better people, and more emotionally available. Sometimes this takes time and looking back at who I was as an adolescent helped me realise who I've become as an adult. The arc of relationships can teach us a lot about who we are, even if it's emotionally scarring to explore.” You can see how far they have come since we introduced them to you at



■ Becky Hill

British singer and songwriter, BECKY HILL, is set to grace stages across the UK in October 2024 as she embarks on her biggest headline shows to date with a nationwide arena tour in support of her highly anticipated upcoming second album. With an irrefutable aptitude for writing chart-smashing dance-pop songs and a reputation as a leading force in the UK music scene, Playing arena shows across the country, this tour will mark an incredible milestone in Becky's career. The sensational live shows will once again showcase her incredible vocal prowess, captivating stage presence, and her ability to connect with fans in an unparalleled way. Becky Hill's chart-topping journey has seen collaborations with some of the world's most renowned artists and producers and has ignited dance-floors and huge audiences this summer at festivals such as Glastonbury, Reading & Leeds, Radio 1's Big Weekend, Parklife, and TRNSMT. This tour announcement will certainly build excitement for fans towards the release of her highly anticipated second album slated for release in 2024. See her at the First Direct on October 16th next year. Tickets already going fast!

## The Sweet 'Full Circle' UK Tour Comes To Holmfirth – Picturedrome!

Sweet are back, and you're not going to want to miss out come December as they go Full Circle touring the UK including here in Yorkshire on 8 Dec at Holmfirth Picturedrome!

A National Treasure and Glam Rock Royalty who have taken the world by storm for six decades, Sweet are at their best, performing all their iconic hits to audiences from every continent, all over the world. From the beginning to the end... Full Circle!

Guitarist/vocalist Andy Scott, the sole surviving original member at the heart of the band and the golden thread linking Sweet's proud past to the present, is still fiercely protective of that legacy today as ever.

Understandably he knows better than anyone that the long tours can't carry on indefinitely, with the band now looking to ‘wind down’ some of their live commitments.

Andy explained, “This could be our last tour, but that doesn't mean to say we're not going to do any more gigs, just that we might not be doing 15-20 dates strung together. Then again, we might!”

Scoring 15 momentous top-40 hits in the Seventies, eight going top-five – including classic 1973 UK No.1 ‘Blockbuster’ – Sweet perfected the art of making memorable records in a highly-competitive era.

As well as the fire and steel shown in the recording studio and the glamour and excitement they transmitted onto our TV screens, there's live passion too, something Andy plus bandmates Paul Manzi (lead vocals), Bruce Bisland (drums, vocals), Lee Small (bass guitar, vocals) and Tom Cory



(guitar, keyboards) are keen to ensure remains. The present line-up has made an impact in the charts with recent single releases too.

And you can witness that first-hand as they return to the road leading up to Christmas. Sweet's Full Circle Tour of 13 dates opens in Wrexham (where Andy played his first gig at a church hall 60 years ago) and ends in Frome, Wiltshire (close to his West Country base of 30-plus years).

From the breakthrough hit ‘Co-Co’ in 1970 to 1978's ‘Love is like Oxygen’ and all points between and beyond. There is also the instant nostalgia of unforgettable classics such as ‘The Ballroom Blitz’, ‘Fox on the Run’, ‘Hellraiser’, ‘Little Willy’, ‘Teenage Rampage’, ‘Action’ and ‘Wig-Wam Bam’.

All in all, we're talking 53 years of hit singles, 55 million albums and 34 No.1s, from a band that's clearly stood the test of time. So don't miss out. Altogether now, “You better beware, you better take care ...”

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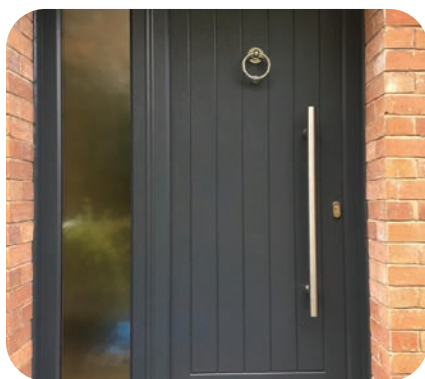
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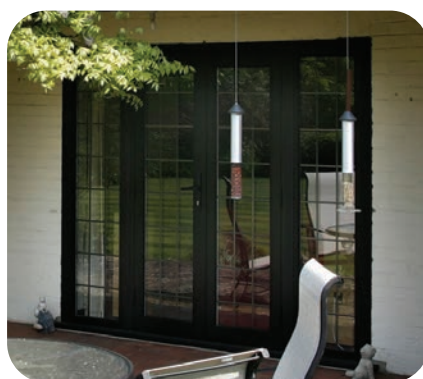
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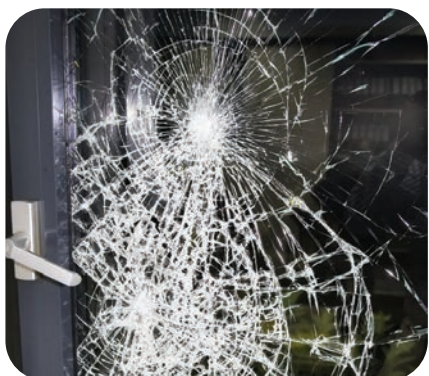
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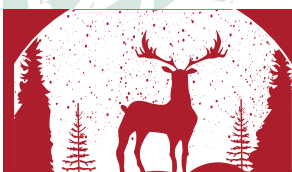
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# COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS



— BY LINZI DAVIES —

For many children and adults alike, often the start of Advent and the countdown to Christmas begins with the excitement of opening the very first door on an Advent calendar.

There are so many to choose from these days from traditional chocolate to savoury treats and toys. There is an advent calendar to suit every family member and their tastes.

Here is a selection of our favourites this year!

## ADULTS

### DIVINE CHOCOLATE ADVENT CALENDAR



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### KOKA NOODLES ADVENT CALENDAR



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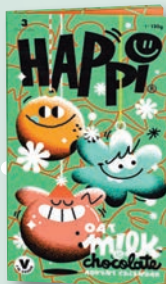
**COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY BOOK**



£4 from [www.orchardtoys.com](http://www.orchardtoys.com) and Amazon

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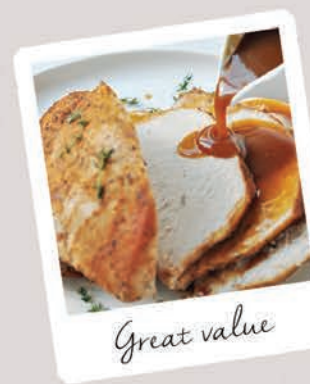
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# EXPERIENCE THE MAG

## Leeds Festive City Centre Extravaganza



Leeds is featuring an array of exciting activities and attractions including the much-loved outdoor ice rink, a range of Christmas market stalls and other winter themed attractions.

The magnificent outdoor covered ice rink takes centre stage on Millennium Square. Spanning 400sqm, the stunning transparent marquee-style roof will ensure sessions can take place whatever the weather.

Surrounding the Ice Rink there will be an array of local and international festive food & drink served from charming Bavarian-style market stalls.

Options will include authentic German bratwurst sausages, Yorkshire pudding wraps, Canadian style poutine, toasted marshmallows, churros, waffles and much more.

New for this year, the Ice Cube will also feature a selection of local craft market stalls as part of this year's city-wide Christmas Markets experience, operated by Market Place Europe, which will feature around 120 Christmas stalls across 13 different areas of the city centre.

The alpine-inspired Ski Bar, complete with the beloved 4m-high illuminated Ski Bear will be back on the square, providing the ideal spot to unwind and indulge the magic of the season with friends and family.

## Stockeld Park's Christmas Adventure



Nestled in the picturesque Yorkshire countryside, Stockeld Park has evolved from a humble Christmas Tree shop into a wonderland of festive delights. For families seeking an unforgettable holiday experience, Stockeld Park's Christmas Adventure has become a cherished tradition.

What's on offer at this enchanting destination? Imagine meeting Santa, wandering through the captivating Winter Illuminations in the award winning Enchanted Forest, navigating the secrets of the Snowflake Maze, or

Families and thrill-seekers alike can also look forward to a festive funfair experience with the return of the thrilling 30m high Starflyer, together with the traditional Golden Gallopers carousel ride on Cookridge Street and the 110ft Leeds Wheel of Light on Victoria Gardens as well as a selection of children's winter-themed rides and games.

Nestled in front of Leeds Art Gallery, the much-loved Thor's Tipi will once again be bringing their Viking-inspired Christmas experience to Victoria Gardens with hearty winter treats, festive tipples and live music nights. More information can be found on the Thor's Tipi website.

Ice Rink opens 24 November, admission tickets for all public ice-skating sessions are on sale now and are priced at £12 adults, £11 for Students and LEEDSCard holders and £9.50 for children under 13. Breeze Pass holders will also benefit from an exclusive 10% discount off all admission prices.



Advance tickets are available to purchase online at [www.icecubeleeds.co.uk](http://www.icecubeleeds.co.uk). On the day tickets (subject to availability) will also be available in person from the event ticket office located at the Carriageworks Theatre directly overlooking the venue.

For further details on ice rink bookings and skating session times, penguin club and one to one lessons please visit: [www.icecubeleeds.co.uk](http://www.icecubeleeds.co.uk).

More information on the wider Leeds Christmas Market experience can be found on the Visit Leeds website. #LeedsChristmas



gracefully gliding on the ice rink. For those who want to bring the holiday magic home, Stockeld Park offers a selection of real Christmas trees, cultivated on their vast estate, the largest plantation in Yorkshire.

Stockeld Park's Christmas Adventure is all about celebrating the spirit of the season. Families come to Stockeld Park to have fun, make lasting memories, and immerse themselves in the magic of Christmas.

What makes Stockeld Park an attractive choice during the holidays? The answer lies in its unique blend of festive experiences. It's not just a visit; it's an adventure filled with enchantment and joy, suitable for all ages. The diverse array of activities ensures that every member of the family, from the little ones to the grown-ups, can find something to delight in.

For more information on Stockeld Park's Christmas Adventure including opening times and ticket prices visit:

[www.stockeldpark.co.uk](http://www.stockeldpark.co.uk)

# IC OF CHRISTMAS - 4 PAGE SPECIAL



## Seasonal Sensations At Lotherton

Mr & Mrs Claus have dusted off their suits and boots, while the elves have been busy preparing the festive fairy dust and Christmas crafts to enchant and entertain tiny tots and big kids alike.



And this year promises exceptional value and more magic than ever before, with returning favourites and new additions.

Santa and his most trusted elves will take up residence in a truly magical new look snow-filled North Pole. Little ones can adventure through the winter wonderland to find Dizzy Bells in the elf workshop and collect a very special Christmas key for Christmas Eve, they can then visit Pippin McJingles at the mysterious wishing well, before seeing the main man himself.

Santa will be waiting to greet boys and girls, where he will hear their yuletide wishes and give them a special early Christmas

present before the big day. Pre-school children will also have the opportunity to visit Santa in his cabin during the day.

Visitors can catch a glimpse of Christmas past in the Hall, being transported back in time to explore the lives of the Gascogine family from the late 1700's and marvel at the festive finery of an Edwardian Christmas. And family favourite, Mrs Claus will return to the hallowed Hall's kitchens for dashings of festive fun decorating freshly baked gingerbread, all liberally sprinkled with Christmas cheer.



Venturing outside, festive revellers will quite literally step into Christmas on the mesmerising woodland walk around the Estate's stunning grounds. Exploring the winding paths filled with twinkling lights and enchanting larger than life installations of Christmas traditions, families will celebrate pulling a giant cracker, racing reindeer, and playing hide and seek amongst towering presents! Tread carefully and they may even hear the fairies giggling and whispering in the enchanted festive Fairy Dell.



No Christmas would be complete without some mischief with the cheeky elves, who will take up residence in the enchanting Elf Village in Lotherton's stunning grounds.

Little ones can take part in Christmas crafts and make their own reindeer food to take home and sprinkle on Christmas Eve, or be enthralled by a magic show in the Yuletide Yurts while grown ups enjoy a festive tippie.

The Christmas Experience will open on 25 November 2023 and is run by Lotherton and Breeze. There are a number of visit options available, including after school sessions and the chance for pre-school children to visit Santa in his cabin during the day.

Tickets are available now from just £4.75, early booking is essential as spaces are limited and strictly on a pre-booking only, time-slotted system.

Fly to [www.thechristmasexperience.co.uk](http://www.thechristmasexperience.co.uk) faster than the reindeer do on Christmas Eve to find out more and book a magical adventure this Christmas.

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# SWING INTO CHRISTMAS!

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It's full steam ahead for The Northern Swing Orchestra as they prepare for their forthcoming festive concert 'Swing into Christmas', on stage at The Kings Hall in Ilkley on Friday 22 December 2023 with seats at £23 plus a £2 booking fee, £2 discount for friends of Bradford Theatres.

Jonathan, the 16 piece Big Band and singers have been working hard to put the finishing touches to this year's show; which this year features vocalists Cherie Gears and Joseph O'Brien.

Yorkshire's premier Big Band promises a night of the very best Christmas songs and traditional festive favourites. It guarantees to have you tapping along, singing and laughing in your seats! The show includes holiday classics such as 'Jingle Bells', 'Santa Claus is Comin' to Town' and 'White Christmas' as well as festive versions of Big Band instrumental classics.

For further details on the Northern Swing Orchestra visit their website [www.northernswingorchestra.co.uk](http://www.northernswingorchestra.co.uk).



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## Embark On A Heartwarming Festive Adventure With Father Christmas At The Thackray Museum Of Medicine



This festive season, the Thackray Museum of Medicine invites families of all ages to join Father Christmas on a magical 90-minute journey, exploring the diverse ways people celebrate Christmas around the world. This enchanting experience offers an exciting blend of activities, crafts, and heartwarming moments with Father Christmas himself.

As part of this immersive adventure, visitors can embark on a captivating activity trail throughout the museum, where they'll uncover clues and enjoy some delightful winter crafting. Don't forget to strike a pose on their very own Thackray sleigh for memorable photographs that will capture the joy of the season. The highlight of the experience is the special audience with Father Christmas, where he will regale young and old alike with cosy festive stories. Each child will receive a thoughtfully selected gift to take home as a cherished keepsake of this unforgettable encounter.

Chief Executive Officer of Thackray Museum of Medicine, Edward Appleyard, remarked on the upcoming festivities, stating "Christmas, just like medicine, isn't a simple story. It dates back to centuries of history from many cultures around the world, something we celebrate as being a strength of the rich diversity of Leeds and the communities that surround the Museum. It's a great opportunity to learn about the breadth of culture we are able to represent here at Thackray, as we showcase worldwide Christmas culture in our second year of Festive celebrations."

As well as this, the audience with Father Christmas is scheduled one hour after your entry

time, allowing you ample opportunity to explore and enjoy the museum's captivating exhibits beforehand, including the critically acclaimed On The Bench Exhibition on Sports Injury.

This heartwarming festive adventure promises fun and excitement for the entire family and is suitable for all ages. To ensure your spot in this enchanting holiday experience, advance booking is essential. Please be aware that a separate ticket must be purchased for each attendee, as this event is not included in the annual pass.

#### **BSL Interpreted Experiences:**

Sunday, December 10 & Saturday, December 16

For sessions booked on these dates, the audience with Father Christmas will feature a British Sign Language (BSL) interpreter, making the experience accessible to all.

#### **Relaxed Experiences:**

Saturday, November 25 & Sunday, November 26

Specifically designed for children with additional sensory needs and anyone else who may benefit, these morning sessions offer a quieter environment and reduced capacity. These sessions can be booked separately.

Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to create cherished holiday memories with Father Christmas at the Thackray Museum of Medicine. Book your tickets now for a festive adventure like no other.

Book your experience now via;

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# Harewood's Great Time Travelling Christmas



■ Harewood Christmas 23 - 1990s Gallery. Image © Studio MUTT

Harewood House Winter Season opens on 8 November with Harewood's Great Time Travelling Christmas. Visitors will be transported through Christmases of all eras, evoking the nostalgia of celebrations past, festive pop culture and imagining a Christmas of the future. Harewood's State Floor will be transformed with space-race-inspired decorations from the 50s, disco balls and 80s music in the Music Room, to the remnants of a 90s festive party in the Library. Designed by Studio Mutt, visitors will also be immersed in a reimagined, futuristic Christmas dinner, with drone-delivered presents and fluorescent turkeys.

For younger visitors to Harewood this winter, The Adventures of Peppermint (25 November - 24 December) will tell the story of Peppermint the elf, who fell into a magical, icy world and must be brought back in time to help Father Christmas deliver all of the presents.

Alongside these creative experiences, Harewood's programme will also include:

- The Artisan Winter Market (8-12 November) will offer Christmas gift and decoration inspiration, with a wide range of handmade goods and local produce. This will range from jewellery, crafts, art, candles, skincare, homeware and food and drink.
- Festive Workshops will invite talented makers to Harewood to share their craft, from watercolour to wreath making, willow weaving, soap making and origami.



Rachel Crewes, CEO of Harewood House Trust said:

"We really do have something for everyone this year at Harewood. Harewood's Great Time Travelling Christmas is a really different take on Christmas, with heaps of nostalgia and fun. Plus, Father Christmas storytelling, festive afternoon teas, unique shopping experiences and festive workshops. Harewood is such a special place to be during the winter period and we can't wait to welcome everyone for what is going to be a really exciting and completely unique experience"

Graham Burn, Director of Studio MUTT said:

"We've spent a lot of time thinking about those memorable and

nostalgic things that sum up our Christmases past, and it's not what you'd initially expect. It's the little things, like your Gran's decorations, the 90s Christmas disco, or sneaking in a drink while your parents weren't looking. We're really hoping that it will bring a smile to people's faces and to bring back memories for people."

PRICES:

Harewood's Great Time Travelling Christmas - Adults £17.50 - £25.00. Child £10.50 - £13.50 (includes access to house and gardens).

Artisan Winter Market - From £5 when booked in advance.

Festive Workshops - Various dates and prices check website for details

The Adventures of Peppermint - Adults £30.00, Children £32.95 (includes admission to the house and gardens, member discount applies).



To book in advance for Christmas events go to; [www.harewood.org/whats-on](http://www.harewood.org/whats-on)

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# MOTORS

## PASSENGER ACTIONS THAT CAN RESULT IN FINES AND PENALTIES ON UK ROADS

A car journey isn't only about the driver following all the rules of the road. Yes, you read that right. As a passenger, your actions can have significant consequences too. Numerous seemingly harmless actions can result in fines, penalty points or even driving disqualifications in UK. Dominic Wyatt, a senior expert from [www.internationaldriversassociation.com](http://www.internationaldriversassociation.com), sheds light on some of the lesser-known rules.

### Unbuckled Belts – It's Not Just Your Safety At Risk

As per rule 100 of the Highway Code, every passenger must wear a seatbelt unless exempted. Unable to ensure this, the driver can invite a fixed penalty notice of up to £500.

### Put That Screen Away

Routine scrolling on your mobile or tablet can be a fatal distraction to the driver. Anything from a bright screen to an interesting video can easily drag a driver's attention away from the road. The fine for this is not fixed but can potentially be as serious as careless driving.

### Stop In The Name Of The Law

In the UK, even the simple act of waving someone to cross the road can be legally problematic. If a passenger signals a pedestrian to cross, they could be held accountable for a potential accident. While there are no set fines, liability could extend to court action.

Dominic Wyatt advises, "Educate yourself and ensure everyone in your car is aware of these rules. Awareness is crucial not only to prevent fines but also for everyone's safety on the road."

### Rules Broken By Backseat Drivers

Although this is not a legal breach, backseat driving can test patience levels with the driver and lead to arguments. Such incidents can lead to the driver getting distracted, which might result in an accident or violation of driving laws.

### Express Caution With Expressions

Obscene gestures and verbal abuse from a passenger can result in a driving penalty for 'disorderly behaviour'. The driver can face penalty points or a fine of up to £1000.

### Disruptive Children Or Pets

Children or pets causing a significant distraction can invite fines for the driver. They should always be appropriately restrained as per rule 57 and 100 of the Highway Code.

To avoid surprises during your next trip, Dominic Wyatt recommends that you "Make it a rule for passengers to stay calm and collected, and always keep seat belts fastened. As a driver, remember it's not just about how you drive but also about ensuring everyone in the car complies with the rules. Stay informed and vigilant."

So, next time you are on the road, remember that car regulations don't only apply to drivers. As passengers, your actions, your conduct can make a significant difference to safety and legality on UK roads. Everyone has a part to play. So, buckle up, stay attentive and keep the journey safe for all.



## Ford Enhances Offering To Firms And Families As First All-New Transit Courier & Tourneo Courier Models Roll Off The Line

Ford is strengthening its offering to families and businesses alike with production now under way of the all-new Ford Transit Courier and all-new Ford Tourneo Courier, at Ford Otosan's Craiova plant, in Romania.

The all-new Transit Courier will bring enhanced connectivity and productivity for compact van customers; while all-new Tourneo Courier is a five-seat multi-activity vehicle with a distinctive SUV-inspired design and plenty of room for passengers and their belongings within a compact city-friendly footprint.

"The team in Craiova is doing great work to deliver these exciting new models to our customers," said Hans Schep, general manager, Ford Pro, Europe. "We've made the all-new Transit Courier bigger, more capable and fully connected to support customers at work and accelerate their productivity, with enhanced load carrying and full integration with our Ford Pro platform of software and services. All this comes in an SUV-styled package that we know customers love."

Initial production includes diesel- and petrol-engined versions of the all-new Ford Transit Courier, and petrol versions of the all-new Ford Tourneo Courier. The electric E-Transit Courier, revealed earlier this year and E-Tourneo Courier will both go into production next year. This supports Ford's global plan to rapidly scale EVs,

as well as the target of achieving zero emissions across all vehicle sales in Europe, by 2035.

The all-new Transit Courier is fully integrated with Ford Pro's platform of software and connected services to further drive efficient operation with management tools from Ford Pro Software. E-Transit Courier customers will also be fully supported by Ford Pro's end-to-end charging solutions.

A ceremony to mark the start of production was attended by Romanian Prime Minister Marcel Ciolacu as well as state officials, industry representatives, and prominent business figures. Ford Otosan – Ford's joint venture in Türkiye – is the manufacturing hub for the Ford Transit Courier and Ford Tourneo Courier ranges, which began at the company's Yeniköy plant, in Türkiye, in 2014. As part of Ford Otosan's investment strategy, Transit Courier and Tourneo Courier production was moved from Yeniköy to the Craiova plant.

Last year, Ford Otosan announced an investment of €490 million to support the production of the all-new Courier range at its newly acquired Craiova plant. This is in addition to Ford's investment of \$300 million at the plant where the Ford Puma is also produced. With these investments, the plant capacity will increase from 250,000 to 272,000 vehicles per year.

## WHICH? RANKS START RESCUE TOP FOR VALUE AND CUSTOMER SCORE

Start Rescue is the best for customer satisfaction in the latest Which? survey of breakdown cover. The leading national breakdown provider was also declared the best value for third-party breakdown in the UK.

"We're thrilled with the results of the Which? survey," said Lee Puffett, Managing Director of Start Rescue. "Being recognised by the largest independent consumer body in the UK for the fifth year in a row is an amazing achievement and vindication of our commitment to our customers. This is the mark of quality and great value offered by our breakdown cover. I'm so proud of our whole team as they have earned this incredible feedback."

In its assessment of Start Rescue's breakdown cover, the Which? team said: "Start Rescue reaches 72% of people in less than an hour and has the highest customer score of any third-party provider."

The Which? survey also praised Start Rescue for the level of cover offered with all of its policies and said: "All five of Start Rescue's policy levels include cover for onward travel and emergency overnight accommodation. Start Rescue also has an app that allows you to report a breakdown and track the progress of the recovery patrol."

Lee Puffett commented: "This confirms our position as a trusted partner to motorists in the UK and when they travel further afield. Being a Recommended Provider by Which? for a fifth consecutive year is a real honour."

Start Rescue has a 4.4-star rating on Trustpilot, a five-star Defaqto\* rating and has achieved Which? Recommended Provider status for



five years running. Start Rescue also has a 97% recommendation rate from customers helped at the roadside.

Launched in 2009, Start Rescue is an integral part of the nation's fourth largest breakdown and recovery service, Call Assist, which now has more than two million UK customers.

For further breakdown advice, please visit [startrescue.co.uk](http://startrescue.co.uk).



## LONDON CONCOURS 2024 TICKETS GO ON SALE

The London Concours, one of the UK's most prestigious motoring events, returns to the Honourable Artillery Company in the City of London from 4th-6th June for its eighth annual edition. Tickets are on sale now, with entry available from £25.

At the heart of the event will be a collection of rare and beautiful privately owned cars, curated into features that celebrate different aspects of automotive culture. British Racing will highlight some of the most beautiful motorsport creations of Great Britain from the likes of Jaguar and McLaren, while The Legendary V12 pays homage to some of the greatest ever creations fitted with arguably the automotive world's most emotive powertrain. Other classes will celebrate the Chevrolet Corvette through the generations and the latest developments in hypercar design.

Due to the popularity of the 2023 event's Porsche RS day and Supercar day, which saw an additional 50 themed cars enter the HAC grounds, all three days for the 2024 event will feature an additional display. The first day will see the addition of 50 McLaren supercars, the second welcomes 50 Jaguar E-Type models and the final day remains Supercar Day, with a display of 50 of the latest supercars in association with Drivers Union.

Visitors to the London Concours in 2023 could visit pop-up boutiques from the likes of pink diamond specialists Calleija, as well as some of the nation's top automotive specialists. McLaren London were in attendance alongside Koenigsegg London, Alpine, Rodin Cars and both Jaguar and Land Rover Classic brands.

*Tickets are available only online from [www.londonconcours.co.uk/tickets](http://www.londonconcours.co.uk/tickets)*



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## Surron Leads The Way In UK Registration Figures



Surron, the pioneer of electric off-road focussed motorcycles, has for the second month in succession led the way in UK registration charts, demonstrating the appetite for small capacity equivalent machines in the UK market.

With its Light Bee and Ultra Bee models, Surron not only recorded more registrations than any other electric motorcycle manufacturer in the UK market, but also beat its petrol-powered rivals to claim top spot in the 'Competition' registration category in August and September.

Surron UK commented, "It's extremely encouraging to see how well our product resonates with the UK market. While there's a great deal of familiarity with the Light Bee over the last few years, the Ultra Bee was only launched earlier this year, aimed at commuters on a CBT or those looking for a light trail or enduro bike and the reaction has been extraordinary. So much so that the Ultra Bee significantly outsells its rivals, both in electric and when combined with petrol-powered equivalents in the competition category."

Based on the Motorcycle Industry Association's official registration figures for August and September 2023, the Surron Ultra Bee not only led the 11KW category and the overall competition category, but recorded a significantly higher percentage of registrations than every other manufacturer in the Electric top five charts, while Surron as a whole recorded nearly five times more registrations than it's nearest manufacturer.

Surron continued, "We're working hard to bring models to consumers that really do work in every environment. The Ultra Bee

is a great example of a machine that can work for CBT holders on the daily commute, as much as it can for trail riders who want to be more responsible out enjoying the countryside. On top of all of this, the performance leads the way too, providing a prompt and ultimately safer experience for the commuter, while being thoroughly entertaining and competent for the off-road rider too."

The Ultra Bee is a mid-sized powerhouse that packs state-of-the-art technology and proven performance features into a newly designed platform. Engineered with Surron's experience gained from the widely popular Light Bee and full-size Storm Bee models, as well as racing accomplishments and developments from the UK and across the globe, the Ultra Bee sets the benchmark for electric off-road performance.

What's more, the road-legal variants are now eligible for a £500 contribution from the government via the Plug In Grant (PiG) scheme. Thanks to being fully electric, the Ultra Bee is very cost-effective with its 87-mile maximum range and charging in under 4.5 hours, as well as the fact there is no road tax to pay and it has significantly reduced maintenance costs.

It's not just road tax that the Surron e-bikes are exempt from. With all major UK cities becoming energy-compliant, the Ultra Bee avoids additional charges from factors like congestion charge areas, the now-expanded ultra-low emissions zones (ULEZ) and electric vehicle-only lanes.

*For more information on the Surron Ultra Bee and the rest of the range, visit [www.sur-ron.co.uk](http://www.sur-ron.co.uk)*

## Squires Cafe

What's on @ Squires, NOVEMBER 2023;

**Sun 5th - Firework Display**

Our annual firework display. Kids entertainment in the function room with Mr Truffles at 6pm. Lots of hot food and treats available. Firework display at around 7.45pm. This is a pay at the gate event - £5 per car, £1 per bike

**Tues 7th Japanese Car Meet**

The monthly Japanese car meet (evening) £2 entry per car

Visit [www.squires-cafe.co.uk](http://www.squires-cafe.co.uk) for more details

**Sat 11th - Yorkshire Blacksmith Meeting**

The Yorkshire Blacksmith group meet at Squires on the 2nd Saturday of each month between 11am and 3pm. If you are interested please come down and join in

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## One In Four Fooled Into Buying Unhealthy Pups By 'Cute' Pictures On Social Media



**New research, released recently by one of the biggest dog welfare organisations, has uncovered the disturbing influence of social media on dog buying in the UK and the consequences for canine welfare.**

Revealed as part of The Kennel Club's Be Puppywise campaign, statistics show one in four puppies (25%) found on social media get sick or die before their first birthday.

Thousands more unsuspecting dog owners who buy this way experience complications, with six in 10 (61%) facing unexpectedly high financial costs, a quarter (25%) admitting their dog had behavioural issues they weren't expecting, and one in five (18%) regretting their decision.

According to the research, double the amount of would-be owners are turning to social media sites to find a puppy compared to five years ago. However, The Kennel Club is warning that platforms like Instagram and TikTok give unscrupulous breeders easy access to a mass market, where they are selling puppies with little scrutiny, and

deceptively appealing to millions of unaware buyers with 'cute' and cleverly curated pup pictures and posts.

The research also highlights that instead of conducting thorough searches about their puppy's background, would-be owners who are finding dogs on social media are being drawn in by 'cute' photos. One in two (52%) bought their puppy 'because it was cute' and more than half (56%) admit it was the 'cute puppy photo' that most appealed in their pet's advert. A further quarter of puppy buyers (24%) who found their pup on these platforms worryingly spent less than two hours doing their research, leaving them particularly vulnerable to scams and unable to spot the signs of puppy farms.

Of those finding puppies on social media, the organisation has found thousands are also missing red flags in the process, leaving a yawning knowledge gap about how the pup has been bred and by whom:

- Two in three (68%) didn't see their puppy interacting with their mum and littermates

- And 64% suspect they didn't see their puppy's breeding environment
- An overwhelming 81% weren't asked about their suitability for dog ownership by the breeder
- More than three quarters (78%) didn't see their puppy's vaccination records

The Kennel Club is warning that duplicitous breeders are exploiting this lack of awareness – almost one in three puppies (32%) found on social media are suspected to have originated from a puppy farm.

The research also highlights that, despite the worrying consequences of making hasty and uninformed decisions based on what has been seen online, social media has an increasingly powerful influence; more than one in two puppy buying decisions (54%) are influenced by social media and nearly three in 10 (27%) said that when buying their puppy, their main information source was either social media, influencers or celebrities – over vets, dog welfare organisations and breed experts.

"In today's carefully curated digital world, enticing photos are the lifeblood of social media and pictures of puppies grab attention – so there is an obvious appeal to buying and selling puppies using these platforms," commented Mark Beazley, Chief Executive at The Kennel Club, which is urging responsible buying via its 'Be Puppywise' campaign. "But if people forget that behind every cute photo on social media, there is a real puppy, and a real need to ensure that their health and welfare has been prioritised, then there can be truly devastating consequences.

"Platforms like Instagram and TikTok can give unscrupulous breeders easy access to a mass market, where they are selling pups with little scrutiny, so it's down to the puppy buyer to make sure that they ask the right questions, see the puppy, with their mum and in their home environment, and step back if things don't feel right. Failing to do so can lead to a world of heartache for puppy buyers and keeps rogue breeders in business, whilst puppies continue to suffer the consequences, as this research shows."

*Following this urgent warning, The Kennel Club is urging people to 'Be Puppywise', providing responsible puppy buying advice and practical resources via;*

*[www.thekennelclub.org.uk/about-us/campaigns/bepuppywise](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/about-us/campaigns/bepuppywise)*

## 360-Day Adoption Wait For West Yorkshire Dog Whose Tail Won't Stop Wagging

**The RSPCA has launched a special appeal for an overlooked dog who has spent nearly a year in rescue waiting to be adopted.**

Zeus, a loveable four-year-old Staffie cross, has been at the charity's Leeds, Wakefield & District Branch animal centre in East Ardsley since November 2022 and is currently one of the RSPCA's longest-staying dogs in the north of England.

But despite his happy demeanour, constantly wagging tail and love of human company, Zeus has yet to find his perfect match, and staff says he is sadly beginning to lose his spark as his first anniversary in kennels approaches.

The RSPCA is highlighting his story to shine a light on the many animals like Zeus who are still waiting for their forever home. The charity's rehoming centres are full as more pets come into rescue than are being adopted, with a six percent increase in dogs and a four percent rise in cats reported between 2021 and 2022.

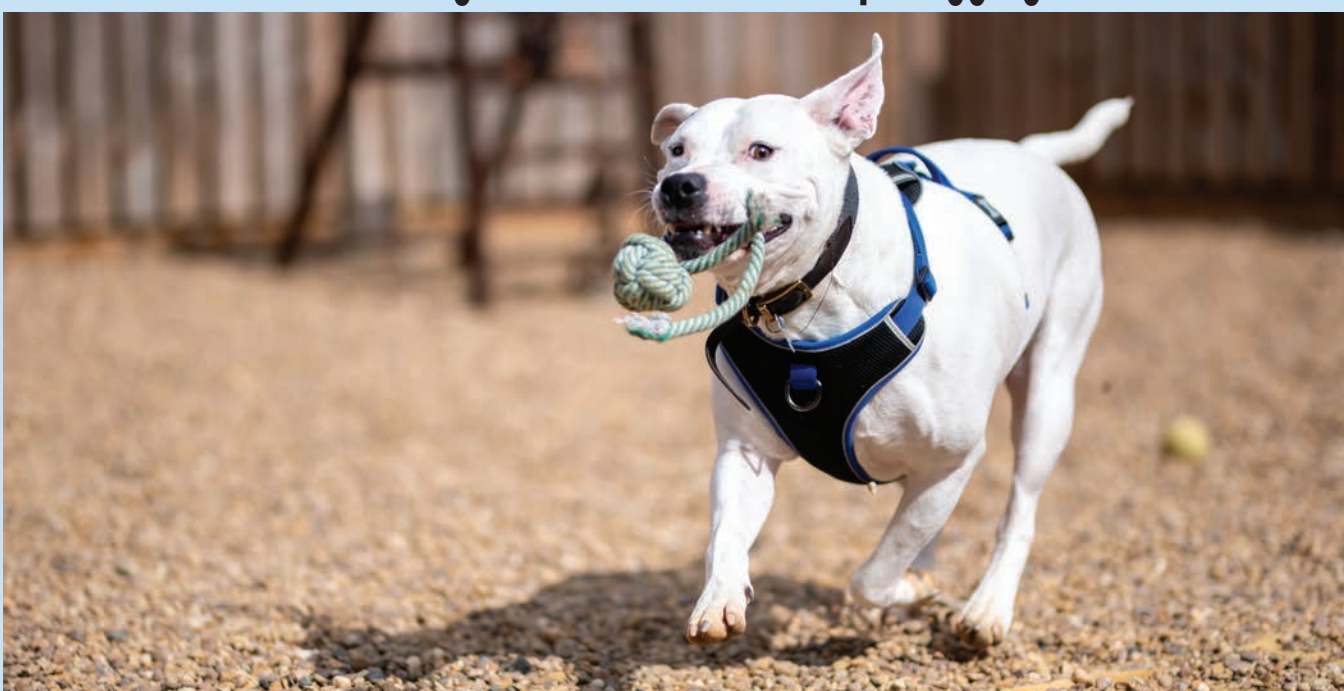
Zeus' search for a home comes after a three-year collapse in rehoming rates. In 2022, the RSPCA rehomed 27,535 animals - falling 30% compared with 2019, when 39,178 were rehomed.

He arrived at the East Ardsley centre suffering from mange, which was successfully treated. But it soon became clear he didn't like other dogs, and staff and volunteers have spent the past year focusing on helping him to understand that canines are not as scary as he thinks.

Megan Rattray, animal care manager at the centre, said: "Zeus is a really happy, playful boy who loves toys and games and adores people. Unfortunately he doesn't like other dogs at all, and can be aggressive towards them, and inevitably this has made it harder for us to find him a new home.

"A potential adopter will need to be understanding about this and in return the humans in his life will be rewarded with lots of love and affection from big-hearted Zeus.

"He's sadly lost a little bit of his spark as he's been with us for so



long. Despite this, he's a really lovely dog who has so much going for him.

"He's intrigued by everything and can be quite nosy at times! He's also a very quick learner and his training has come on in leaps and bounds - he's even worked out how to open his handler's treat bag and steal all the tasty ones!

"He'll make a wonderful companion and he'd love nothing more than a family of his own with people who will have plenty of time for games of tug and cuddles on the sofa."

Zeus's preferred home is in a household as an only pet with children aged 16 or above, ideally somewhere quiet or rural with no dogs living next door. He's a quick and clever learner who loves his training, something his new owners will need to be willing to continue.

*For more information about Zeus please visit the Leeds, Wakefield & District Branch's website, where you will be able to see other animals who are also waiting for new homes.*

## 91-Year-Old Paratrooper Veteran Completes Charity Walking Challenge For Dogs Trust Leeds



Jeffrey Long, a 91-year-old paratrooper veteran from Bingley in West Yorkshire, successfully completed a 50 kilometer charity walking challenge in support of Dogs Trust Leeds. Over the past 15 years, Mr. Long has raised £400,000 for various charitable causes, and his latest endeavour has raised just under £250 for the dog welfare charity.

He embarked on this walking challenge, despite undergoing daily chemotherapy treatment. His mission was to make a difference in the lives of countless dogs in need through this challenge for Dogs Trust Leeds.

Since 2007, Jeffrey Long has been an ardent fundraiser, and in recognition of his voluntary services, he was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in 2010. Jeffrey has undertaken dozens of charity hikes. One of his most notable achievements was walking 650 miles from London to Lausanne in Switzerland while carrying a 30kg backpack.

Jeffrey Long shared his thoughts on his latest challenge:

"I'm a doggy man, and I'm well aware of Dogs Trust and the valuable work it does. Therefore, I decided to do a walk in support of Dogs Trust.

Dogs Trust is special to me because the charity takes in dogs that may have come from a pound, a dog warden or as strays. They look after those dogs, train them if necessary and do the best to find the perfect home for them."

Emma Wakefield, Rehoming Centre Manager at Dogs Trust Leeds, expressed her gratitude for Jeffrey's efforts:

"We are truly in awe of Jeffrey's determination and dedication to our cause. His support means the world to us, and the funds he has raised will go a long way in providing a brighter future for the dogs in our care. Jeffrey is an inspiration to us all, and we are immensely thankful for his generosity and unwavering commitment to the welfare of dogs."

## New Rules Come Into Force - XL Bully Dogs

The Government has added XL Bully type dogs to the list of dogs banned under the Dangerous Dogs Act to protect the public following a concerning rise in fatal attacks.

Under the new rules, which come into force at the end of the year, it will be illegal to breed, sell, advertise, exchange, gift, rehome, abandon or allow XL Bully dogs to stray in England and Wales.

From this date, these dogs must be kept on a lead and muzzled in public. Owners of XL Bully dogs are recommended to start training their dog to wear a muzzle and to walk on a lead ahead of the legal restrictions coming into force.

Breeders have also been told to stop mating these types of dogs from now in preparation of it being a criminal offence to sell or rehome these dogs.

From 1 February 2024, it will then become illegal to own an XL Bully dog if it is not registered on the Index of Exempted Dogs. By staggering these two dates, current owners of this breed will have time to prepare for these new rules.

Owners who wish to keep their dogs will have until the end of January to register them and will be forced to comply with strict requirements. As well as being muzzled and kept on a lead in public, these dogs must also be microchipped and neutered.

Dogs under one year when the ban comes in must be neutered by the end of the year, older dogs must be neutered by the end of June.

From 1 February, owners without a Certificate of Exemption face a criminal record and an unlimited fine if they are found to be in possession of an XL Bully type, and their dog could be seized.

Owners may choose to have their dog put to sleep by a vet, with compensation provided to help with these costs. Further details on how to apply for compensation and the evidence required to make a claim will be provided soon.

As part of the process, the definition of the 'XL Bully' breed type has also been published. This follows meetings of an expert group, convened by the Environment Secretary and made up of police, local authority, vets and other animal welfare experts to help define the breed. The definition provides clear assessment criteria for owners and enforcement authorities and is a requirement under the Dangerous Dogs Act in order to deliver the ban.

Owners can access the most up to date information on what action they need to take and when on this dedicated page, Prepare for the ban on XL Bully dogs - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)).

Owners whose dogs are dangerously out of control are already breaking the law, and the enforcement authorities have a full range of powers to apply penalties to them. Under the Dangerous Dogs Act, people can be put in prison for up to 14 years, be disqualified from ownership or their dangerous dogs can be euthanised.



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**Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust (LTHT) is celebrating its 5,000th case of robotic-assisted surgery using the da Vinci Surgical System.**

LTHT installed its first da Vinci system in 2005 and is now home to three of the most advanced robotic systems from Intuitive, which are used by surgeons to treat patients across eight surgical specialities in Leeds, including cancer treatment and specialist care for children.

More patients than ever before at Leeds are benefitting from the improved clinical outcomes of robotic-assisted surgery, such as faster recovery times, reduced length of stay, fewer complications, fewer readmissions, with the need for conversion to open surgery far less likely.

Last year, two older robotic systems across the Trust received updates and a brand-new model was introduced to the Leeds robotic surgical suite based at St James's University Hospital. Since then, the number of patients receiving robotic-assisted surgery for cancer treatment has more than doubled.

The da Vinci systems provide the surgeon with an advanced set of instruments for minimally invasive surgery. By inserting a tiny camera inside the patient, the surgeon directs the robotic arms from the surgeon console, which translates the surgeon's hand movements in real time, bending and rotating the instruments while performing the procedure, allowing for far greater precision than traditional laparoscopic or open surgery.

Prof. Phil Wood, Chief Executive at LTHT, said:

"It's a very exciting time for Leeds. We're already one of the biggest robotic surgical centres in the NHS and our Paediatric Robotic programme at Leeds Children's Hospital is one of the largest internationally.

## Seven Technologies Recommended To Help People With Non-Specific Low Back Pain

**People with low back pain could be offered apps to help them manage their condition after seven digital technologies were recommended by NICE in draft guidance.**

An independent NICE committee evaluating the seven digital technologies said they could be offered to those aged 16 years and over with non-specific low back pain. Some of the apps are designed to help people with new back pain and others for people who have had the issue for more than 3 months and some apps help both groups.

The apps offer a variety of support including:

- access to a multi-disciplinary team to answer questions/give advice via video or email/ messages
- Guided exercise advice with video demonstrations
- Nudge functions to encourage and remind people to complete tasks such as filling in questionnaires or their exercises

Some offer access to psychological treatment including access to pain specialists and psychologists, or a programme of video tutorials on managing pain, and mindfulness sessions.

The draft recommendation of the digital platforms aims to reduce inequalities in accessing musculoskeletal services across the country. Other benefits envisaged include reducing waiting lists, the number of GP and physiotherapy appointments, the use of medication and the potential need for surgery.

The technologies – which are web-based applications and digital platforms – can be used by NHS patients while further evidence is generated over the next three years to evaluate their clinical and cost-effectiveness. Evidence will be generated in several areas including the length of time people use the apps for before they feel better to return to normal activities.

"We believe our recent investments in our da Vinci systems are now paying off for both our patients and our surgical teams. With this 5,000th patient, it's clear more patients than ever before are benefitting from robotic-assisted surgery, and we can look forward to even more people receiving those benefits as more surgeons are trained to do other procedures using the system."

He added: "This impressive milestone demonstrates our commitment to delivering world-class care and for making Leeds an international centre of excellence for robotic surgery."

Matthew Millott, Deputy Team Leader – Robotics at St James's Hospital in Leeds, said:

"Thanks to the number of procedures now possible using robotic-assisted surgery and some careful theatre scheduling and co-ordination, we are seeing tremendous benefits as it means we can treat more patients sooner, which is great news for patients who are waiting for surgery.

"For some patients who received robotic-assisted surgery, the hospital stay has reduced from more than a week to just one or two days, such as with the newly implemented Nephroureterectomy programme. As a result, we are enabling more and more patients to get on with their lives after surgery, much faster than before."

He added: "Robots aren't replacing anyone – we still need highly-skilled surgeons to operate the da Vinci systems, and we have an excellent professional team including dedicated robotic surgical assistants, nurses, operating department practitioners, and anaesthetists who are all needed to make this happen."

A patient would be assessed by a GP or other healthcare professional before they could be offered the digital treatments. Some apps provide initial triage and assessment making it possible for people with symptoms of low back pain to self-refer to the platforms as an additional support to non-pharmacological treatment.

The NHS Long Term Plan states that low back pain is the biggest cause of disability. Musculoskeletal conditions account for 30% of GP consultations annually and according to UKHSA, there are 9.11 million people living with long-term back pain in England.

Health Minister Will Quince said: "These apps are yet another example of how technology can be used help patients get the care they need, when they need it.

"They offer a range of services which will allow patients to manage lower back pain from the comfort of their homes by improving access to musculoskeletal services – which will form a key part of our Major Conditions Strategy.

"This will help to reduce pressures on the NHS and can help to cut waiting lists - one of the government's top priorities – and will help people to live happier, healthier lives."

NICE's guideline on low back pain and sciatica in over 16s: assessment and management recommends low back pain self-management, exercise, manual therapies, psychological therapy, combined physical and psychological programmes as well as return to work programmes.

The technologies recommended in the draft guidance, can be used once they have appropriate regulatory approval and meet the standards within NHS England's Digital Technology Assessment Criteria.

David Marante, UK Regional Director of Intuitive, the maker of the da Vinci robotic-assisted surgical system, said:

"We'd like to congratulate the team at Leeds Teaching Hospitals for reaching 5,000 procedures using the da Vinci system. It has been a privilege to work with the team as they have expanded their robotic surgery programme to provide more patients with access to minimally invasive surgery."

Carol Stott, 72 and from Leeds, is the 5,000th patient to have undergone robot-assisted surgery at LTHT. She said:

"I didn't know what to expect when I was told about robot-assisted surgery. It seemed marvellous, and when it was explained to me, I was really put at ease. It was a big team who looked after me – they were all really delighted by the outcome. I remember lying in bed after the procedure feeling elated."

She added: "Everyone was amazed with how well I was so quickly after the operation. My friends visited the following week and couldn't believe it. I've been looked after so well."

Leeds Children's Hospital became the first hospital in the UK to install a robotic system dedicated to performing paediatric surgery in 2005. This was replaced in 2015 with a newer system thanks to a charitable donation.

As one of the country's leading teaching hospitals the formation of a robotic case observation centre has allowed for surgical peers and trainees to observe live robotic surgery and learn from experienced robotic surgeons.

It has meant Leeds has gained a reputation as a centre of excellence, attracting surgeons wishing to train within the robotic specialty from across Europe.

With dual console capabilities, trainees at Leeds teaching hospitals can get hands on experience with the da Vinci system during their training, learning valuable skills for their future surgical careers.

## Treatment For Parkinson's Set To Benefit Hundreds

**Around 900 adults with advanced Parkinson's are set to benefit from new treatment foslevodopa–foscarbidopa after NICE approved it for NHS use in final draft guidance.**

NICE has recommended foslevodopa–foscarbidopa (also called Produodopa and made by AbbVie) as an option for treating advanced Parkinson's, a progressive disorder that affects the nervous system and the parts of the body controlled by the nerves. It is recommended for adults whose symptoms include severe changes in their ability to move (motor fluctuations) and involuntary, abnormal, and excessive movements (known as dyskinesia), when other treatments are not working well enough.

The treatment is delivered by an infusion pump, which gives the medicine over 24 hours. The device is small, completely portable and can be refilled at home, which is convenient for patients and their carers, and helps people manage their symptoms effectively.

It works by releasing the drugs foslevodopa and foscarbidopa into the body where foslevodopa is turned into the chemical dopamine, which is used to transmit messages between the parts of the brain and nerves that control movement. Taking foslevodopa with foscarbidopa increases the availability of foslevodopa in the brain.

Oral treatment with levodopa and carbidopa is the standard initial treatment for Parkinson's, but as the disease progresses other medicines may be added. Non-oral treatments that may be used in advanced levodopa-responsive Parkinson's include apomorphine (a drug given as an injection to act like dopamine to stimulate nerve cells), deep brain stimulation through surgery or levodopa–carbidopa intestinal gel.

As a potential new option for advanced Parkinson's, the company asked for foslevodopa–foscarbidopa to be considered only for people who cannot have apomorphine or deep brain stimulation surgery, or for when these treatments no longer control symptoms. So foslevodopa–foscarbidopa was only considered as an alternative to standard oral treatment and levodopa–carbidopa intestinal gel.

Evidence from a clinical trial suggests that foslevodopa–foscarbidopa improves motor symptoms compared with standard care.

This is the first technology appraisal from NICE to look at a treatment for Parkinson's. NICE has previously published clinical guidelines and medtech innovation briefings on Parkinson's.

At an earlier meeting NICE's independent appraisal committee, while not recommending foslevodopa–foscarbidopa, acknowledged its many potential benefits and the high unmet need for effective treatments for people with advanced Parkinson's.

The company then provided further details and updates on the economic models and the committee were able to recommend it for use on the NHS.

The committee concluded foslevodopa–foscarbidopa may also have additional benefits, including improved non-motor symptoms, blood pressure and bladder control, and fewer problems with sleep and mood.

## Thousands Of Retired Staff Return To The NHS

More than a third of nurses who retired two years ago had returned to practice 12 months later, according to new NHS England figures.

Analysis of NHS workforce data found that 4,600 of 10,300 (44%) nursing staff that retired between July 2021 and June 2022 had rejoined the health service within 12 months – 4 percentage points more than the previous year.

The increase comes after an extension to changes to the pension rules first introduced in 2020. This means that staff with the reserved right to retire at age 55 such as nurses, midwives, physiotherapists and health visitors, can retire and return to the NHS without it impacting their pension - even if they work full time.

Since 1 April 2023, they can also rejoin the pension scheme and build further pension if they wish.

It also comes after NHS England made it mandatory for NHS organisations to offer staff flexible working options for every role.

Across the wider NHS the retire and return rate was 37% over the last year, with 12,800 out of 34,500 members of staff who retired in the 12 months up to June 2022 returning to work within the following 12 months.

Staff who retire and return to practice tend to do so on reduced hours, with nurses reducing their hours by roughly a third, compared to staff overall reducing their hours by a fifth on returning to practice.

Those aged between 55 and 59 are more likely to retire and return than those aged over 60. Almost half (48%) of all NHS staff, and more than half of nurses (56.3%), who retired between 55 and 59 later returned to work.

The NHS Long Term Workforce Plan published earlier this year said that changes to the pension scheme to allow more staff to return to work after retirement, alongside improved flexible working options and better opportunities for career development could mean that up to 130,000 staff stay working in the NHS longer over the next 15 years.

Since 1 October 2023, a new 'partial retirement' option has been available to staff as an alternative to full retirement. Subject to a reduction in pensionable pay, staff can now draw down some or all their pension whilst continuing to work and build up further pension.

## Awards Of Up To £1 Million For West Yorkshire's Booming Healthtech Businesses

Health technology companies in West Yorkshire will be able to bid for funding of up to £1 million to help develop life changing medical innovations for use in the NHS and across the world, Mayor Tracy Brabin has announced.

Due to the emerging strengths of the region's £5 billion health technology sector (healthtech), the Mayor of West Yorkshire has secured £7.5 million of new investment — hailed as a "game changer" for businesses and patients.

The funding will be distributed to businesses which can demonstrate that they will have a positive impact on patient care through an innovative new medical, diagnostic or digital health solution.

The new multi-million-pound partnership between the Mayor and Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), comes days after £5 million was announced by UKRI for the medical technology sector across Yorkshire, which employs over 16,000 people across 250 companies.

Tracy Brabin, Mayor of West Yorkshire, said:

"This groundbreaking new partnership is a major vote of confidence in the future of our brilliant healthtech businesses, who are transforming the lives of patients world-wide.

"That we were able to secure this funding is a testament to the strength of our sector, the talent of our homegrown scientists and researchers, and our ambition to transform the NHS through innovation.

"I'm confident these grants of up to £1 million will be a game changer for local businesses, helping them create skilled jobs, pioneer new technologies and level up patient care."

Home to the headquarters of NHS England and some of the strongest academic and clinical research facilities in the country, West Yorkshire is an incubator for many leading healthtech companies.

Companies working on devices and technologies that could improve patient care will be able to apply for competitive grants ranging from £25,000 to £1 million.

The £7.5 million "launchpad" programme will help them develop the innovations all the way from the lab through to clinical trials and on to global health markets.

Eligible businesses include those seeking to help the NHS prevent, diagnose and treat major physical health conditions including cancer, strokes and dementia, as well as mental health conditions.

Huddersfield-based Paxman Scalp Cooling, which helps cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy by minimising their hair loss, has almost quadrupled its team from 25 to over 90 people over the past six years, with a large proportion of those working in West Yorkshire.

Richard Paxman OBE, CEO of Paxman Scalp Cooling and private sector representative on the West Yorkshire Combined Authority's Business, Economy and Innovation Committee, said:

"This is such positive news for the region, further strengthening an already exciting opportunity for West Yorkshire and the North.

"This type of non-dilutive funding provides such an impact for SMEs in our region and sector, reducing the risk of investment and expediting the lengthy pathway often leading to speedier commercialisation and therefore a positive impact both socially and financially to all stakeholders.

"In addition, it also can really attract future investment into companies from other sources, further supporting growth for the company and the region. West Yorkshire is an exciting place to be at the moment and pleased to see further momentum in our sector."

The funding was secured by the Mayor in conjunction with the West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership, Health Innovation Yorkshire and Humber, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, the Universities of Bradford, Huddersfield and Leeds, as well as industry partners Medilink North of England, Medipex, and the Association of British Healthtech Industries.

The competition in West Yorkshire runs until 13 December.

After businesses submit bids for funding, these will be reviewed by Innovate UK by February 2024, with new projects expected to start in May 2024.

To find out more about the West Yorkshire healthtech launchpad competition, visit: <https://iuk.ktn-uk.org/programme/launchpads>

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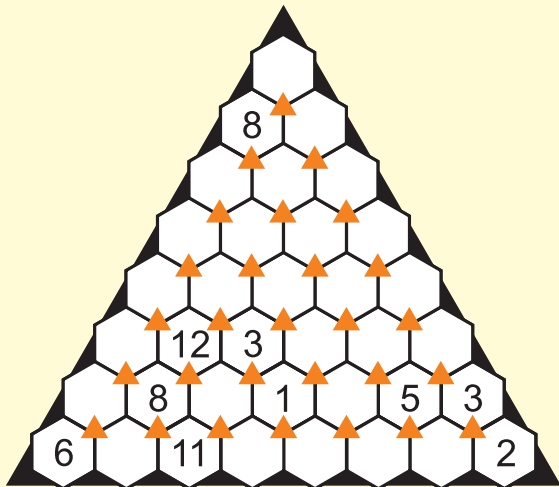
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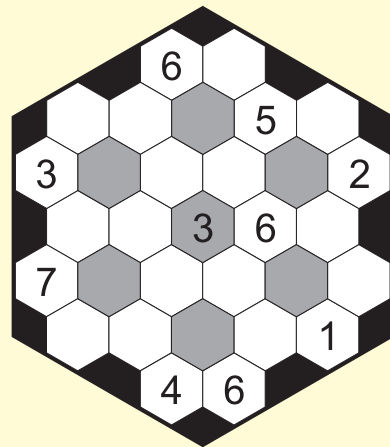
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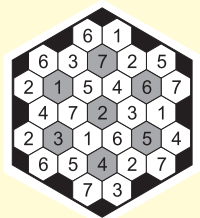
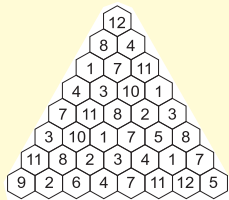


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## ARIES March 21st - April 20th

Beware of spending beyond your means on the 3rd. Instead of engaging in retail therapy, focus on developing a prosperity consciousness. Rededicate yourself to a creative project on the 4th; it is a great outlet for your frustrations. On the 6th, you'll get a plum assignment as thanks for your dedication and diligence at work. On the 8th, you attract admirers like a flame draws moths. Set your romantic intentions. When a course that you've always wanted to take opens, sign up immediately since spaces will fill quickly. The New Moon on the 13th warns against dwelling on your debts. Making gratitude lists and imagining yourself living your best life attracts the abundance you desire. Entering a competition will be stimulating on the 24th; you'll make friends with highly talented people. On the 27th, the Full Moon advises listening more than you speak. An expert who is boring and cynical still has great advice on mastering skills.

## TAURUS April 21st - May 21st

Low expectations of love bring you down on the 3rd. Boost your self-esteem by giving yourself the care, appreciation, and generosity you truly deserve. Beware of making impulsive decisions on the 4th or you could seriously inconvenience someone you adore. Your allure is more powerful than ever on the 6th, causing people to turn heads wherever you go. On the 8th, revise your daily schedule to include the people and activities you love most. The New Moon on the 13th warns against losing your head in love. If you meet someone that excites you, build the relationship slowly. A flirtatious conversation on the 15th lets you know you're on the right path. Be the aggressor with an emotional or financial opportunity on the 24th; the early bird gets the worm. On the 27th, the Full Moon brings an end to a source of earned income. Don't panic; further abundance is on the way.

## GEMINI May 22nd - June 21st

You'll be handed some important professional responsibilities on the 4th. Have faith that you will dispatch these duties easily and efficiently. A business meeting on the 7th will go extremely well; this is also a good time to go to a job interview or audition. A flirtatious conversation on the 10th makes you feel alluring, witty, and intelligent. This is the beginning of a beautiful friendship. On the 13th, the New Moon prompts you to take better care of your health. Breaking a bad habit will restore your naturally vibrant energy. Feel free to pursue the object of your desire on the 22nd; your fiery passion is extremely attractive. A role or position comes to an end on the 27th due to the Full Moon. Although you're sad to see this situation go, it doesn't mean the future is bleak. Anticipate that an even bigger and better situation is on the way.

## CANCER June 22nd - July 23rd

Let your best friend, romantic partner, or a business associate take work off your plate on the 6th. Use your free time to do something nice for yourself; this will cause your luck to multiply and grow. Starting on the 8th, devote more time to pleasant domestic pursuits. Cooking, gardening, and decorating will give you an attractive glow that's hard to resist. The New Moon on the 13th causes you to demand the care and attention you deserve. An attentive partner is making their way to you; be receptive to their unconditional love. Accept a lavish gift with a grateful heart on the 18th; you deserve this heartfelt tribute. If a trip gets cancelled on the 23rd, know it's for the best for everyone involved. A source of income ends on the 27th due to a disruptive Full Moon. The opportunity to make money from more rewarding work is on the way. Get ready to negotiate a lucrative contract.

## LEO July 24th - August 23rd

A persuasive authority figure will try to lure you away from a period of rest on the 3rd; refuse to take the bait. Do everything in your power to deliver a professional promise on the 11th, even if it costs you money. Going the extra mile will protect your reputation and attract even more business. Don't settle for a living situation that is less than ideal on the 13th. Let the power of the New Moon direct you to a space or roommate who lifts your spirits. Making a professional presentation, going to an audition, or attending a job interview will help you realise a cherished career goal on the 18th. Starting on the 22nd, you'll attract admirers like a flower that draws bees. Bask in the attention. On the 27th, the Full Moon creates big changes in your social life. It will be such a relief to associate with people who share your optimistic view of life.

## VIRGO August 24th - Sept 23rd

Be compassionate toward a confused business or romantic partner on the 3rd. Assume they'll take the path that is best for you both. A committed relationship takes work from your shoulders on the 4th. Your romantic allure is at an all-time high on the 6th; use it to lure someone into your web of intrigue. Devoting more time to cultivating a pleasant home life will pay off handsomely on the 10th. On the 13th, the New Moon gives you a variety of options that make you indecisive. Instead of rushing into the first opportunity that arrives, wait for the ideal way to expand your horizons. It will be necessary to rearrange your domestic life to accommodate a loved one on the 23rd. Fortunately, you're very flexible. The Full Moon on the 27th helps you resolve a troubling professional situation. A career that supports your emotional and financial ambitions is right around the corner; keep your eyes open for it.

## LIBRA Sept 24th - Oct 23rd

Turning fantasy into reality requires practical steps on the 3rd. Saving money, adopting healthy habits, and making helpful connections are all part of the process. A reference or recommendation helps you secure a fantastic living situation on the 6th. Your natural charm, wit, and intelligence bubble to the surface on the 8th, making people putty in your hands. The New Moon on the 13th brings a moneymaking offer that's too good to be true. Hold out for a job with an established company that doesn't force you to do all the heavy lifting. Go after a moneymaking opportunity on the 18th; this will quickly turn into a passive income stream that's very lucrative. The 20th is great for making a big purchase like a home or vehicle. Finishing a course of study on the 27th is a great use of the Full Moon's power. Once this hurdle is crossed, you can put your advanced skills to good use.

## SCORPIO Oct 24th - Nov 22nd

Set some healthy boundaries with your best friend or romantic partner on the 3rd; it will make your relationship healthier. A confident attitude helps you realise a lifelong dream on the 6th; remember you can be, do, and have anything you want. Treat a passionate argument on the 11th as an indication you deserve the best. On the 13th, the New Moon tempts you to adopt a radically different look. Rather than altering your image, build a better self-concept that makes you magnetic to abundance. Your powerful charisma attracts fame and acclaim on the 18th; enjoy basking in the spotlight. Entering a moneymaking challenge on the 24th will be very profitable for you. The Full Moon on the 27th helps you pay off a big debt. Instead of worrying about your depleted bank account, cultivate a feeling of abundance. This will attract the money you need to enjoy the luxuries you desire.

## SAGITTARIUS Nov 23rd - Dec 21st

Overindulging in food and drink on the 3rd will slow you down. Treat your body like a temple on this pivotal day. Assuming more domestic responsibilities on the 4th will make you feel productive and appreciated. Your bold ideas will boost your reputation as a brilliant innovator on the 10th. The New Moon on the 13th causes you to withdraw from a stressful social world. Start looking for friends and colleagues who share your optimistic view of the world. They'll support a dream you've been quietly developing over the past few months. Your star power burns bright on the 22nd; use it to promote your agenda. Pour all your energy into improving your appearance and circumstances on the 24th; you will be successful. On the 27th, the Full Moon puts an end to a troubling relationship trend. Forming a more supportive alliance boosts your self-esteem and helps you receive the unconditional love you deserve.

## CAPRICORN Dec 22nd - Jan 20th

Starting on the 4th, it will be much easier to get through your to-do list, especially if you adopt a slow and steady pace with your chores. Your powerful charisma paves the way for a travel opportunity on the 6th; book a trip to a place that's famous for its natural beauty. Looking for the part of a polished professional on the 8th will attract some exciting career opportunities. Pick the offer that appeals to your sense of luxury and beauty. On the 13th, the New Moon prompts a friend to behave erratically. Give the emotional support your loved one needs, but don't feel compelled to solve their financial problems. A flaky person will fall back on a promise on the 23rd; have an alternative plan ready. A health matter prompts you to end a bad habit on the 27th due to an informative Full Moon. Embarking on a fitness routine revives and restores you.

## AQUARIUS Jan 21st - Feb 19th

Achieving a healthy work-life balance will be challenging on the 3rd. It's better to err on the side of a happy domestic life right now, even if it means turning down work. Spending more time on the relationships and activities you love will cultivate greater emotional stability on the 4th; try it. Don't let a pushy authority figure talk you into assuming a distasteful role on the 10th. A high-profile position is offered on the 13th due to an intense New Moon. Although you like the idea of having more autonomy, you should wait for a job that is more in line with the type of work you enjoy. Apply for a position in a creative or non-profit field on the 17th. The Full Moon on the 27th finds you returning from a trip or finishing a course of study. You'll be glad to finish this task, as it clears the path for a more rewarding future.

## PISCES Feb 20th - March 20th

Don't expect your best friend, romantic partner, or business associate to read your mind on the 3rd. If you need more time to make an important decision, just ask. Assuming more responsibility on the 4th will cause your professional reputation to shine. A blunt suggestion from a colleague is worth following on the 10th. Beware of making travel reservations on the 13th, as the disruptive New Moon could throw obstacles in your way. If you need to book a trip, make sure to get travel insurance. You can manifest a lifelong dream on the 17th. Always remember that if you believe something, you will achieve it. Apply for your dream position on the 24th, even if the competition is stiff. On the 27th, a tense career matter comes to a conclusion due to a powerful Full Moon. This is both a relief and a loss but take heart. Opportunities to work in a creative field will soon arrive.

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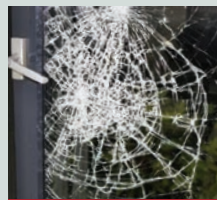
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