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Dear Friends,

Finally we have had some beautiful weather to cheer us all up! Lets hope it continues. We can all appreciate what a lovely part of the country we live in when it's so nice.

Hopefully we are starting to get back to some normality as lockdown gets gently lifted and business can start to function if not slightly different from before lockdown and support local businesses by buying locally.

Each month we run many editorials, from recipes and gardening to motoring and holiday destinations, plus Charity Events and Community News to name a few!

We not only have **Love Wirral** magazine we have now branched out to **Love Wrexham** magazine, run by Stefan and Adam so look them up too.

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Best Wishes

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This months topic – I lost my job because I asked for Personal Protective Equipment in work – What are my rights?

We have seen a lot of reports in local, national and international press about workers being sacked because they have asked for PPE equipment during the Covid pandemic so what are your rights as an employee?

- ❖ You should never be placed in a situation whereby you feel unsafe. When faced with a dangerous working environment every employee has the right not to suffer detriment if they leave, or refuse to attend their place of work under s.44 of the Employment Rights Act 1996. You should advise your employer of your concerns and if they cannot find a solution you can go home, but this should be a last resort, until such a time as the danger has passed or reasonable adjustments have been made to minimise the risk.
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that this is what you believe was said in the meeting and can they confirm that it is correct.

- ❖ You have the right to appeal any decision or termination and we would recommend seeking help from a specialist when doing this.
- ❖ You have a right to make a claim against your employer, even if you have not been with them very long, if they do not reinstate you and pay you your lost pay, to make a claim through an employment tribunal for compensation. For whistleblowing claims you do not have to have been with your employer for 2 years or more.
- ❖ You only have 3 months from the date of the incident to make a claim so get advice as early on as you can. You should contact ACAS within the 3 months to advise them of your potential claim.
- ❖ Evidence is key and so you should keep a diary, make notes, send follow up emails etc.

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Next month we will be discussing Furlough, Redundancies and your rights?

If you have a legal question you would like to know the answers to then email ab@phoenixlegalsolicitors.co.uk and we will get back to you your question may feature in a future edition.

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DO YOU KNOW?

1. In 2005, a fortune cookie company got the lottery numbers right, resulting in 110 winners and an investigation.
2. In 2016, a French worker sued his ex-employer for 360,000 because his job was "too boring."
3. Queen, the iconic rock band, was originally called Smile.
4. Although he lived in the United States for 40 years, Charlie Chaplin never applied for American citizenship. He was born in London.
5. Ronald Reagan almost died on the set of the 1951 comedy "Bedtime for Bonzo" when his costar—a chimp—strangled him by pulling on his tie.
6. No one has ever gotten a perfect score on the gaokao, the 9-hour Chinese college entrance exam.
7. **In 2016, a UPS driver who spotted "call 911" written on a package helped police free a woman who was being held captive in her own home.**
8. Houseflies live for 25 to 30 days, not 24 hours.
9. George Harrison was the first Beatle to go vegetarian.
10. Dalmatians are white at birth. Their first spots usually appear within 3 to 4 weeks after birth.
11. When Facebook acquired Instagram for about \$1 billion, the company had just 13 employees.
12. **Patrick Stewart was so skeptical about the success of "Star Trek" that he didn't unpack his bag for six weeks.**
13. In many parts of Africa, the snake is looked upon as the incarnation of deceased relatives.
14. Columbia University accidentally sent out acceptance emails to 277 prospective graduate students in 2017, and then revoked them in a follow-up email a little more than an hour later.
15. If it ever went up for sale, the White House would cost anywhere from \$90 to \$369 million.
16. Soviet leader Vladimir Lenin was only 53 years old when he died in 1924 after a series of strokes.
17. Muhammad Ali's great grandfather was an Irish immigrant who settled in Kentucky in the 1860s.
18. 75% of the population of Venezuela lost at least 19 pounds in 2016 due to a lack of proper nutrition amid an economic crisis.
19. Issac Newton invented the ridges along the edges of coins, still in use today, to prevent theft.
20. Shakira recorded her very first album when she was only 13. It was made up entirely of songs that she had written between the ages of 8 and 13.
21. To prepare for his role in the film 'The Mask of Zorro', Antonio Banderas practiced with the Olympic fencing team in Spain for 4 months.
22. Victorian families often kept hedgehogs in kitchens as a form of pest control, as they eat insects.
23. The Inca Empire existed for only 95 years.
24. Mageirocophobia is the fear of having to cook.
25. **Some people never develop fingerprints.**
26. Marco Polo's trip across Asia spanned 24 years and he didn't travel alone; he went with his father and uncle.
27. Richard Milhous Nixon (who resigned when facing impeachment) and William Jefferson Clinton (who faced an impeachment trial in 1998) are the only US Presidents whose full names contain all the letters to spell the word 'criminal'.
28. At 16, Walt Disney quit school and, with false documents, joined the WWI Red Cross Ambulance Corps and was sent to France.
29. Sales Tax Rate (VAT) in Bhutan stands at 50%.
30. All tortoises are in fact turtles, but not all turtles are tortoises.
31. The UK spent US\$15.8 billion in a health service computer system that failed and was shut down in 2013.
31. **In the UK, all horses, ponies and donkeys must have a horse passport.**
32. Life expectancy in Ancient Rome was from 20 to 30 years.
33. The Roman Empire was not the largest empire in history. It was only the 28th largest.
34. The wars between Romans and Persians lasted about 721 years, the longest conflict in human history.
35. Italy has the eighth-largest economy in the world.
36. The average ocean depth is 2.5 miles (4 km).
37. 14 billion pounds (6B Kg.) of garbage are dumped into the ocean every year. Most of it is plastic.
38. If we could capture just 0.1% of the ocean's kinetic energy caused by tides, we could satisfy the current global energy demand 5 times over.
39. About 24,000 people are killed by lightning strikes around the world each year.



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Bridge Community Farms volunteer appointed as one of Cheshire's new Deputy Lieutenants



A Bridge Community Farms volunteer has recently been appointed as one of the county's six new Deputy Lieutenants.

Sandra Verity, who lives in Beeston, is a volunteer driver for the popular Ellesmere Post based charity which runs a community farm and a fresh organically grown vegetable box scheme across the region.

She also sits on one of the charity's monthly management committees and regularly helps out on their market stalls. The Lord-Lieutenant is Her Majesty The Queen's Representative in Cheshire. He is able to appoint a number of Deputy Lieutenants to assist in carrying out his many and varied duties.

Deputy Lieutenants are nominated by the Lord Lieutenant to assist with their duties which include advising on official events to the county such as those which warrant a Royal visit.

The commission of appointment is made by the appropriate Government Minister by command of Her Majesty The Queen.

Francis Ball, founder of Bridge Community Farm, said: "We're absolutely delighted that one of our most stalwart volunteers, Sandra Verity, has been appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Cheshire.

"Sandra is a popular member of our Better Lives Veg Box Scheme and regularly helps to deliver our organically grown veg boxes to our customers across the region."

Sandra, who grew up on an organic farm, said: "I got involved with Bridge Community Farms for a number of reasons.

"Mainly it was their approach to supporting young people and their families in a community context, giving access to fresh air and learning to nurture, grow and, where appropriate, eat plants; leading to improved mental and physical wellbeing.

"I also liked their determination to extend the wellness message to the wider Cheshire and Wirral Community

through their Veg Box scheme, giving access to fresh, organically grown fruit and vegetables while also supporting a local charity.

"I love meeting our customers and many are fascinated to know how many items are grown by us in Ellesmere Port."

Bridge Community Farms, based in Mill Lane, off Overpool Road, in Ellesmere Port, is looking for more people who can offer their time and expertise, help with sponsorship of their Better Lives Veg Boxes or can offer financial support for a young person on a work placement or for a Better Lives Veg Box to be delivered to a homeless charity.

They also need more delivery drivers who can work 8.30am-11.30am every Tuesday, café staff and volunteers who can help man their various market stalls across the region. Expenses are paid to all volunteers.

The charity offers training and life skills to children and young people who are struggling to thrive in a standard academic environment while ongoing guidance, support and work experience is also available to the unemployed.

The charity also runs weekly Bright Life groups to reduce social isolation in the community including a weekly crafts session every Thursday 12-2pm (cost £2.50) and a weekly woodworking group every Thursday 12-3pm (cost £3.50).

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Photo of Sandra Verity with a Bridge Farm Veg Box



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NHS Rainbow Badges launched at CWP



Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CWP) has signed up to the national rainbow badge scheme to coincide with LGBT+ History Month, reinforcing the Trust's commitment to being a diverse and inclusive employer and care provider.

The Rainbow Badge Initiative, which originated at Evelina London Children's Hospital, aims to make a positive difference by promoting a message of inclusion. The badge is a simple, visual symbol identifying that, if an NHS staff member or volunteer is wearing one, they are a person who an LGBT+ person (or their friends or family members) can talk to about issues relating to sexuality and gender identity.

To support the initiative, CWP has launched a training programme to provide staff and volunteers wearing the badges with the knowledge and awareness to support LGBT+ people with any issues they may face.

Philip Makin, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator for CWP, said: "I'm delighted to say that CWP is signed up to the NHS Rainbow Badge Initiative. The badge is a way

for us at CWP to demonstrate that we are aware of the issues LGBT+ people can face when accessing our services and also as staff and volunteers. It shows that the wearer is there to listen without judgement and signpost to further support if needed."

To receive their badge, CWP staff are required to complete the online training and give their own pledge.

Chief executive Sheena Cumiskey said: "It's been fantastic to see how many people have already signed up to be a badge wearer. Our staff's enthusiasm for the initiative continues to demonstrate that we take Equality, Diversity & Inclusion seriously in helping people to be the best they can be."

Photo above: Members of CWP's executive board with their Rainbow Badges

Right:
NHS Rainbow badge





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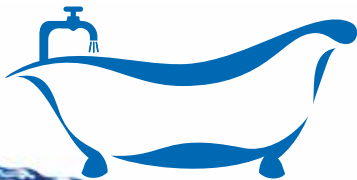


The historic organ in a New Brighton church has recently been awarded Grade II* listing by the British Institute of Organ Studies (BIOS). The organ of St James' church was listed by the BIOS due to its being *"an instrument of importance to the national heritage and one deserving careful preservation for the benefit of future generations."*

As well as being a fine and historic instrument, the St James' organ is highly unusual in that it is much older than the church itself! The organ was originally installed in the church of St John

Egremont in Wallasey when that church was built in 1833. St James' was not built until 1856. But after St John's was made redundant in 2004 its organ was transferred to St James' where it has since been used for many prestigious recitals and festivals.

Revd Heather Atkinson, the vicar of St James' New Brighton, said *"The listing of our church's organ is a great honour, but also a responsibility. We will ensure it is lovingly maintained and used to enhance our worship and to bring the pleasure of organ music to a wider audience."*



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Firstly, I just wanted to say to you all – please Stay Safe, and please spare a moment for all our frontline NHS staff who are putting their life on the line to support us during this difficult time. In my mind, they are the real heroes here. Also, I know being in lockdown is hard, but at least you get to read an odd motoring review from me during the lockdown. Or you could ignore me totally and go outside and do some gardening instead.

This week's road test puts me in the driving seat of the Peugeot 308 GTi. I'm sure many of you know that Peugeot is a bit good and making a decent 'hot hatch' and many of you will remember the days of the 205 GTi as the 'king of the road'. Well, let's hope Peugeot can reignite my GTi love.

So, did Peugeot get it right?

Power and Efficiency:

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On the road:

The 308 is a very playful sports hatch that is not only powerful and safe, but it can also be a practical hatchback for all the family and a real giggle if you push it out of line. It really is a proper little racer out on the open road. Plus, if you go a little gung-ho and

get it very wrong - you have the assurance of Peugeot's fantastic ESP program watching over you like a little butler keeping you firmly planted to the road ahead.

So, does it deserve the GTi badge it wears? Well, underneath you will find an involving chassis that is dynamic and provides a superb driving sensation. It's also agile, reactive and has a massive form of balance from one turn to the next. To be honest, it really is a joy to drive.

Interior & Technology:

The 308 GTi offers a first-rate experience that is achieved through a combination of interior quality, attention to detail and a wide range of equipment and technology. There can be no doubting the sportiness of the swish interior, along with the special GTi features that have a graceful presence inside and out.

On the Inside, it's all good. There is also plenty of standard kit in GTi trim such as; Mistral full-grain perforated leather steering wheel with red stitch detail, 'GTi' emblem, GTi Bucket seats with PEUGEOT Sport branding, PEUGEOT Sport branded Alcantara®

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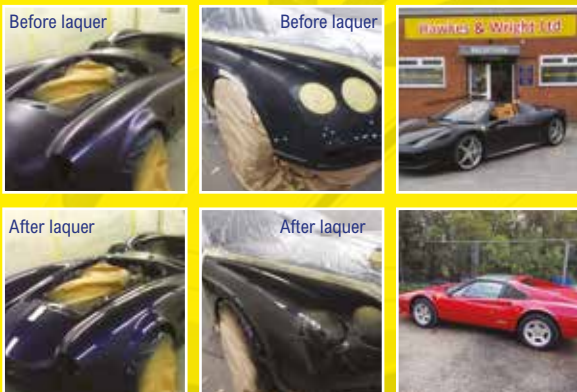
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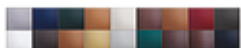
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CORONAVIRUS: 7 WAYS TO SUPPORT SMALL AND LOCAL BUSINESSES AMID OUTBREAK

On 23 March, Boris Johnson ordered all pubs, restaurants, gyms and other social venues across the country to close their doors for the foreseeable future, leaving many business owners and their employees at risk.

While measures such as social distancing and self-isolation are vital in helping to curb the spread of the deadly disease, they also threaten to devastate local businesses.

In what was hailed as “one of the most comprehensive responses of any government anywhere in the world”, the chancellor also pledged that all shops, pubs, restaurants and other leisure businesses would not have to pay business rates for a year under the new plans.

While the government is doing its part to protect the economy, there are also plenty of ways the people can support their favourite local businesses, whether they are book shops, music venues or coffee houses.

Here are seven ways to help small businesses stay afloat during the coronavirus crisis.

Shop locally – both on and offline

Many small businesses that do not typically offer online ordering are starting to test the waters, so check to see if this is something the places you frequently shop with are doing.

The need to social distance has seen a number of retailers alter their services to fit the temporary ‘new normal’, with independent brewers supplying beers to your front door and book shops offering

contact-free delivery.

The same can be said for food and household staples. If you are not displaying any symptoms of the coronavirus, pay a visit to your corner shop or grocers where you are more likely to pick up the things larger supermarkets are running out of while simultaneously supporting your local community.

Buy gift cards

Buying a gift card from a local business and saving it to use in the future is an immediate way to put cash into your favourite shop, salon, theatre or restaurant while also limiting interactions and non-essential services such as packing, shipping and delivery, which may require a person to go to work or come into contact with others unnecessarily.

It is also a great way to show business owners how much you appreciate their work and a gesture of customer loyalty in uncertain times.

Order takeaway food and drink

While many local restaurants have opted to close their doors completely, a number are still open for takeaway and delivery, including spots that did not provide that service before the outbreak.

If you have the income, consider taking a night off from cooking every now and then to help support local cafes, bars and restaurants through the coming months.

Many independently owned food and drink businesses are now getting on to delivery platforms like Uber Eats and

Deliveroo, but if you cannot see your favourite outlet listed, give them a call to see if they will consider delivering a meal or selling the ingredients to make something yourself.

It is worth noting that some third-party apps can charge local restaurants fees that put an added squeeze on finances, so if you can order directly, do.

As an extra precaution, always try to pay by card online or over the phone and if you're unwell or elderly, ask for contact-free delivery, which involves the delivery person leaving the food on your doorstep.

Tip more than usual

If you do decide to order takeaway goods from a local restaurant or bar, consider being a little more generous than usual if your income allows.

The extra funds, no matter how small, will help not only the business but also their staff who are still required to work, including delivery people who often work through contractors and therefore have unpredictable wages and few benefits.

It is also best to tip over the phone or online directly through the restaurant, to prevent the risk of germs spreading.

Leave good reviews

If you are financially unable to support a local business, there are plenty of other ways you can help such as following them on social media and leaving great reviews online.

With many restaurants and bars being forced to shut their doors, reaching out with positive words of encouragement through Twitter, Instagram, Tripadvisor or directly through e-mail, or phone call is likely to give business owners the strength to persevere.

Avoid refunds and postpone instead of cancelling

While you may have the consumer right to ask for a full refund following the cancellation of an event, one way to support a local business during the coronavirus outbreak is to see what other options they can offer.

To prevent being left out of pocket, many music and theatre venues are giving customers the opportunity to put their ticket price towards a different event at a later date when the crisis is over. Alternatively, if this is something a local business is unable to provide, you could consider offering the price of your ticket as a donation.

The same can be said for independent vendors too. If you had a booking with a local photographer, caterer or florist for an upcoming party or wedding, consider postponing the booking instead of cancelling it altogether.

Take part in online classes

From yoga workouts and dance classes to creative writing and singing, there are many classes you can opt to take part in online, so if a local business offers this option, take it.

With facilities having to temporarily close, many business owners are now streaming sessions online so that people who are social distancing or self-isolating can join from home and show their support and solidarity to the local community.

Above all keep safe and we will all come through this together, many thanks for reading this.



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The image of apprentice scientist Chloe Briggs, from Bromborough, adorns one of United Utilities' new-look vans.



Van makeover puts Wirral scientist Chloe on road(s) to fame

It might not be the cover of Vogue, but a company's stunning new vehicle livery could soon turn a Wirral scientist into one of the most recognised faces on the roads of the North West.

Apprentice scientist Chloe Briggs, 19, from Bromborough, is among a handful of United Utilities staff chosen to 'star' in £11 million makeover of the company fleet.

The first 264 vans will take to the roads in the next few weeks, and will be seen by hundreds of thousands of people every week.

Chloe, a first year apprentice who works in the company's water testing laboratory in Warrington, said: "I was amazed to get the chance to represent the company on the vans and was dead happy when they asked me. I love working for United Utilities. The people are lovely and I would definitely recommend the apprenticeship."

Lou Beardmore, the water company's customer services director said company vans were a

great way to communicate with customers about things they found important, like local job opportunities and innovation.

"You might not think it, but advertising on our own vans is an amazing way to connect with our customers, and attract future staff. We reckon that one of our vans is spotted by nearly two thirds of people in the North West every day. So, by the time our entire fleet is replaced, people like Chloe will be quite a familiar sight.

"We're so grateful to her for loaning us her image. She's a great ambassador for our apprenticeship programme. Investing in future skills to keep the North West flowing is hugely important for us so the more people who know about the opportunities we offer, the better."

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What's happening at Chester Zoo.

Coronavirus: Chester Zoo told to prepare to remain closed 'indefinitely'... putting future survival of the zoo at risk

- **NEW: Government's Covid-19 guidance update means zoos must stay closed as lockdown is lifted elsewhere**
- **Chester Zoo, the UK's largest zoo, lays bare financial impact of crisis**
- **Bosses at UK's most popular zoo say they need £1.6m per month to survive pandemic**
- **Private gardens open up this week while the zoo's 128 acres of gardens remain closed**
- **Staff say public are safer at zoo than UK beauty spots because numbers will be limited and social distancing can be managed**
- **Zoo's refusal to "cut corners" with animal welfare leads to huge financial losses**
- **'Save Our Zoo' campaign launched by charity in urgent bid to raise funds**

Bosses at Chester Zoo say the charity is haemorrhaging over £1m per month while the 128-acre outdoor space remains empty of visitors

Chester Zoo, the UK's biggest zoo, has revealed the coronavirus pandemic has already cost the wildlife charity a staggering £5m – and its gates could remain closed 'indefinitely'.

The zoo revealed its financial situation after the government's latest announcement on the easing of the

lockdown failed to include a green light for large, outdoor attractions such as zoos to reopen. The charity will continue to lose over £1m a month despite exhaustive efforts to reduce costs and its use of the government's furlough scheme.

Zoo bosses say they have been told by government representatives to prepare for their gates to remain closed 'indefinitely', despite being 'Covid secure' and able to safely limit numbers and enforce social distancing rules – something that public UK beaches, parks and other beauty spots cannot do.

With revenue from visitors making up 97% of its income, staff say the long period of closure (the zoo has been closed since 21 March) is having a "devastating impact" on the future of the UK's most visited zoo.

It costs £465,000 a month just to care for the zoo's 35,000 animals. With additional outgoings for utilities, insurance, maintenance, security and the basic administration services needed to keep ticking over, as well as global conservation projects and scientific research to carry out, the zoo says it needs £1.6m a month just to keep going.

While a Zoos Support Fund, set up by the government following successful lobbying from a consortium of zoos including Chester, has provided some welcome help to smaller organisations, larger charity zoos are not eligible for support - a huge blow to a sector that does not ordinarily seek any financial help from the government.

Jamie Christon, the zoo's Chief Operating Officer (COO) said:

"As the UK's biggest and most popular charity zoo, we've tried to stay positive during this pandemic. Our conservationists have continued to prevent extinction,



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

our virtual days have cheered up the nation, and our learning resources have helped out thousands of home schooling families. We wanted to remain a beacon of hope.

"But now, the government has ordered us to stay closed indefinitely and Chester Zoo is very much fighting for its future. This change in law has flicked a switch for us and, heartbreakingly, our lights are now flickering. Not being able to open, despite being a huge outdoor site with all the necessary safety measures in place, is having a devastating impact of the future survival of this much-loved charity zoo. We're heading towards debt in excess of £24m by the end of 2020 – this will financially cripple us.

"We absolutely refuse to cut corners when it comes to caring for the animals. But ensuring that each and every one of the 35,000 animals at the zoo is receiving the best possible care, every single day, comes at a huge financial cost. Not being able to open, with such massive outgoings, puts the future of the zoo itself at risk of extinction."

Chester Zoo, the most visited zoo in the UK with more than two million people passing through its gates in 2019, is a registered conservation and education charity.

To highlight its readiness for reopening and its ability to keep people safe, the zoo has already put in place measures to ensure that its 128 acres of outdoor space is 'Covid secure.'

Mr Christon continued:

"While we see pictures of public beaches, parks and UK beauty spots busy with people, our zoo – a huge outdoor space, with 16km of pathways, and numerous measures in place to ensure that we can provide a safe environment for guests – sits empty.

"We plan to heavily limit visitor numbers, we've installed self-scanning ticket lanes, floor markings, one-way systems, multiple cleaning and hand sanitisation points, a huge amount of signage and protective screens in all of

our key locations and service areas. We've also trained staff to ensure that social distancing rules are followed at all times. People will be safer here than in public spaces, as we know can manage numbers and social distancing.

"Much smaller, private gardens are opening up this week, which is positive as the great outdoors is proven to offer benefits to mental health and wellbeing. However, we and our 128 acres of gardens have to remain closed. It's possible we'll be given permission to open our indoor retail shop later this month, but not our massive outdoor site. While we support the need to carefully lift the lockdown, we're under enormous financial pressure and these things don't stack up."

Chester Zoo's 80 global projects are fighting to prevent the extinction of highly threatened species both in the UK and in all corners of the world.

But despite a host of cost-cutting measures already in place to protect the organisation during the pandemic, including directors and staff taking voluntary pay cuts, half of its workforce placed on furlough and major development projects put on hold, zoo bosses are now fearful over the future of the zoo and its species-saving work.

Mr Christon added:

"We are not prepared to give up this fight and are continually lobbying government across all relevant departments, at all levels. We know we can provide a well-managed, safe environment for our visitors, staff and animals and have invested in all of the required safety features set out by the government, and more. Visitors carefully returning to the zoo is our lifeline.

"Chester Zoo contributes over £83.1 million to the regional economy, supports over 1,700 jobs, protects wildlife in more than 30 countries around the world and engages over 150,000 young people – the future of our planet – every year. At a time when global environmental pressures escalate, the seriousness of losing a conservation charity cannot be stressed enough."

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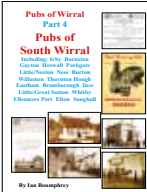
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Right: The sign above the door reads 'RV 1733' and probably refers to Richard Vernon. In 1822 records show that it was named 'The White Horse' but by 1850 it had changed to 'The Nag's Head' in Willaston. In the 1930s the building was structurally altered. See below photograph. Wm. Delamere was the victualler as well as the shopkeeper. George Barnes was the licensee in this 1910 photograph.



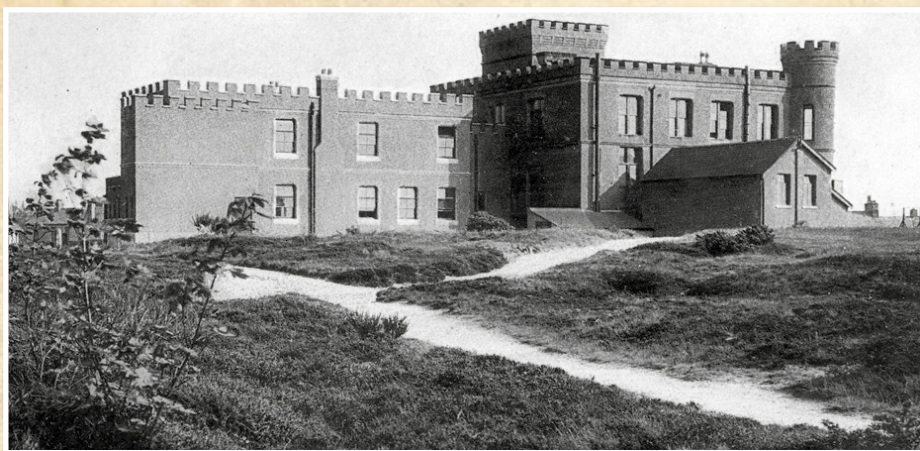
Left: Taken in the early 1930s. The Nag's Head has undergone major alterations from the inn pictured above. The house plate was repositioned to the centre, all the front windows have been altered and the brickwork pebble-dashed. The building to the right which was once owned by the bailiff had been demolished, the road widened and Cannell Court Flats built on the site.



Below: The original village Inn stood opposite the Hooton Arms in Eastham. Pictured here in 1906 the Hooton Arms was once the school masters house and the school was the adjacent old barn with thatched roof and mud floor.



Above: Stanley Lane in Eastham at the turn of the century. Eastham village school is seen behind the four boys on the right. The other boys are sitting on a sandstone outcrop in front of Laurel Cottage. St. Mary's Church is situated to the right behind the sandstone wall.



Above: **Heswall Castle** was built on land between The Mount and Telegraph Road and was home to the Female Orphan Society. The castle was demolished in 1935.

Right: **Telegraph Road**, showing the Church of Good Shepherd and a crosville bus entering the depot in the distance. c.1955



Below: The Kings Cinema in Telegraph Road, Heswall was taken around 1950 and was showing Alan Ladd in a film called "After Midnight". The King's Hall, built c.1912, was upgraded by John Pye in 1928 - it closed in 1958.



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We hope to welcome them when the present restrictions are lifted and we are able to meet again.

At the start of lockdown, club members realised that two organisations that they normally support – a Community Supermarket providing hugely reduced food and clothing and a Salvation Army Centre were both supporting many more people in great need.

The best way to provide support via Birkenhead Rotary was to provide some funding and so, from reserved funds and many donations from members, a three month commitment was made to provide a total of £1,200 initially, which will be reviewed.



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Home Sweet Home for White-faced Darter



There is excitement at Cheshire Wildlife Trust as they have just seen what they believe to be their first 'true Delamere' white-faced darters emerge.

Chris Meredith, Delamere Conservation Officer at Cheshire Wildlife Trust explained the importance of this year's survey results. "Sightings this year are really significant. We know that we have had white-faced darters successfully emerge from our work introducing mature larvae to the site, but this is the first year where we have not introduced new larvae to the pool. This means the adults that are emerging this month are either from larvae that were at an earlier stage and have therefore survived for a longer period or are in fact the result of adults breeding successfully at our site."

Over the last few years an ambitious programme has been underway to re-introduce this rare species to Delamere Forest. The return of the dragonflies comes after several years of dedicated work to reinstate and improve lost habitats at the well-known forest in partnership with the Forestry Commission, along with a carefully planned series of white-faced darter translocations.

As one of the UK's rarest dragonflies, the white-faced darter had been absent from Cheshire for over a decade and are only found at a handful of locations in England. The project began in 2013 and involved collecting the tiny vibrant green larvae from healthy populations at the Natural

England National Nature Reserve sites of Fenn's and Whixall Moss in Shropshire and Chartley Moss in Staffordshire.

The larvae of these small blood-red and black insects, a specialist of lowland peatbogs, were introduced to a mossland pool, in Delamere Forest. Studies confirmed the pool had suitable water quality and vegetation to support this species with its submerged sphagnum moss for the nymphs to hide and prosper and the common cotton-grass and soft rush to provide the ideal ladder for emergence.

"We are thrilled with the results of the project so far and although still early days we are very happy that the restoration work started by the Forestry Commission in the 1990s has improved habitats so that they are once again capable of supporting a wide range of species, including the rare white faced darter" Adrienne Bennett, Ecologist at the Forestry Commission stated.

The nymphs of the white-faced darter develop and feed underwater for at least two years before emerging, and taking to the wing to find a mate and breed so the Trust will have to wait a little longer to find out whether Delamere once again has its own self-sustaining population of white-faced darters. The pool will continue to be monitored regularly through tracking flying adults and also by counting the empty larval cases the

dragonflies leave behind on vegetation when emerging from the water.

The white-faced darter reintroduction project is a partnership between Cheshire Wildlife Trust, the Forestry Commission, Natural England, the British Dragonfly Society and Cheshire West and Chester Council, with funding support from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Linley Shaw Foundation.

Connecting corridors have been cleared between mossland sites in Delamere Forest to encourage specialist species, including the white-faced darter, to move around the forest. The long-term hope is that the series of mossland pools that are being restored as part of Cheshire Wildlife Trust's and the Forestry Commission's WREN FCC Biodiversity Action Fund funded Delamere's Last Mosses Project will encourage this species to expand. "The creation of several breeding populations is important for the long term sustainability of the white-faced darter in Delamere Forest as their breeding pools will change over time," explained Chris Meredith.

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What to do this month



Hanging baskets need watering daily in hot conditions. Use water retaining gel and a plastic liner when you make them, to help the compost retain water for longer.

Unless we have a prolonged, very dry period, it might not be necessary to water well-established garden plants at all – certainly your lawn will be quick to recover from drought as soon as it rains. Watering little and often, only applying a small amount of water that doesn't penetrate deep into the soil, will encourage surface rooting that makes the plants more susceptible to drought and drying out.

Once a day

Plants in containers, especially hanging baskets, will probably need a good watering every day to keep the compost evenly moist and prevent it drying out.

Once a week

All recent plantings, especially bedding plants, will appreciate a good soak every seven to 14 days to aid rapid establishment, good growth and flowering performance.

Once a fortnight

Rhododendrons, camellias, hydrangeas and other shallow-rooted plants might appreciate a good soak now and then. Rhododendrons and camellias will be setting their flower buds for next year so allowing them to dry out will prevent good bud set.

While you're on holiday

If you're going away this summer, ensure that your plants feature in your holiday plans. Group container plants in shade and if you can't persuade a neighbour to look after them while you're away, you could consider setting up an automatic dripwatering system.

Capillary matting is good for selfwatering pots both in the greenhouse and in the house. Houseplants should be removed from sunny windowsills and placed on damp capillary matting in the sink or bath.

Feed hungry roses

Roses are very hungry plants and will need a feeding with a granular rose fertiliser now to ensure they continue flowering all summer – and into autumn and even beyond.

- **Deadhead spent blooms** It used to be recommended to cut back the flowering stems by around 10-15cm (4-6in) but it's far better to simply and carefully snap off the faded flower and seedpod between thumb and forefinger.
- **Check for mildew** In warm, dry weather, roses are prone to powdery mildew. If you see the first signs of this disease (a white powdery coating on leaves), or rose blackspot or rust, spray the foliage with a systemic fungicide. A combined insecticide and fungicide will also help to control aphid and other pest outbreaks.



Weatherwatch

Lots of warm, sunny weather means all your plants will be growing well – but so will the weeds. You'll also be building up your muscles carrying heavy watering cans around! The sun's drying effect can be exacerbated by wind, so check plants – especially those in containers and hanging baskets – for drying out during windy days.



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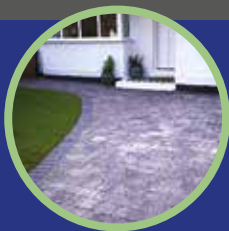
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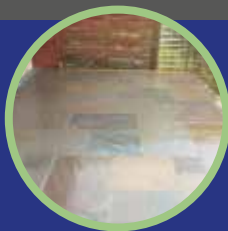
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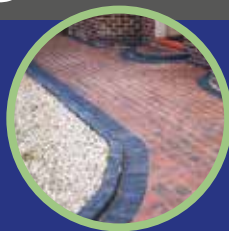
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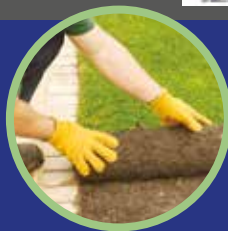
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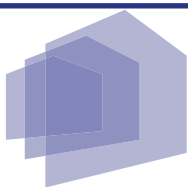
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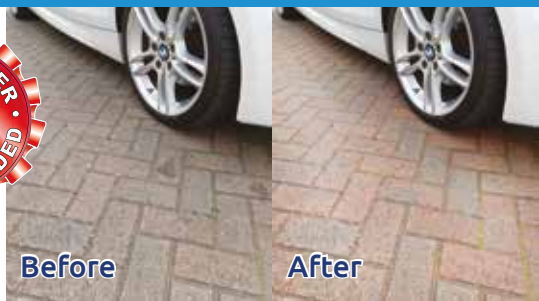
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A demand for fitness, sports coaching and high-quality PE lessons for children has led to the expansion of a local sports and coaching business. The move will ensure all schools across Merseyside & Cheshire can benefit from dedicated classes, as obesity levels for the region remain high.

More than 22000 children leave primary school severely obese. 28% of 2-15years were classed as overweight or obese. At the start of primary school one in 10 children are obese and by the end, that has increased to one in five. Those growing up in the most deprived communities are at the greatest risk. The chances of being obese are about twice that of those who live in the least deprived areas.

Through two new franchises, Wirral based Full of Beans Fitness and Sports Coaching, which runs classes in schools by trained PE Teachers & specialised Sports Coaches, will now cover the whole of the Wirral and south Liverpool. This means that even more children could take part in classes, which not only address fitness levels and sporting ability but also support mental health in young people.

The expansion follows an increase in demand from schools and parents, keen to support children with increased physical activity and improved mental health. Full of Beans also runs out of school classes, popular with parents during the school holidays etc. The original founder, Nicky Adams, sold her first franchise to Lauren Thirsk who set up in South Wirral and her business has doubled every year since.

Founder & Director Nicky Adams says eg "We are seeing first-hand the commitment from our schools in supporting pupils to increase their levels of physical activity and we work them to ensure all children have access to a variety of opportunities to suit the least active to the most sporty. We also offer some amazing mental health and self-development programmes and have achieved some fantastic results.

We are also members of the Children's Activities Association so schools and parents know that we have been vetted in providing high quality services.

As part of the expansion, all Merseyside schools are eligible for a **FREE PE Health Check**.

Lesley Roach, Headteacher, Sacred Heart Catholic Primary school in Liverpool said "As a healthy school we promote the health and well-being of all our pupils in school and for the past year we have worked alongside Jordan and the Full of Beans team. They have delivered a range of extra-curricular clubs which have developed our children's resilience and enabled them to be mentally healthy. The clubs have been tailored to meet the needs of our children and Jordan is passionate about offering new opportunities.

The clubs are very well organised and led by trained staff who are so enthusiastic and have really helped our children to develop their confidence when trying new activities.

Jordan and his team have developed excellent professional relationships with myself, staff and our children and we look forward to continuing to work with them."

Esther one of our children said "Full of Beans and their self development programme, Mini Mermaids, has helped me in so many different ways. First of all, I used to have lots of worries but now I have a lot less. Before this, I was shy with new and unfamiliar people, but now I'm able to communicate with them more freely. Also, it's helped my confidence to grow and I'm excited to try new and different things. The program has helped me understand a bit more about who I am and who I'd like to be. It has helped encourage me to follow my hopes and dreams."



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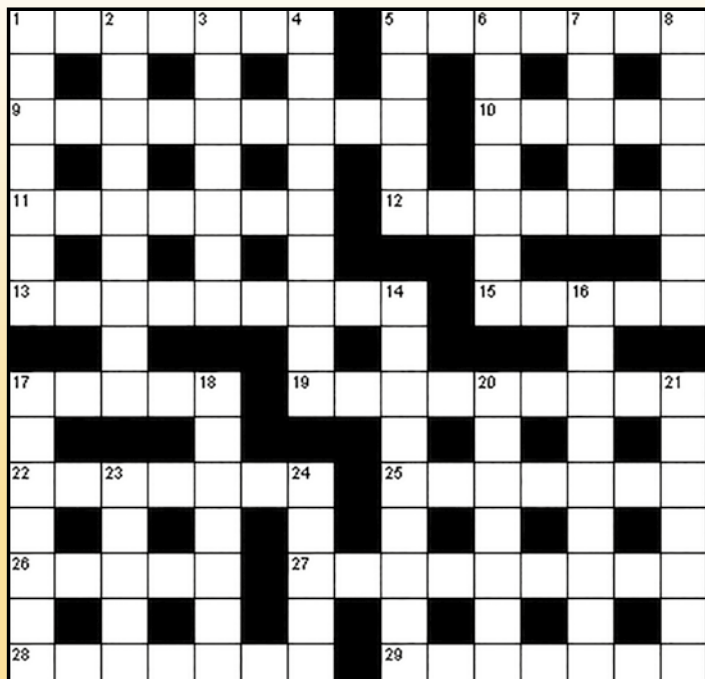
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Quick Crossword Puzzle

Down

- 1 Emotionally excited (7)
- 2 Virtuoso (9)
- 3 Fickle (7)
- 4 Bony frames (9)
- 5 Thorny flowers (5)
- 6 Improper behavior (7)
- 7 Insect stage (5)
- 8 Trudged (7)
- 14 Not real (9)
- 16 Blimps (9)
- 17 A tropical cereal grass (7)
- 18 Hangs (7)
- 20 Dirty the air (7)
- 21 Rats (7)
- 23 Adored (5)
- 24 Greasy (5)

Across

- | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Without direction (7) | 13 Deserters (9) | 25 A pike (7) |
| 5 Wanders (7) | 15 Slept (5) | 26 A squalid shack (5) |
| 9 Eyewitnesses (9) | 17 A dish of greens and tomatoes (5) | 27 Trespass (9) |
| 10 Pinfish (5) | 19 Small wading bird (9) | 28 Propriety of manner (7) |
| 11 Enclose (7) | 22 Judgments (7) | 29 Folds (7) |
| 12 "The whole _____" (7) | | |

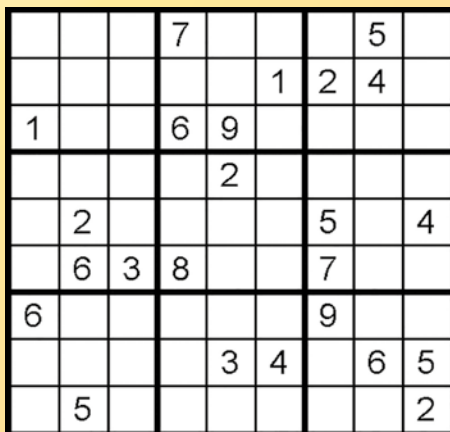
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HESWALL CARE HOME TO ADD NEW DEMENTIA SPECIFIC FLOOR

A Heswall care home will be opening a brand-new dementia friendly floor which is specially designed to help cater for those living with the condition.

The Hazelwell, in Oldfield Road, closed its doors to non-essential visitors in mid-March to deal with the coronavirus outbreak.

The 55-bed home already provides residential, nursing, palliative and respite care to its residents and will now be adding dementia care to its offering at the home. Facilities at The Hazelwell include tastefully decorated en-suite rooms, spacious communal lounges, private secure gardens, a stunning rooftop terrace, as well as home cinema room and library.

The new floor will accommodate 17 residents and will follow recommended principles for dementia care. In order to help those residents with the condition, the dementia wing will include visual cues, complete ease of access to make mobility as easy as possible, colour-led navigation, as well as photographs and sensory items.

The Hazelwell Care Home Manager Sue Ball said: "As dementia progresses, difficulties with memory loss and communication tend to increase, which can lead to great anxiety for those with the condition, as well as their family members. The new facility at The Hazelwell will be a specially adapted environment aimed at helping residents make sense of their surroundings in a safe and therapeutic environment.

"Staff supporting the residents of the new floor will be trained in caring for people with all types of dementia. Those accommodated in the dementia specific wing will enjoy the high-quality food from The Hazelwell's on-site chef and her experienced team which can be tailored to each residents' own nutritional needs, as well as be able to benefit from excellent personal grooming facilities from the on-site salon if they wish to.



"Launching a dementia-friendly floor is something we've been wanting to do for some time. We see daily the effects of dementia and will do everything in our power to ensure the very best in wellbeing for our residents and give them a real home-from-home.

"This new floor will be a natural progression of our approach to help cater for those who live with dementia to the very best of our abilities. We hope that this new facility, informed by the latest research, will give the best care available to our residents and ensure complete peace of mind for their families."

The Hazelwell is helping residents stay in touch with loved ones via telephone and social media during the pandemic. During this crisis period, the home has rooms available for residential, dementia care and nursing care now.

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We think it's really important, especially when times are tougher than normal, to keep spirits lifted and spread some happiness. From celebrating International Nurses Day to taking part weekly in Clap for our Carers, it's these little moments of joy that make all the difference to our residents at The Hazelwell. We are extremely grateful for all of the donations, gifts, letters, drawings and paintings received from the local community.

Providing care of the highest standard continues to be our top priority at The Hazelwell. We have processes and procedures in place to safely admit residents into their new home, and welcome all enquiries.

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