

Bear-y Happy Homes!

Did you know that around 8 million soft toys are thrown away in the UK every year? Thanks to a scheme called Loved Before, some of those toys can get a *bear-y* happy second chance!

Loved Before helps cuddly toys find a new home. People can donate teddies they no longer need, and each one is washed, brushed, and made ready for a brand-new adventure. Every toy comes with a little story card, so you can learn about the life it had before! You can spot these pre-loved teddies in some UK shops, such as Selfridges and Fenwick, and also in Bloomingdale's in the United States. There are more stores



Pictured: The Loved Before teddies in Selfridges, London.
Source: hart_at_home on Instagram.

across the UK too – the full list is on their website.

When someone adopts a teddy, money is given to a charity chosen by Loved Before. This year they are supporting Make-A-Wish UK, which brings joy to children who are unwell. 'What a brilliant way to help the planet, help others and give a soft toy the chance to be cuddled all over again!' said one person, commenting on Loved Before's social media.

Would you donate your old soft toys?

Sabrina in Wonderland

Sabrina Carpenter might soon be joining the Mad Hatter for tea! The singer is helping to plan a brand-new musical film, based on the story of Alice in Wonderland.

Before her musical career, Sabrina was in many TV shows and starred in her first role aged 11. We don't yet know which character she will play, but many people think it could be something magical. The story of Alice in Wonderland was written by Lewis Carroll in 1865. It's all about a girl who falls down a rabbit hole, and



Pictured: Playing cards a plenty at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party!
Source: Canva.

finds a world full of talking animals, curious creatures, and very unusual tea parties! The new film is being worked on by Universal Pictures, but filming has not started yet. 'I would love to see Sabrina play Alice!' said one excited fan.

Have you read the story of Alice in Wonderland?

Can technology ever help us too much?



I think technology continues to help us to make the most out of what we have, and that is a great thing! **Grace**

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South West Wildcats

A new report, by The South West Wildcat Project, has found the region and connecting habitat contains sufficient woodland to support a population of wildcats. It was also discovered that the reintroduction of the critically endangered species to the south west of England (after more than a 100-year absence) would be supported by 70-80% of local people. Cath Jeffs, from The South West Wildcat Project said, 'It's exciting that this report suggests



Pictured: A European wildcat.
Source: Canva.

wildcats could be part of the region's nature once again. The return of this critically endangered species would be another step in the restoration of our native wildlife and will help re-balance local ecosystems. Wildcats were once a widespread part of our countryside and today they remain an important part of woodlands throughout continental Europe, including Germany, France, Spain and Italy.'

Do you know any interesting facts about European Wildcats?

Do you think we should try to help all critically endangered animals?



Pictured: A European wildcat.
Source: Canva.

Beautiful Baker

The winner of The Great British Bake Off has been discussing how alopecia has changed her perception of beauty. Jasmine Mitchell, from Edinburgh, who took the top prize in this year's Channel 4 baking competition with her delicious baked creations, has been talking about embracing life without a wig! The star baker has shared her feelings about losing her hair at the age of 12, after being diagnosed with alopecia. Alopecia is the term used to describe hair loss. There are many different types of the condition and various medical reasons for hair loss. Jasmine, who is studying to be a medical doctor, has openly shared her journey living with alopecia. For years she chose to wear a wig, but is now embracing being herself,



Pictured: Jasmine and the Bake Off judges and presenters. **Source:** The Great British Bake Off on Facebook.

appearing on the popular TV show without a wig. 'Life with alopecia has definitely been challenging at times. I am still very much in the process of learning to love it. I am getting to the point where more days than not I am actually really enjoying looking a bit different,' said Jasmine. 'Having alopecia has, and is, changing my perception of what beauty is. Being authentically yourself, the way you were made to be, is so much more beautiful than trying to look like everyone else around you.'

What do you think is beautiful about being authentically yourself?

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Maybe, but if it helps people move better and makes hard tasks easier for them, then I think it's a good thing!

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