

What do all these people help produce?

Who has the most important job?

Which job would you want to do?



10. HOME NEWS

UK

Bus cuts

More than a million people could end up feeling “trapped in their homes” because of cuts to bus services, the Campaign For Better Transport has said. BBC research revealed disabled people and the elderly have used their free bus passes 18% less since 2010. This is in part because Government funding for bus services has fallen by £800m in the last ten years. Many people now rely on charity-run bus services or neighbours to get them to the shops or the doctor. Judith Lawrence, 75, says she hasn’t left her village at all this year. “I’ve got a bus pass, but no bus,” she said.



CORNWALL

Garden gone

A huge hole has appeared near a house in Cornwall, swallowing up most of its garden. The hole in Beacon, near Camborne, is believed to have collapsed because of an old mine shaft under the ground. Geologist Dale Foster suggested the mine could be “from the late 1700s into the early 1800s”. The area has been cordoned off and is still being monitored, as the ground around it is very weak.



STIRLING

Crackdown on illegal parking

Stirling Council is cracking down on drivers who illegally park in disabled spaces. A blue badge is given to disabled people so they can use these spaces, but last year Stirling Council said there were 1,100 penalty notices due to illegal parking. Councillor Jim Thomson said: “It is completely unacceptable that a small minority of drivers continue to act this way with no consideration to disabled people.”



TADCASTER

Rammed road

More than 40 sheep caused the A64 road in Tadcaster to be closed. The flock had escaped their flooded field and it took police around an hour to clear the road. North Yorkshire Police joked: “Just want to say ‘Thank Ewe’ to the public for their patience.”



BRACKLEY

Songs for soap

A teenager has created a website that matches song lyrics to a 13-step hand-washing routine. Seventeen-year-old William Gibson wanted more options than just singing Happy Birthday twice. His website, Wash Your Lyrics, allows you to pick a song and download the musical poster. Over 175,000 posters were downloaded in the first three days. Queen’s Bohemian Rhapsody is the most popular song so far.



BRISTOL

Surf therapy

Kids with poor mental health will be offered surf therapy by the NHS. The Wave Project began in Cornwall but will be based inland for the first time, in partnership with Bristol’s wave machine, The Wave. It aims to build confidence and self-esteem in children. A 2018 report found that the Cornish course “consistently improved the wellbeing of young people” and “had a lasting, positive impact.”



OXFORDSHIRE

Junior jungle

A tiny forest the size of a tennis court is being planted in Witney. Some 600 trees will be planted by the Earthwatch charity, council staff and volunteers. The idea of tiny forests is to mimic native woodland in urban areas. The trees have lots of uses, such as storing carbon, attracting wildlife, improving air quality and soaking up water to reduce flooding.

NEWS IN NUMBERS

89 is the age of powerlifter Ted Brown. His passion for weightlifting has spanned 70 years. He has won nine world and 30 British titles and still competes today.

£437,500 is being paid by Barratt Homes to re-home ten rare birds. The company will be allowed to build new homes in Devon, as long as it builds a new home for five pairs of ciril buntings (right), which are found in south Devon and Cornwall.



£30,000 was raised by residents in Albrighton to buy an emergency vehicle. First responders (volunteers who can get to patients quicker than an ambulance) used to have to use their own vehicles, but can now use a proper emergency vehicle for their 999 calls.

50 men turned up for the first Leicester Walking Men’s Club. Jack Voss organised the club to encourage men to talk about their feelings and mental health in a fun way... and with dogs!



1. Read the text
2. Write in your book any words you do not know (no more than 6)
3. Use google to find what the words mean
4. The skill that you are practicing this week is retrieval. What does retrieval mean?