

HAPPY NEWS TEENS

Crime is falling in England and Wales



Here's something you might not read in the mainstream news: England and Wales are actually getting safer. Fresh data from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) shows that serious violent crime is down, with murder and knife crime both falling, alongside big drops in burglary and car theft. Experts say this improvement is likely due to better policing, smarter crime prevention, and more support for young people and communities. Across the pond, the USA has also reported similar drops in violent crime, showing that things aren't always as bad as they appear in the headlines.

Quote of the Week

"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

Thomas Edison

Not your usual mascot!

A lifelong fan of Hereford FC got the surprise of a lifetime on his 60th birthday when his mates "stitched him up" in the best possible way - by turning him into the team's mascot for the match! Mark Bond thought he was simply heading along to watch his team play AFC Fylde in the FA Trophy, but instead he was led out onto the pitch looking very bemused beside the club's junior mascots - all aged between 7 and 11! Despite being much older than the rest, Mark laughed it off and said it was "quite nice," and that his mates were "secretly a bit jealous!"

Image Credit: Bulls News / SWNS

Mindful Minute

Imagine you're standing in a beautiful orchard. Breathe slowly for 60 seconds, then pick a worry from a tree, as if you were picking an apple. Gently let it go.



Ice to meet you! Teens build storm shelter for neighbours

After a brutal ice storm hit their neighbourhood, two teenagers in Maryland, USA, found an unexpected way to bring everyone together - they built a giant igloo to hang out in! Adeline Sutich and Maeve Ritchotte carved dozens of ice bricks with shovels and used sleds to move them, often working late into the night with headlamps. To finish it off, they added an ice chair and table, turning the igloo into a cosy place where neighbours could meet, chat, and support each other during a difficult time.



Image Credit: Adeline Sutich / Maeve Ritchotte

Failure becomes art

A new exhibition in Vancouver, Canada, is proving that failing isn't something to hide, it's something to grow from. The Museum of Personal Failure invites people to put their own failures on display, from rejection letters and unfinished projects to ideas that just didn't work out. Instead of being embarrassing, the stories are funny, relatable, and often inspiring, reminding visitors that failure isn't about getting it wrong, it's about being brave enough to try.

A blooming good gift

It's not every day you inherit an overgrown field, or decide to turn it into a fruit orchard and gift it to an entire community, but that's exactly what Michel Eprincharid did! Instead of keeping or selling the land, he donated it to his hometown on the condition that it became an orchard everyone could enjoy. Locals rolled up their sleeves to plant apple, pear, and plum trees, and and even though the fruit will take some time to grow, the community spirit is already blooming!



Image Credit: Museum of Personal Failure

