

# Statue Lookouts!

In the city of Bend, Oregon, some people have been adding googly eyes to statues! The funny plastic eyes appeared on sculptures, like a statue of two deer and a giant metal sphere, making the artworks look quite silly. But the city council isn't laughing. They've asked people to stop because it costs a lot of money to remove the eyes without damaging the art. 'While the googly eyes [...] might give you a chuckle, it costs money to remove them with care to not damage the art,' said a council spokesperson. The council explained that decorations like Santa hats and wreaths have



**Pictured:** Googly-eyed sculptures in Bend, Oregon. **Source:** @dekebridges on X.

appeared in the past, but the sticky googly eyes are causing problems. So far, it has spent \$1500 (£1,190) removing them! Some people think the googly eyes are funny, but the council says it's important to protect the art for everyone to enjoy. **What do you think - should the googly eyes stay or go?**

# The Long Nap

Hedgehogs, bats, and dormice are some of the animals that hibernate in the UK. Right now, many of them are curled up somewhere cosy, like a burrow or under a pile of leaves, sleeping through the chilly winter weather. While they're asleep, their bodies slow down so they don't need as much food or energy. Dr Sophie Hall, a wildlife expert, says, 'Hibernating animals are amazing - they've found a clever way to rest and stay safe during the winter. It's like hitting the pause button until spring!' In just a few months,



**Pictured:** A hibernating dormouse. **Source:** Canva.

as the weather gets warmer, we can expect to see these sleepy friends waking up, ready to enjoy the sunshine and search for food again!

## How can we show others we care?



*We can do small things like listen carefully and lend a hand.*

**Kevin**

# UK's Biggest Dinosaur Trackway

The UK's biggest ever dinosaur trackway site has been excavated at Dewars Farm Quarry, Oxfordshire. Over 200 dinosaur footprints have been discovered, including those of *Megalosaurus* (a large, meat-eating dinosaur that walks on two legs) and *Cetiosaurus* (a plant-eating sauropod dinosaur that walks on four legs). Imprinted into the limestone floor around 166 million years ago, five



**Pictured:** The excavation team on site at Dewars Farm Quarry. **Source:** Dr Emily Swaby on X.

dinosaur trackways show how the giant creatures moved across the land. 'This is one of the most impressive track sites I've ever seen, in terms of scale, in terms of the size of the tracks,' said Professor Kirsty Edgar, a micropalaeontologist from the University of Birmingham. 'You can step back in time and get an idea of what it would have been like, these massive creatures just roaming around, going about their own business.'

**Are you interested in dinosaurs?**  
**Have you ever seen a dinosaur footprint?**



**Pictured:** Dr Emily Swaby with one of the dinosaur footprints. **Source:** Dr Emily Swaby on X.

# VR Goggles For Mice!

Scientists at Cornell University, in New York, USA, have built tiny virtual reality (VR) goggles for mice. The MouseGoggles allow the mice involved in the research project to have a more realistic experience. Researchers have previously tried to use large screens or projectors, but this has had limited success as it doesn't involve the mouse's full field of vision. The headsets were cleverly built using tiny parts from technology that already exists, such as smartwatches. 'It definitely benefited from the hacker ethos of taking parts that are built for something else and then applying it to some new context,' explained lead scientist, Matthew Isaacson, from Cornell University. 'The perfect size display, as it turns out, for a mouse VR headset is pretty much already made for smart watches. We were lucky that we didn't need to build or design anything from scratch, we could easily

source all the inexpensive parts we needed.' The biologists believe that the miniature immersive goggles could help us to understand how the brain deals with spatial navigation and memory. They hope this will help scientists understand diseases like Alzheimer's and its potential treatments.

**Have you ever used a VR headset?**



**Pictured:** MouseGoggles being worn by a mouse. **Source:** Matthew Isaacson on X.

## How can we show others we care?



If someone is sick, you can give them a card or go to check up on them, give the food and company. You can listen to others, invite people to spend time. **Khadijah**