

Brush Business!

Two sisters from Wales have turned their tiny garage into a big beauty business! Sophie and Hannah started Spectrum Collections, a company making colourful make-up brushes, ten years ago. After working with hair and makeup artists backstage, they saw a gap in the market for fun yet high-quality and affordable brushes. Now, their products are used by famous artists, who work behind the scenes in TV, music and fashion! The sisters have also created special brush sets inspired by Disney favourites like *Winnie the Pooh* and *Cinderella*. Their brushes are vegan and cruelty-free, meaning no animals are used

to make them. The business, still based in Barry, Wales, is growing fast, with sales booming in the UK and the US. The sisters say working together is what makes it all so special.

What's your dream business idea?



Pictured: Spectrum's Minnie Mouse collection.
Source: @Spectrumbrushes on X.

A Team Effort

A huge snowstorm hit parts of the US over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, with some places getting over three feet of snow! In Buffalo, New York, people grabbed shovels to help the Buffalo Bills American football team clear their stadium before a big game. Governor, Kathy Hochul, said, 'The snow is heavy, but New Yorkers are tougher!' Snowstorms like this are known as lake-effect snowfall; they happen when cold air blows over the Great Lakes, creating fluffy snow. Some areas can see up to six feet of



Pictured: American football fans work together to clear snow from the Highmark Stadium in Buffalo. **Source:** @BuffaloBills on X.

snow in a week! The snow caused roads to close, making it hard for people travelling after Thanksgiving. Many worked together to shovel snow and keep their towns moving.

What does it mean to feel included?



To feel included you mostly feel loved and that people want you to play.

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Knitty Gritty

Goldie the Gritter has been spreading joy around the UK in her fabulous new knitted jumper! Econ Engineering worked with award-winning knitting group, Ripon Community Poppy Project in North Yorkshire, to create a giant Christmas jumper and Santa hat for Goldie to wear! She is visiting schools around the country, to help pupils learn about road maintenance and winter safety. The jumper was created by 35 volunteers, and took a total of 4,500 hours to knit from 1,130 balls of wool! Stuart Martin, Ripon Community Poppy



Pictured: Goldie the Gritter dressed in her knitted jumper, and with children from Outwood Primary Academy Greystones. **Source:** Outwood Primary Academy Greystone @OPA_Greystone on X.

Project chairperson, said, 'Creating this jumper and hat for Goldie the Gritter has been such a joy for our volunteers. Since we started the Ripon Community Poppy Project in 2017, our mission has been to bring our community closer together and this project has allowed us to do just that, with our dedicated and creative volunteers spending hours crafting each stitch to bring Goldie's jumper to life. It's been wonderful to see Goldie in her new outfit and we hope she brings lots of joy to the schools she visits on her tour of the UK.'

Do you know how to knit?

Would you like Goldie to visit your school?



Bumblebee Boom!

A rewilding project in Scotland is celebrating after its study showed that bumblebee numbers have increased massively! The bee population has gone up by more than 100 times. Local residents call the 90-acre field, just north of Perth, a haven for wildlife. The Bumblebee Conservation Trust say that allowing nature to take the lead in the area has enabled dozens of wildflower species to return to the field. This, in turn, has encouraged many more varieties of bee to return too! Rewilding Denmarkfield posted online to say, 'We are BUZZING! 🐝🐝🐝...In the space of just two years, the abundance of bumblebees here at Denmarkfield increased over **100**-fold...From just 35 bees before we started rewilding in 2021, to fields

brimming and buzzing with life in 2023...with over 4000 bumblebees recorded! 🐝 This really showcases the resilience of nature to lead its own recovery, when we give it the time, space, and support it needs.'

Do you know any facts about bumblebees?

Do you have any ideas to help increase their numbers more?



Pictured: Bumblebee.
Source: Canva.

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Making people feel included can boost their confidence and show that they are loved and cared for.

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