

# UK's Kind Hero for 2023



**Pictured:** Sebbie Hall, the UK's kind hero for 2023 with his statue.  
**Source:** KIND Snacks Facebook page.

Sebbie Hall has been celebrated as the UK's kind hero for 2023! KIND Snacks, who launched a campaign to find the UK's kindest people, have recognised him as a hero and erected a statue of him wearing a superhero cape near Tower Bridge in London. Sebbie says, 'kindness is my superpower'. He set up The Sebbie Hall Kindness Foundation, to help vulnerable young people and for the last three years, has committed himself to surprising strangers with random acts of kindness every day. Sebbie, who was born with a rare chromosome anomaly, began spreading kindness in 2020. He started by

washing cars to raise money to help his classmates, who did not have a computer to use during lockdown. He has also donated 400 coats and blankets to homeless charities and gifted 800 toys to children's homes. 'Sebbie's story in particular highlights the importance of kindness and its transformative power in driving positive changes for others. Honouring Sebbie's kindness with a statue felt like the right way to celebrate such an outstanding person,' said Sam Wainwright, KIND spokesperson.  
**Do you think kind people should always be rewarded?**

# Attenborough's long-beaked echidna rediscovered

Researchers working on Expedition Cyclops have rediscovered a species that has not been seen by science for over 60 years. Attenborough's long-beaked echidna (*Zaglossus attenboroughi*) was spotted on camera in Indonesia's Cyclops Mountains in the Province of Papua. The international research expedition team, set up by Dr James Kempton from the University of Oxford, was ecstatic to find the egg-laying mammal. The creatures are incredibly difficult to locate as they are nocturnal, live in burrows, and are very shy. Dr Kempton described the unique appearance of mammals that were named in honour of Sir David Attenborough by saying, 'Attenborough's long-beaked echidna has



**Pictured:** Short-beaked echidna - one of four living species of echidna. **Source:** Canva.

the spines of a hedgehog, the snout of an anteater, and the feet of a mole. The reason it appears so unlike other mammals is because it is a member of the monotremes – an egg-laying group that separated from the rest of the mammal tree-of-life about 200 million years ago.' Dr James Kempton went on to explain the experience of spotting the rare creature on the team's recordings, 'I was euphoric, the whole team was euphoric. I'm not joking when I say it came down to the very last SD card that we looked at, from the very last camera that we collected, on the very last day of our expedition!'  
**Do you think it is important to try to rediscover lost animal species?**



**Pictured:** Attenborough's long-beaked echidna. **Source:** Merton College, Oxford @MertonCollege X page.

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# Pink Pond!

A pond in Hawaii has turned bright pink! Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge, a coastal salt marsh along the south-central coast of Maui, has received an increase in visitors to see the brightly coloured water, with volunteers at the refuge stating they have never seen the pond turn pink before. Researchers have collected samples for analysis and, using laboratory tests, have ruled out toxic algae as the cause. Biologists now believe that the colour could be the result of a single-celled organism called Halobacteria, which thrive in salty environments and are present in

red/orange colonies. The area has been experiencing a drought and because of this, the pond water has become very salty – it is currently twice as salty as the sea. Pictures of the brightly coloured water have appeared on social media, causing an influx of visitors. 'We prefer that they come to hear about our mission conserving native and endangered waterbirds and our wetland restorations. But no, they're here to see the pink water,' joked Bret Wolfe, the refuge manager. 'If that's what gets them there, it's OK. It is neat.'

**Would you like to visit a bright pink pond?**



**Pictured:** The pink water at Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge.  
**Source:** Visiting South Maui (Kihei, Wailea and Makena) Facebook page.

**Last week's topic:**

## Are there some jobs robots could never do?



I think robots could not do every job like being a teacher and carers.

**Kaiden**

I think that robots can do every job as time goes on, because there will be more knowledge to program them well enough to do every job.

**Jackie**

Robots are very useful, they can do many different things, like clean stuff, help put stuff away and much more. The only jobs I think robots might not be able to do is an artist, because it involves a big mind and creativity.

**Huda**

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