

Saved from extinction in the wild



Pictured: Scimitar-horned oryx.

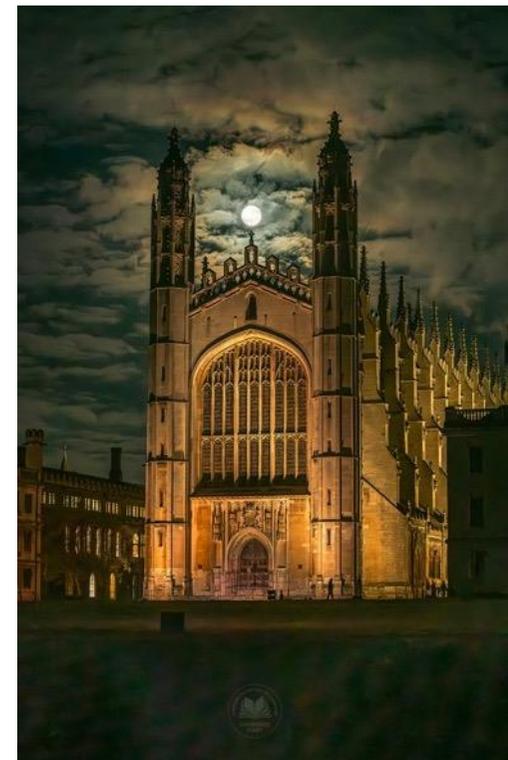
Source: Whipsnade Zoo @ZSLWhipsnadeZoo X page.

For the first time ever, a species – the scimitar-horned oryx (an antelope with long curved horns) – has moved from ‘Extinct in the Wild’ to ‘Endangered’! This good news was announced in the latest International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species update. The rewilding project was led by the Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi and the Chad Government. It was implemented on the ground by Sahara Conservation, along with international partners. Conservation work from zoos around the world, including Whipsnade Zoo in Bedfordshire, has resulted in a ‘world herd’ of the antelope species being

released into their natural habitat in Chad’s Ouadi Rimé-Ouadi Achim Faunal Reserve. The reserve is one of the largest in the world, it measures 77,950 square kilometres. The population of the herd is now reported to be increasing and no longer decreasing on the North African nature reserve, with at least 140 mature individuals ranging freely. The Zoological Society of London’s senior conservation biologist, Tim Wacher, said, ‘All Saharan antelope species are severely threatened, but this project is proof that with the right will and resources we can secure a future for them all.’

5000 days of photos

Martin Bond, a photographer from Cambridge, announced he has completed his daily photo challenge by taking his 5000th picture! Martin began taking daily photos in his local area to show a different side to the city than is usually viewed by tourists. He wanted to help locals fall in love with their hometown again through his images. He has snapped one photo a day and posted them on social media for his thousands of followers to enjoy as a celebration of the city for more than a decade. The street photography project was named ‘A Cambridge Diary’ and was intended to only last for one year. As Martin enjoyed the project so much, he continued it for 13 years! Mr Bond said of his work, ‘It occurred to me that when people think about Cambridge there’s a number of images or pictures that immediately spring to mind. I thought I wanted to shake that up a little bit by turning my back and camera away from those classic, beautiful views and perhaps instead focus more on the reality of the city.’ He continued, ‘I think I’ve been very fortunate, Cambridge is inherently beautiful, its people are inherently bonkers.’



Pictured: A full moon eased itself between the turrets of an illuminated King’s College Chapel – the 5000th photograph of A Cambridge Diary. **Source:** A Cambridge Diary @acambridgediary X page.

Do you enjoy taking photographs? Would you like to use them to show the people and places you love in your local area?

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Joining together in peace



Pictured left: Pupils from Lomeshaye Junior School holding their peace chain. **Source:** Lomeshaye Junior School X page.
Pictured right: Pupils from Whitefield Infant School carrying their peace chain. **Source:** Mrs M @Whitefieldhead X page.

Pupils from two schools have linked their peace chains together. Lomeshaye Junior School and Whitefield Infant School in Nelson, Lancashire, have shared a wonderful moment of togetherness when they laid out their chains so that the messages of peace, they had all created stretched from one school all the way to the other. The schools then met and joined their paper chains on Whitefield Bridge, where learners from both schools sang 'A Gift Called Love' as a rainbow appeared in the sky above them! Mrs Mason, headteacher of Whitefield Infant school posted on X, 'Such a lovely day today, sharing a 'chain of peace' across our

schools.... It's the little things that make a big difference in our world. A very special occasion for our children, seeing their impact on our world.' Afterwards, Lomeshaye Junior School proudly displayed their 260m chain of peace in their hall, where everyone in school could celebrate their collective efforts and continue to share their messages of peace to the world. We want to say a big thank you to all the schools that have created and shared their peace chains and the messages on them with us. We have loved seeing all your messages of peace. ***Did your school create a peace chain? How long do you think the longest peace chain submitted to us last year was?***

Last week's topic: What is rubbish?



We should pick up rubbish to help not worsen the situation.
Mason

We should pick up rubbish, our own and others so that we can all have a clean place to live.
Alexi

I think we should start a race to pick up 1 million [pieces of] trash and [the] city [that] does the most gets a prize.

Charlie

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