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Your weekly round up of the funny, wonderful and strange news from across the globe!



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Volunteers on a mission to recover stolen bikes

A group of volunteers in Finland have been tracking down and returning stolen bikes. The group, which call themselves Bike Patrols, spend several hours a day chasing down bike thieves in a city called Oulu - and they have even caught thieves in the act! Oulu is big on cycling, with 77% of residents using their bikes in the summer. As a result of the cycling culture, the number of bike thefts is huge - with over 1,700 bikes stolen in the past year.



Edinburgh Zoo to return pandas

Two pandas living at Edinburgh Zoo will return to China this December. Yang Guang and Tian Tian have lived at Edinburgh Zoo since 2011 and are the only giant pandas currently living in the UK. The pandas were loaned to the zoo by the Chinese government. Pandas are native to China where they are seen as a national treasure and protected. Zoos around the world must meet strict tests to have a panda in their care.



ENGLAND

Gravy Wrestling Championships

The 15th World Gravy Wrestling Championships took place last week to raise money for charity. The messy event which takes place in Rossendale, England, sees contestants wear fancy dress and wrestle in gravy for 2 minutes. Money raised from the event went to the East Lancashire Hospice.



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Boy collects cans to raise money for food banks

11 year old Ryan from Olton, England, collects hundreds of aluminium cans every month to raise money for food banks. When Ryan learned about the increasing food prices, he started collecting cans to sell to scrapyards. He has now raised over £1000 since November and has over 100 donors and collection points across Birmingham. Ryan said: "I just like the feeling of being the person that has helped."



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Bus drivers happier when you say hello

Greeting bus drivers when getting on or off the bus can make them happier. Researchers put stickers on some buses to encourage passengers to say 'hello' and 'thank you.' They found that passengers on the buses with stickers were more likely to greet their driver. As a result, this made the bus drivers feel respected, seen and appreciated. So don't forget to say hello next time you hop on a bus!

