

# What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

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## Let's look at this week's story

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Learn more about this week's story [here](#).  
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).  
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).

# How does it make me feel?



<b>sad</b>	<b>angry</b>	<b>happy</b>	<b>confused</b>	<b>excited</b>	<b>worried</b>	<b>shocked</b>	<b>afraid</b>
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# This week's story looks at events related to ...





Read the information below all about the decorations found on Twinklepike Way.

## What was Twinklepike Way?

Twinklepike Way was the name given to a cul-de-sac of houses in York, where for the past 20 years, the residents lit up their homes with brightly coloured festive decorations – the street's real name is Twinpike Way!

People came from around the UK to visit the street where they had a collection box to raise money for charity. The event has supported St Leonard's Hospice, the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, and several other charities over the past 20 years.

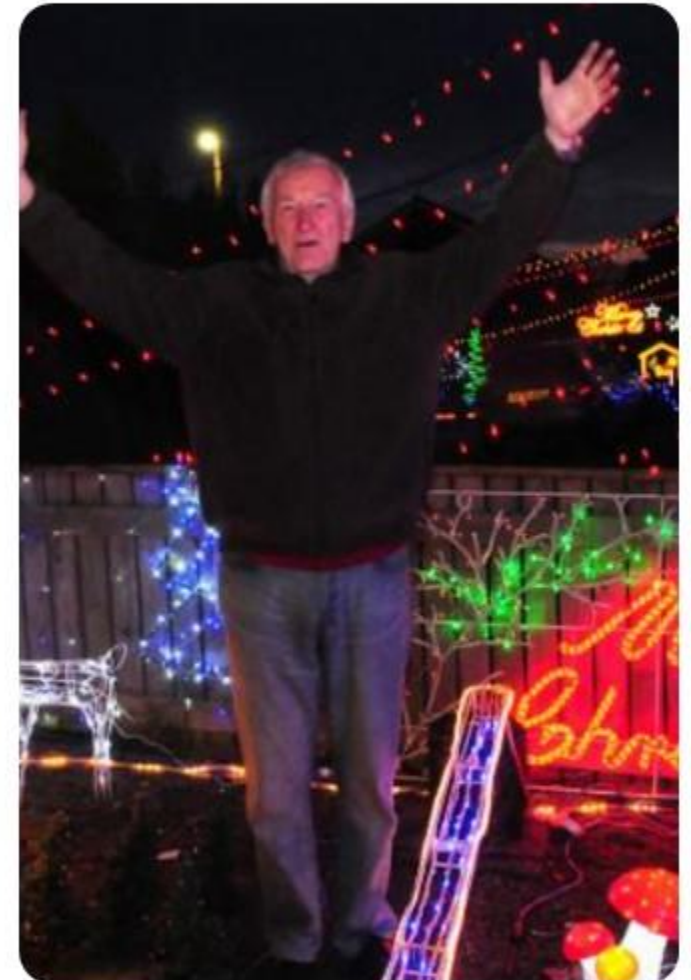
### What will happen to the decorations?

The residents have said all the decorations belonging to the houses will be donated to charity.

After the group announced their decision online, hundreds of people commented to thank the residents for all their hard work over the years.

Most of us are pensioners now, and it's also due to other problems including electricity charges and the closure of the Haxby bank and the cost of replacing decorations. It was time to call it a day. Thanks to all those who have made it a success for more than 20 years.

Twinpik Way resident Alan Reed, age 78, explained why last year was the final year of the festive lights.  
Source: Twinklepike Way Facebook page.



**Share your thoughts on the neighbourhood fundraising project.  
Would you have liked to visit it if it was in your local area?**





Look at the resource below, which shows some examples of different decorations people might use during a celebration.



Candles



Banners and bunting



Flowers



Lights



Pictures



Ornaments



Balloons

**Which is your favourite?  
Are there any you do not like?  
Does everyone agree?**



Resource  
**two**



Look at the resource below, which lists some examples of how a celebration can be marked.

A special meal - a takeaway, favourite homemade meal or eating out.



A film evening with popcorn!

An award or certificate.

A special service or gathering of people.

A day out doing a fun activity.

A present or gift.

A party or planned event with music, parades, competitions etc.

Decorations.

Fireworks.

Singing a special song or sharing a special story.



Dressing in special clothing.

Having a day off work or school.

**Have you ever celebrated in any of these ways?  
Can you think of any other ways to mark a celebration?**



**These people are celebrating.**

What might they be celebrating?  
How are they marking the celebration?  
Have you ever celebrated this way?



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# Reflection



Decorations can bring joy and excitement to many, often signalling the start of a special time.







## Democracy

The residents of Twinpike Way collectively decided not to decorate their homes this year.

When making decisions with others, it is important to share your own thoughts, listen and show respect.



# Protected Characteristics



Most of the residents of Twinpike Way are pensioners. Sometimes our age may impact the decisions we make in our lives.

We should never be treated unfairly because of our age.







# UN Rights of a Child



Our thoughts, opinions and religion can influence the events or moments we celebrate. We can choose our thoughts, opinions and religion but this should not stop other people from enjoying their rights.





# Useful vocabulary



## Collectively

As a group.

The homeowners have **collectively** decided that it's time for a break this year.

## Donation

Something that is given to charity, especially money.

Rising energy bills and the closure of the local bank branch, where the **donations** are typically paid, added to the decision.

## Festive

Something special, colourful, or exciting, especially because of a holiday or celebration.

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## Pensioner

Someone who receives a pension, especially the government pension given to elderly people.

Most of us are **pensioners** now.

## Residents

The people who live there.

The **residents** have said all the decorations belonging to the houses will be donated to charity.

## Typically

Usually; in most cases.

Rising energy bills and the closure of the local bank branch, where the donations are **typically** paid, added to the decision.

**Can you use them in your writing this week?**





## Bobsleigh Bronze



**Picture:** Adele Nicoll and Kya Placide celebrate winning Bronze and in their 2-woman Bobsleigh.  
**Source:** Adele Nicoll GB Athlete Facebook page.

Adele Nicoll and Kya Placide are celebrating winning Bronze for Great Britain in the 2-woman International Bobsleigh & Skeleton Federation (IBSF) Europe Cup in Lillehammer, Norway. Adele, a Commonwealth Games shot-putter, who has only started bobsleighbing in the last few years and has only this year learned how to pilot, commented that her athlete teammate, Kya, didn't even know what a bobsleigh was a year ago! The sliding sport of bobsleigh involves teams making timed runs down narrow, twisting, ice tracks. Team members run and push the

bobsleigh to start, then jump into their gravity-powered sleigh to race down the track as quickly as possible. 'It was our first ever two-woman race, and we got bronze!' Adele Nicoll said proudly about winning her first-ever bobsleigh medal, 'Not only did we podium, but we had the fastest push start on run two and top three on run one! I am so proud of what we have achieved. It takes a team to get results. Thank you to every single person who supports us.'

**Have you ever thought of trying a new sport? If you have, what would you like to try?**

## Bedtime Bananas

The Sleep Charity has announced its five top tips for getting better quality sleep and bananas have been revealed as one of the best things to eat before bedtime to help you get a good night's rest. Research shows that eating fruit as part of the last meal of the day helps you to sleep well as it encourages the body to produce melatonin, a hormone that naturally increases whilst you sleep. Bananas are thought to be especially good as they contain high levels of magnesium and potassium, which help relax muscles, and amino acids, which lead to the production of brain-calming hormones. Be careful not to eat too much before you try to drift off though, as a large meal in the evening can hinder your sleep! Lisa Artis from The Sleep Charity explains why good sleep is



crucial for everyone saying, 'Sleep is hugely important to leading a healthier and happier life, and we want everyone to share that sentiment and understand the importance of sleep as part of a balanced and healthy lifestyle. Building a good sleep routine, and sticking to it, will help increase positivity and reduce levels of stress, meaning people can start the New Year feeling refreshed.' The other tips to follow include having some screen-free time, meditating, reading a book or taking a bath instead. Also mentioned was creating an 'ideal bedroom environment' to sleep well, which was described as tidy, cool, dark and quiet.

**Can you share any more hints or tips that people can use to sleep better?**



**Picture:** A person holding a banana (top right) and A bunch of bananas (above). **Source:** Canva.

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# Chipping the Ball

It has been announced that the Adidas Fussballliebe, meaning 'love of football', will be the official match ball used at the men's Euro 2024. The ball will help referees give quicker offside and handball decisions. The 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the European football tournament will take place in Germany, from 14<sup>th</sup> June to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024. The special ball will use a rechargeable motion sensor at its centre that can send real-time data to video officials. This will be able to tell officials exactly when the ball was touched but not by which part of the player's body. Video assistant referees (VAR), who aid the referee by watching video footage of the match and providing



**Pictured:** Euro 2024 trophy cup and the Adidas Fussballliebe football. **Source:** UEFA EURO 2024 Facebook page.

## BALL HISTORY



**Pictured:** 40 years of football ball history. **Source:** UEFA EURO 2024 Facebook page.

advice to the referee, will then use this information, along with limb-tracking, technology to determine whether a handball has occurred. A spokesperson for UEFA (the governing body responsible for the European Championships), said that the Connected Ball Technology will be used for the first time in the tournament's history. 'Combining player position data with artificial intelligence (AI), the innovation contributes to UEFA's semi-automated offside technology and will be key to supporting faster in-match decisions,' said UEFA. 'The technology can also help VAR officials identify every individual touch of the ball, further reducing time spent resolving handball and penalty incidents.'

*How would you try to make football fairer?*

Last week's topic:

## What is it like to live through an uncertain time?



I don't think I would like to live through an uncertain time, but I think if I did, I would learn from it and have more courage for the future.

**Gemma**

Really scary and worrying, you might even have to move country and learn a new language and you might not have friends.

**Sam**

Scary because living in an uncertain times is very unpredictable especially with a natural disaster. Even though scientists are finding out ways to discover when it could happen it's still not very accurate.

**Marcus**

## Let us know what you think about this week's news?

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# TAKEHOME



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### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your thoughts about the decorations in the poster image. Do you like to see homes with lots of decorations outside? Are there any in your local area?
- > Can you think of different times when you use decorations? Is there a particular time when you enjoy decorating your home or classroom?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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