



Walkers Crisps factory closes its doors

More than 350 jobs in County Durham have been lost as Walkers crisp factory closed on December 31st.

Owners PepsiCo said in March it had consulted about plans to close the Peterlee factory to help it make productivity and efficiency savings in the UK.

All the production has been moved to the company's other UK sites.

355 workers had been given notice earlier and all those affected have been offered support.



A Walkers crisps delivery van.

Tracey Foster, Peterlee manufacturing director said: "This was very difficult news for everyone at the Peterlee site."

What did you search for in 2017?



A 'fidget spinner' was one of the most searched for terms in 2017.

"Meghan Markle", Prince Harry's fiancée, has been revealed by Google as the top most searched term in the UK for 2017. It puts the royal bride-to-be ahead of "iPhone 8" and "Hurricane Irma" in the list of top search terms. The online lists also showed some of the key playground trends of 2017 - including the "fidget spinner", which made it to number four in most searched terms, and the rise in popularity of making "home-made slime", which featured lower down the list.

Google UK top 5 trending searches of 2017:

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| 1. Meghan Markle | 2. iPhone 8 |
| 3. Hurricane Irma | 4. Fidget spinner |
| 5. Manchester | |



Highlights from the UK City of Culture 2017: Hull



Hull's City Hall.

There have been around 2,000 events, cultural activities and exhibitions at more than 250 venues this year in Hull, 2017's City of Culture. The year has been a huge success for the city, both helping the local economy and going some way to raise awareness of the northern city.

Highlights

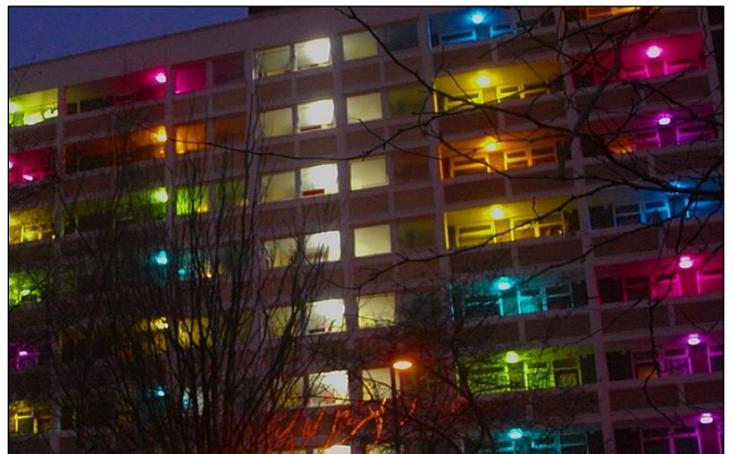
Hosting the Turner Prize 2017. An award presented annually to an artist born, living or working in Britain, for an outstanding exhibition or public presentation of their work anywhere in the world in the previous year. The winner, Lubaina Himid was presented the award at Ferens Art Gallery in Hull. It will remain on show there until 7th January 2018.

Radio 1's Big Weekend. Global stars such as Katy Perry, Kasabian and Little Mix all came and performed for a weekend of brilliant live music in Hull.

Made in Hull. The opening event of 2017 consisted of a light and sound spectacle telling the story of Hull.

What is the City of Culture?

The UK City of Culture is given to a city in the United Kingdom for a period of one year. The aim is to build on the success of Liverpool's year as European Capital of Culture in 2008, which had many positive benefits for the area. The first holder of the award was Derry/Londonderry in 2013. In 2017, Kingston upon Hull took the title. On 7th December 2017 it was announced that Coventry had been chosen to host in 2021.



Two blocks of flats illuminated through the "I want to communicate with you" project as part of the City of Culture events.

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