



Would you fine the homeless for sleeping in tents?

A council has been criticised for considering fining people £1,000 for sleeping in tents. It's not the first time methods to target homelessness have been criticised.

Earlier this year there was a backlash after "anti-homeless" metal spikes were installed outside a building in Manchester.

In York, the city council were unpopular in 2015 when 5,400 people signed a petition backing the removal of bars on benches amid claims they too were "anti-homeless".



Tents pictured under a bridge inhabited by homeless people.

Do you think it's fair and do you think more should be done to help the homeless?

New record for the longest lasting rainbow!



The 8hr 58min rainbow in Taiwan in China.

A rainbow may be a wondrous sight but for most people it's also a fairly fleeting one.

Last week, professors and students of the Chinese Culture University in Taipei's mountains witnessed a rainbow that lasted for nearly 9 hours! "It was amazing... It felt like a gift from the sky... It's so rare!" said Chou Kun-hsuan, a professor in the university's science department. Their observations, pictures and video recordings showed the rainbow lasted from 06:57 until 15:55 - eight hours and 58 minutes.

If confirmed, it would shatter the previous record for the longest-lasting rainbow, set in Yorkshire, England, on 14 March 1994.



Shop sells food after 'best before' dates



A typical grocery shop.

East of England Co-op will become the first major retailer to sell food beyond its "best before" dates.

The chain's 125 stores in East Anglia will sell dried foods and tinned products for just 10p in a bid to cut food waste.

Wrap, the waste and recycling advisory body, said the Co-op's bold move complied with food safety standards.

The Food Standards Agency says that we throw away 7.3 tonnes of food every single year!

East of England Co-op, which is independent of the Co-operative Group, will sell tinned goods and dried food such as pasta, crisps and rice for 10p once they reach their best before date.

Did you see last week's super moon?

Last weekend's "supermoon" was the last opportunity to see one in 2017. A supermoon is a new or full moon which occurs with the moon at or near its closest approach to Earth in a given orbit. The scientific event is uncommon, as it only occurs around every 14 full moons. The last one occurred on November 14th 2016, when the moon appeared up to 14 per cent bigger and 30 per cent brighter than normal. Sunday's brighter and larger than normal moon gets its name "Full Cold Moon," for a reason that's much more obvious than you may realise, but it's very fitting. The Cold Moon gets its name because December is the month when it really starts to get cold, according to NASA.



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Malcolm Bawn's photo of the moon pictured from North Shields.

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