



**Should zoos have
been allowed to
reopen earlier?**





In the news
this week...

Chester Zoo is the largest zoo in the UK and was closed on 21st March, following lockdown restrictions due to the Covid-19 outbreak. It reopened on 15th June, after being closed for 3 months.



Do you think zoos need more help at this time?

Learn more about this week's story [here](#).

Watch this week's useful video [here](#).

NEW This week's Virtual Assembly [here](#).

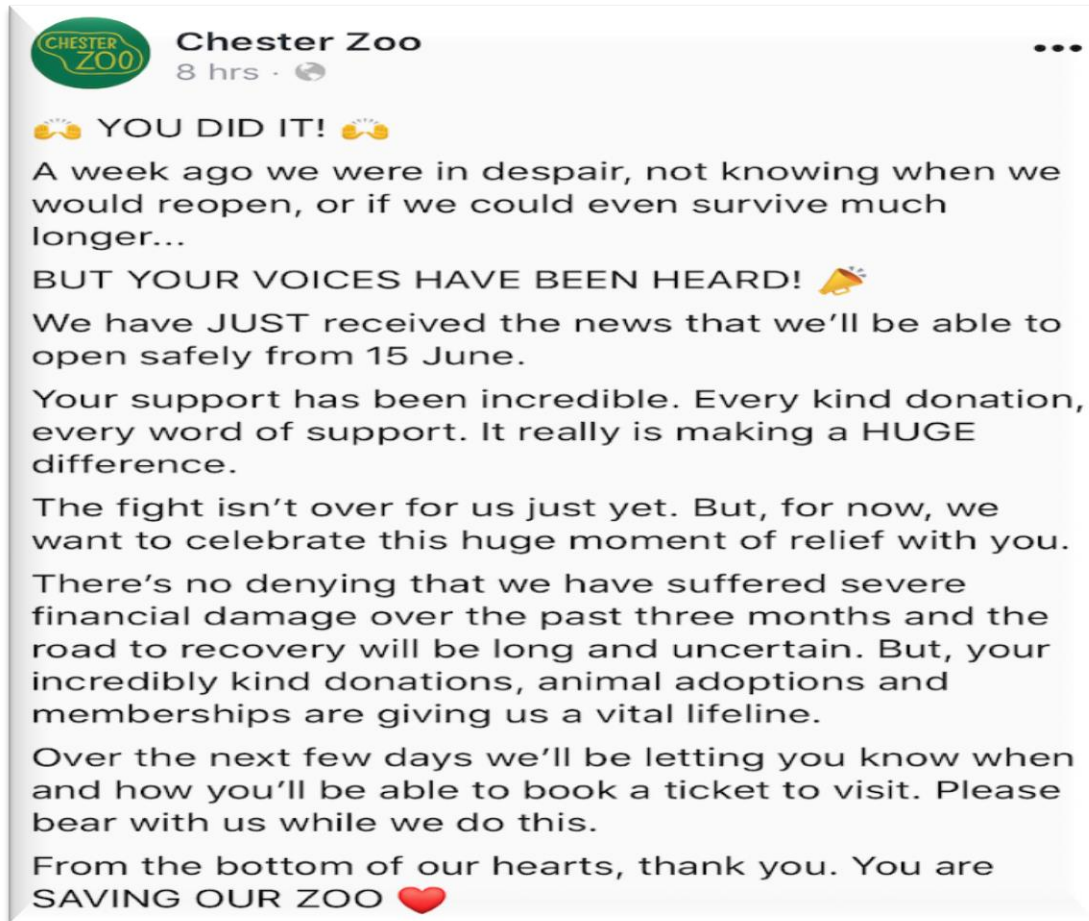


How does it
make me feel?

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There are 35,000 animals
at Chester Zoo!



Chester Zoo has been bringing the zoo into people's homes by offering a virtual zoo experience via streaming live footage of different animals!

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97% of the zoo's income comes from the visitors. It costs nearly £1.6 million a month to look after all of the animals and plants.

There are many ways the zoo has suggested people can help, found on their website, including:

- Texting to donate;
- Adopting an animal;
- Buying a gift ticket for future visits;
- Suggesting fundraising ideas for people to complete at home to raise money.

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Not being able to open, despite being a huge outdoor site with all the necessary safety measures in place, is having a devastating impact on the future survival of this much-loved charity zoo.

***Chief Operating Officer,
Jamie Christon***

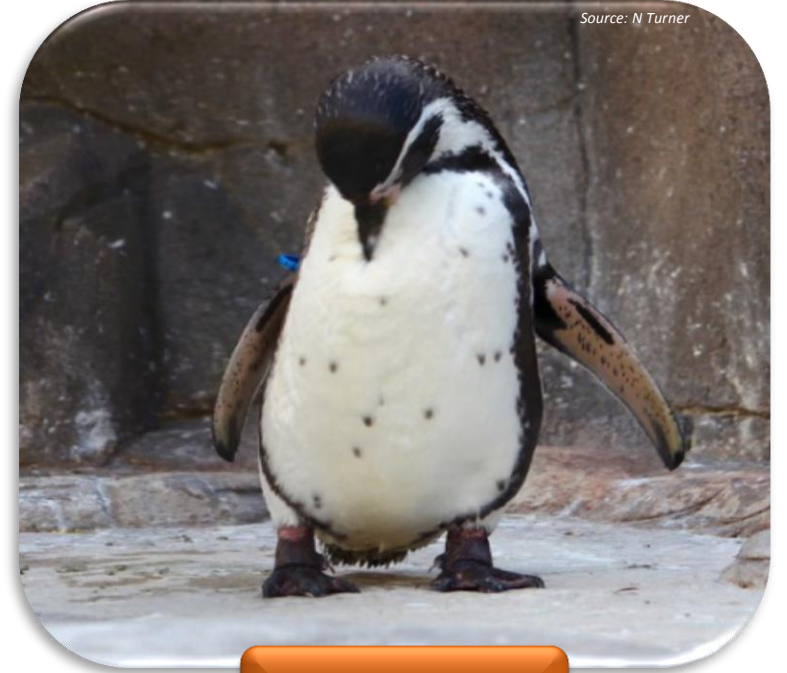
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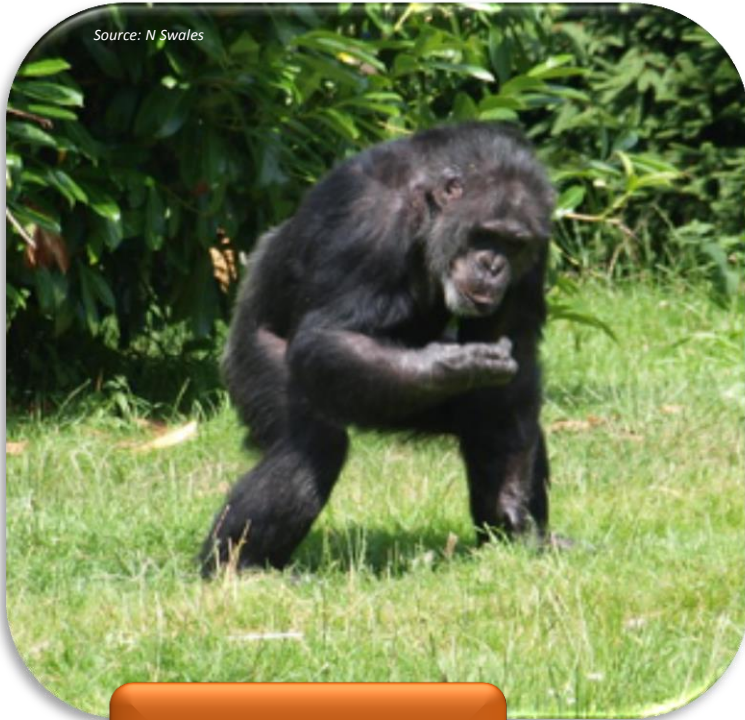
Aardvark



Penguin

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Source: N Swales

Chimpanzee



Chameleon

Source: F Bisson




Source: P Bryden

Zebra

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**Do you recognise them all?
Have you ever seen any of
them for real?
Which one is your favourite?**

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Use the link below to look at the collection of wild animals at Chester Zoo.

www.chesterzoo.org/our-zoo/animals

Resource 2

Look at the resource below, which shares why some people think we have zoos.

**Do you agree/disagree with any
of the opinions?**

Why do you think we have zoos?

How do you feel about them?

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A zoo visitor

I enjoy visiting the zoo and am happy that my entrance fee will be used to look after the animals and for research.

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Zoos have programmes where they try to reintroduce wild animals into their natural habitat. This is so important to ensure animals do not become extinct.

Sadly, reintroduction can't always happen if the reason the animal is endangered in the first place isn't fixed.

Conservation
Scientist

Zoos are so important as whilst wild animals are in captivity, we can learn much more about them so we can manage and conserve them in the wild.

Zoo Ranger

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I love visiting zoos as I feel like I can connect with the natural world and learn more about animals and conservation.

Zoo Visitor

Zoos are equipped to respond to emergencies, where a certain species of animal may need immediate help to save it.

Veterinarian

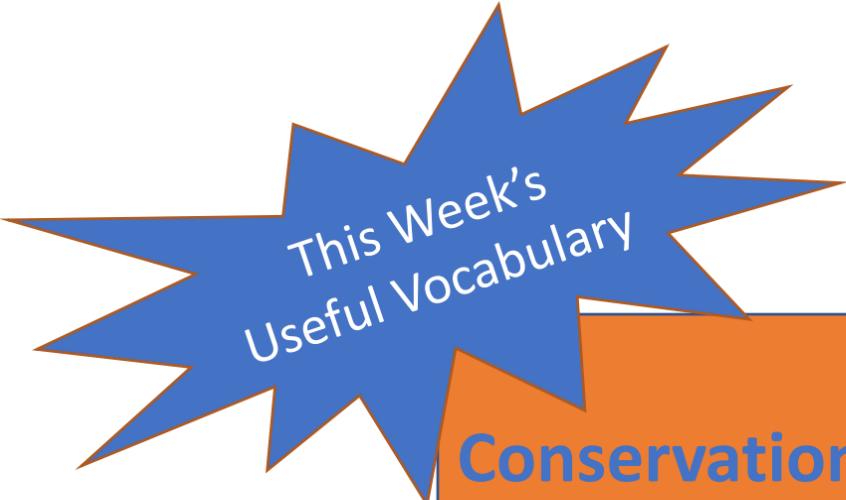
Reflection

Zoos cost huge amounts of money to run and have had to close for many months due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Many have been finding innovative ways to keep people informed and learn about different animals, whilst raising money to keep the animals fed and taken care of.

British Values

Rule of Law

During the Covid-19 outbreak, many new laws have been introduced to help keep us all as safe as possible. It is important to follow any new rules to protect ourselves and others around us.



This Week's
Useful Vocabulary

Conservation – saving and protecting the environment and wildlife.

Income – money that is received, especially on a regular basis, from work or through investments.

Innovative – something that is new, advanced and original.

Permanent – something that lasts forever.

Requirements – something that is needed or wanted; it is a necessary condition.

Restrictions – something that limits what you can do e.g. an official rule or law.