



TODAY'S NEWS STORY

The Arctic beasts who live in Suffolk

KEYWORDS

- North Pole:** The most northerly place on Earth
- Captivity:** Being kept somewhere you can't leave
- Wildlife park:** Places where animals are allowed to roam
- Conservation:** Protecting plants and animals



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BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Polar bears live naturally in the Arctic, which is the frozen northern part of the planet... so the 16 who live in England are pretty far from home! Some experts think that it is unfair to keep them in such an unfamiliar environment.

Want to meet a polar bear but not keen on travelling to the **North Pole**? It turns out you can find them a little closer to home!

Far from home

Polar bears have been kept in **captivity** in Britain for a long time. In the 20th Century, they were often held in zoos. Eight hundred years ago, King Henry III even kept one in the Tower of London!

Now, there are 16 polar bears living in Britain. Four live on Jimmy's Farm, a **wildlife**

park run by TV presenter Jimmy Doherty.

Man on a mission

Jimmy says that his park aims to support **conservation**, farming and rewilding. He also wants to reconnect children with nature.

The first polar bears started living in the park in 2022. They have their own enclosure, including a pool, two dens, and a large woodland area — not a bad set-up!

Fair on the bears?

Some charities think that polar bears should not live in Britain. Chris Lewis of the Born Free Foundation says that “there’s no meaningful or direct conservation benefit to keeping polar bears in captivity”.

But others predict that polar bears will need to be rescued from the wild due to climate change. And Jimmy isn't ruling out breeding polar bears — if, he suggests, “we need more paws on the ground”.





INVESTIGATION OF THE DAY

IS IT RIGHT FOR A POLAR BEAR TO LIVE IN BRITAIN?

WHAT
are Jimmy's
aims?

WHO
kept a polar bear
in the Tower
of London?

WHERE
were polar bears
kept in the 20th
Century?

WHEN
did Jimmy
get his first
polar bears?

WHY
do some people
think more polar
bears will need
to be rescued?

HOW
many polar bears
are there in
Britain?

1 TAKE ACTION

It might be exciting to have polar bears in the UK, but we also need to make sure they can safely live in their natural habitats. The Arctic is shrinking due to climate change, which means polar bears have less space to live. We can all take small actions to reduce our impact on the climate, like switching off the light or TV when we leave a room.



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2 SHARE YOUR IDEAS

What have you found out in your investigation? Write, present or even record a piece that describes the everyday changes we can make to protect polar bears! Share what you've learned with your family and friends. What do they think? We want to hear your ideas too! Your teacher can share your reports with us too by sending them to editorial@theday.co.uk.

3 Build THE Change



CREATE YOUR DESIGN

Britain's climate is very different from the Arctic. So how can wildlife parks be designed to be as comfortable as possible for the polar bears? Sketch a map of a park where polar bears could have what they need to live happily.

STEP 1:

Think about your design! What does a polar bear's natural habitat look like? How can a wildlife park in Britain be designed to be similar to that? And don't forget that the polar bears need lots of space to roam!

STEP 2:

Build the change! Share your plan for a polar bear enclosure with family and friends! If you have time, why not use LEGO® bricks or recycled craft materials to build a model of it?

Share your genius
Show your work
to your class!



Upload a photo of your work to the **Build the Change** gallery by scanning the QR code and have your work displayed to inspire real-world change.



4 BUILDER OF THE WEEK

Every week we handpick one of the most inspirational designs from our online photo gallery to be our **BUILDER OF THE WEEK**. To get your creation featured here, ask your grown-up to take a photograph and upload it to our Build the Change gallery, using the QR code on this page.



This week we have a green island escape for city dwellers to escape to nature

"GREAT WORK!"



This worksheet is available every weekday at 6:30am London time from <https://theday.co.uk/resources/news-detectives>.

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