



## Lego beehive creates a buzz!

Irish schoolteacher and wildlife activist, Ruairi O Leocháin, has made an amazingly colourful and fully functional Lego beehive that currently houses approximately 30,000 bees! Ruairi, a beekeeper who runs Athlone Wildlife Apiaries, plans to sell the honey produced in the lego beehive and others at the site to raise funds for wildlife rescue and rehabilitation. An apiary is a location where beehives of honeybees are kept. He started building the beehive just for fun, adding a little to it each week during lockdown. He didn't have a plan for building the hive, and just measured everything he was doing up against a natural beehive while he was making it. "What the bees will do, given enough time, is they will propolise the whole thing," O Leochain explained. "Propolis is a kind of glue that the bees get from trees, and with any gaps in a beehive, with any wind or air getting through, they will basically put their glue in between to seal it up."



*Pictured: The amazing Lego beehive taken from Athlone's Wildlife Apiaries Go Fund me page, where people can donate to the cause.*

## Drone delivers medical supplies



*Pictured: The Windracers ultra drone used for the flight, a double engine, fixed-wing UAV taken from the Windracers Twitter page.*

A "Windracers ultra" delivery drone has successfully completed a trial flight from Lee-on-Solent airport to Binstead aerodrome, on the Isle of Wight, carrying urgent medical supplies. The car-sized, fixed-wing, twin-engined UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) has a range of 1000 km, can carry a up to 100 kilos in a hold the size of a large car boot and completes the journey in about 10 minutes. The trial is part of a government project to develop a transport system that allows manned and unmanned aircraft to operate safely in the same airspace giving us the ability to make urgent deliveries to hospitals more quickly. "I like to think of it as a sort of Land Rover of the sky, a similar sort of niche in that it's very robust, very tough, very easy to repair and very reliable," said Jim Scanlan, Professor of Aerospace Design at the University of Southampton, who developed the drone.



## Arise Sir Tom Moore!

Sir Tom Moore has been given a knighthood! Captain Tom Moore set out to walk a hundred laps of his Bedfordshire garden to mark his one hundredth birthday in April, to say thank you and to raise money for the NHS. He inspired many people and captured the hearts of the nation who really got behind his fundraising efforts and helped him raise almost £33 million for health service charities. He also became the oldest artist ever to have a UK number one song after releasing charity single, You'll Never Walk Alone, with singer, Michael Ball. He was made an honorary colonel to mark his centenary and fundraising efforts. The Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, recommended Sir Tom be exceptionally honoured by the Queen, who has approved the honour. Sir Tom said he was "looking forward" to receiving the honour from The Queen.



*Pictured: Some of the wonderful artwork you sent to us of Sir Tom Moore! Top left to bottom right - Willow Curnow, Isabelle Hussey, Leo Panayiotou and Hoorain Fatima.*

## Your thoughts on the news...

I think we should be allowed to explore and use space as long as every country agrees and it doesn't change our views at night.

**Peter James - Age 9**



Space belongs to nobody. We can't physically own it because who knows, there COULD be aliens or another living creature somewhere beyond our knowing. We just don't know, and leading companies in space exploration are either doing other space projects or have not enough money.

**Lewis Woodhead - Age 9**

I think that space should be protected, we don't need to exploit it.

**Rosie - Age 10**

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I think space belongs to everyone on the earth.

**Thomas Hill - Age 6**

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