

Hello and welcome to the UK Wildlife Podcast. I'm Neil Phillips. And I'm Victoria Hillman. Yes, Vic's here. Woo-hoo. Hello. I'm back. Kind of partially . Mostly. Mostly I think. Well, we've got a new special episode again for you. So shall we start off our wildlife site in Vic? You can go first. Yeah. Okay, well I've got kind of quite, quite a nice one actually.

So. Listeners to the podcast will have heard me say that I frequently see red kites either over my garden or when I go to and from swimming. Well, the other week when I was driving along that stretch of road, I actually saw eight red kites together coming over the road. So I'm pretty sure I know where the roost is.

Anyway, and it was just that gorgeous afternoon, autumn light. All the trees were in that beautiful color and these kites were just coming over in that sun. And it was just amazing. I mean, I know it's birds, it's not frogs, but it was just amazing to see and so beautiful to have that like 10 minutes, you know, from the house.

It's just been absolutely amazing. So that's, that's gonna be basically my top wildlife sighting because I've well spent most of the last six months lying on a sofa. However, I do have a, a wildlife hearing. If that's the thing. So it seems that our Tawny owls are getting active again, and I've been hearing them quite a lot recently, either when I go to bed or sometimes in the middle of the night if I'm up.

And they haven't quite started at their, their five o'clock in the afternoon yet. That normally comes a bit later on in the year. But yeah, they, they're definitely making themselves heard. Let's put it. and that, that's kind of it for me, I'm afraid. Yeah, I, I heard the Tony hours at work calling a few weeks ago, but they've gone quiet again now, which is interesting.

But I haven't been out and about there much recently. But anyway, under my sightings, it's fungi mold to give it its corrector. I, I've just annoyed every psychologist listened to the show. I'm only. I have two, I've got into me fungi a bit more this year. It's been really good. I've had loads of species I'm trying to think of all the names of them now, , but I, it turns out I can't remember the names of fungi.

I, I, you know, I can see the species, I can look at it. And when you're leading a fungi walk, that can be quite awkward actually. It turns out. But I've had loads of lovely, my seniors and got some really great pictures of them. Tawny Funnel. You know, I don't think anything parti. Amazing. All rare, but it's just been all

the rain we've had recently has just in November made the fungo pop up everywhere, which is really nice.

And I've seen no less than free woodcock in the last week as well at work all cause we've got a bit of a dump woodland there. So, yeah, and I had, I had my best ever view of one, it's one flew past. I could clearly see the long beak and the, the large body size compared to a snipe. And the only other things I can think of really, I've got a nice hooper swan on a quick visit to Ray me.

and I've got what was probably my last dragon five of the year which was a common data, unsurprisingly, right before I dropped my Panasonic HGH five camera on the floor and broke it. So that was not so good. , you know, at least it lasted the whole dragonfly tour. And then right at the end, I with the poor thing.

So there at least it made it through the tour. It did, and at least it wasn't my GH six, which would've been a lot more expensive to get repaired. , yes. We have got a lot of news to share with you guys. The story I'm gonna start with is the gamekeeper from Wheating Norfolk that pleaded guilty to killing six buzzards, a goshawk by placing poison baits being in possession of a banned poison strictly of using firearms to kill birds of prey and releasing pheasants on a special protected area.

What reckon his sentence was, Vic, I'm gonna. Community hours. Yeah. 200 hours of community punishment and fine. Of a whopping 692 pounds. That's ridiculous. Yeah. And you think about it, the RSVP investigation team and police have put in loads of work to get that prosecution. The odds of trying to find, you know, and catch people in the act of all these things is pretty low cuz they're in a generally fairly isolated area, not many people around to witness crimes taking place.

And it's hardly every, any deterrent to someone that wants to do the same. Is it really? So, no. There we go. But moving on to another, And I promise you there are some positive ones coming up, so hang on in there. Just before the 31st of October, the government delayed the publication of its clean water and biodiversity targets, so they missed the deadline.

So it's now in breach of its own environment Act. And Theresa Cofi, who is the new Environment Secretary, has made an announcement on Elms, which will be, there'll be an announcement on Elms in the new year. , as you went on to say, I'm not going to pretend we're going to hit the ground running, but there'll be a much clearer pathway along with the environmental improvement plan.

So this whole Elms thing being canceled, which was part of the attack on nature. Hopefully they haven't canceled it, but we can have to wait even longer for them to tell us what the plan is to make it happen. Meanwhile, we've got loads of farmers and landowners sitting there not knowing what they've gotta do to get money, if they're gonna get money to help wildlife and stop flooding and stuff like that.

Yeah, just, you know, these people are trying to make a living. They're gonna start going down route that aren't as environmentally friendly as they. You know, they've gotta survive. So the government needs to pull their finger out there. As usual, more illegal fox hunting going on, more trespassing Last month, they trespass on a wildlife tres nature reserve.

Paul Masters tweeted a picture of the fox hunt behind the sign you get as you go into the nature reserve. He wrote Fox Hunters at Kum Hill Mead. Whole pack of dogs, quad bikes charging about on the reserve till and widing everywhere going mad. But you've got some much more positive news, haven't you, Vic?

Yeah, and Neil's been really kind and given me most of the positive stories which is very nice. I just like to moan as well. , I don't have the energy or the breathing capabilities to do that right now. Okay, well first, I dunno if you call this a positive news story, it's certainly a very, very interesting one.

Maybe positive for, for one asp, one animal involved, and not so positive for the other one. And this is actually a tweet that was shared by Wildlife Lucy. And it was a nute caught in a spider's web. And in her tweet she said, this is not what I was expecting to find this afternoon by my backdoor.

Did you know that spiders can catch Ntts in their webs? Incredible to see. Definitely worthy of Halloween horror. And she went on to check her trail cam and footage showed that the nute is caught and what looks like noble false widow spider comes out and subdues it. The newt looks like an adult smooth nt.

It died soon after the video. So, Like the spider did predator, so it was not an accident. And this follows on from a case of pry bats being eaten by a false widow in Ireland. And a few years ago there was a case of a common lizard being captured by a wasp spider. So it's not just in tropical countries, amphibians and reptiles have to watch out for spiders.

I didn't put that in there. Not to to stress you, but that someone posted a picture of a totally lit in a spider's web, but the person rescued it. But the thing it's also

total is are considerably smaller than an adult. Yeah, it's, it's hard to Jo Sco on that video, but it, it looked like it had the mal coloration.

It has its time, you know, when all the crest and stuff has died down and you can see spots on it. So yeah, it probably wasn't like a forrow massive, smooth noop. But you know, the, there's still reasonably sight as far a spider anyway. Yeah. Another positive news story. And don't worry, nothing's being eaten in this one.

Two new populations of one of Britain's rarest Beetles have been discovered in Devon. The rare blue ground beetle has been found at two sites on dartmore. Thanks to the efforts of bug life staff, volunteers, and local naturalists. Blue ground beetle was only known from 13 sites in Devon, Cornor, and South.

And this species is the UK's largest ground beetle growing up to 38 millimeters in length, and is mostly nocturnal and feeds on slugs. Welcome in my garden anytime. Yeah. Welcoming most gardens, wouldn't it? This is just the one that Nick Baker quite often talk about on his Instagram lives. There you go out and see and I think there's a gin named after it, isn't there?

Yes. Yes. I think there is. Which goes towards funding this sort of work so that if you bought in that gin, you probably helped with finding this new site. So well done. You keep drinking that gin anyway, talking a sewage. It continues to pour into our rivers and seas. Even tourist spots are not safe.

As shown by the footage of Brownwater filling the bay at St. Agnes Beach, Southern Water responded saying a storm overflow was triggered due to heavy rain, but locals say the rainfall was not that heavy and questioned whether that was a really a legitimate reason for them to release it. The next day on BBC News, the environment Minister Mark Spencer, was repeated the claim before.

He quickly deflected blame, saying we can all help his individuals. And pointing to people having downpipes from their roofs that go into the sewers and not the groundwater pipes started waffling. The journalists, to his credit stopped him waffling and asked him, what are the government gonna do about it?

It isn't getting any better, is it? And he insisted it is getting better. So, you know, enjoy the sewage in the rivers, everybody. And an and Water were fined 560,000 pounds for releasing sewage into Essex waterways. A couple years ago, the cold case finally came through, which amounts to less than half of the 1.3 million the CEO earned last year.

So I'm sure that already deter them from doing it again. And best of all, the whole thing could have been prevented, had anion water paid 250 pound for. To keep an eye on the discharge anyway, you've got a nice negative story as well. I have, yeah, I guess I have to do one, don't I? And this is unfortunately about the badge hole and it's been expanded to 11 new areas and will likely mean the total number of badges killed will surpass 200,000.

Some of you may remember in the past, this has come up before, but perhaps triggered by the recent attack on nature the government's carrying out. There is the plans to put a tidal barr across the hole of the wash from Hunt. Stanton in Norfolk to Skegness in Lincolnshire have been announced again.

They branded it a green energy scheme because it's gonna have tidal generators in there but also happens to include a road and ports. And they're, they're claiming it'll be a flood defense as well for the land behind it from storm surges. Of course, the RSV v Norfolk Wildlife Trust, Lincoln Show Wildlife Trust, wildfire and Wetland Trust, and the Wild Ken Hill Estate, along with anyone with any common sense or objecting to this plant.

In a statement this group released, they said The wash is the UK's most important esery for wild birds home to England's largest common seal colony and an important fishery. The tidal barrage would fundamentally alter the nature of the intertidal habitats on which this wildlife depends. They also pointed out, It could actually cause flooding in some areas which if anyone knows how the storm surge works, the water's gotta go somewhere.

So if you put a barr right away across the wash, that takes out a large area for the water to go. So it's gotta go somewhere. And the places on the outside the Barr are gonna get very, very wet. I promise you there's a lot more positive stories coming. Here's another bad one, which is very close to my heart, as you'll find out why very soon.

The National Highways, which used to be Highways England and changed their name at great cost, have resubmitted plans for the lower Tims crossing, which is a plan to build a tunnel to the east of the current crossing at Dartford with connecting roads that cut right through South Essex and through North Kent, including areas of grazing marsh and ancient wood.

The Woodland Trust, Essex and Kent Wildlife Trusts Campaign for Rural England Buglife, along with Transport Action and Attempts Crossing Action Group, have all voiced concerns about the project. I'm obviously aware of this because it literally goes within a mile of my home, one of the roads, and at the

time of public consultation, what was then Highways England hadn't even contacted the Essex Phil Club who hold something like 90, 95% of all the wildlife records in the county and had instead gone to.

Center with a lot less records. The Phil Club contacted him to tell them they didn't have the data and they just ignored them basically. So I challenged them on Twitter when I found this out and they said, oh, we've done a full survey. We know what the environmental impact to be. But when I told them that I was part of the Essex Phil Club and had talked to the Essex Records office, who actually holds the records of Phil Club, sort of help run it, they suddenly backtracked and said, oh, oh no, it'll be included in the final.

But this was at a time of public consultation when the public were been asked their views and they didn't have the full information because they hadn't got it. So I don't trust a word they say. As you can probably imagine, and I'm not the only one. Jack Taylor, the Lee Campaigner for the Woodland Trust Voices concerned.

He said, we're still waiting to find out just how much the scheme or impact on natural environment National Highways has not disclosed the details of which environmental features will be. Hi, DESE Impacts from the public until the DCA stage is totally unacceptable. Craig mcateer, conservation director at Buglife and generally all round top bloke said, we've seen so many important habitats for insects and other wildlife lost in the Thames history in recent decades, and the Lower Thames crossing is potentially the biggest and most impactful of them All.

The nationally important and vertebrate populations in the estuary are once again under. And it simply cannot be right for a decision to be made without all the information being available. He's spot on there. Right next to the crossing, it was the former Tilbury Power Station site, which is one of the richest invert sites in the country and was on course to be an S S S I and they've just built a port on it and warehouses.

Yeah, he, he's spot on there. And of course the swans come peninsula is under threat on the opposite shore from a fe park. So if they build the low terms crossing as well as this theme park, there's basically gonna be invertebrate habitat in the Thames. Yep. It's all round bad news. And Hillary Newport, director for Campaign for Royal England, Kent also said they're frustrated by the lack of key information provided at every stage, and pointed out that the last consultation was back in 2018 and they've changed the design massively since then.

And Laura Blake, the chair of the Thames Crossing Action Group, who works her socks off to be it politely over this has said the proposed lower Thames crossing is hugely destructive and harmful project on so many levels. It fails to meet the scheme's objectives and would not solve the problems associated with the Dartford crossing, which she's pointing out there, basically that it would just cause more traffic along the A 13 and various other places.

So, I might sound like a nimby, but it is an absolutely ridiculous and stupid plan. Perhaps the crossing does need more capacity, but it'll make more sense to put it down near the Dart for Crossing. Wanna know more? Go and check out the Lams Crossing Action Group page. But yes, you've got some nice new positive news, haven't you?

I have, yes. And this is about the world of BLA project, which released Wild B. Into a large enclosure at BLA near Canterbury in Kent, and have been celebrating the birth of a bison cal. The project is a joint venture between Wildwood Trust and Kemp Wildlife Trust, and as an experiment to see if the bison will create a more natural woodland ecosystem.

I'll get to do a positive story now. There are plans to introduce Wildcats to Devon, which will be the first in England for over a century, and the first in southern England for about three or 400 years. I think it. After Vincent Wildlife Trust determined the woodland in the county had the best potential to support the species.

So Devon Wildlife Trust have taken on the project, and Peter Burgas from that trust said preliminary feasibility. Studies have shown that there is a really strong potential for them in the southwest of England. Now we are bringing it to the next level, looking at any impact they would have on the ecosystem and seeing their support in the local c.

If it goes ahead, this will be great news cuz it should ensure the future of the species in the UK because the Scottish population is possibly internal decline. I mean, I've heard the words functionally extinct use, which basically means there's still some alive, but the population won't persist for much longer.

And that's due to a variety of problems. Mainly persecution, getting the number down quite low in the first place. Habitat loss and outbreeding and hybridization with. And people's outdoor pet cats as well. I think we're gonna have to get someone on to talk about this, but people have been saying, oh, while they're releasing Wildcats in Devon, they surely have hybridization problems, but

apparently if there's a big enough density of Wildcats, they'll breed with each other rather than feral or pet cats.

So it's something to do with that. If you're wondering, and I'll just get one last negative story out. This would be a great big, long story if I really went. But the latest wildlife crime reports come out, it's the same old story. Lots of birds of prey being killed. Lots of wildlife crime taking place.

Very few prosecutions and the usual suspects being all skeptical and going, oh, they're making up the figures. Oh, things are actually getting better. What are they on about? You're just demonizing people in the countryside. But they're not demonizing people in the countryside or in the industry.

They're demonizing the criminals that are carrying it out, and by constantly defending them blindly, that's not helping very much. But I'm gonna let you do the very last. Positive story, Vic. And it's another one on birds. What are you doing to me now? Yeah. Hello. And this one is, the Cranes have successfully raised two chicks on R S P B snake Wetlands Nature Reserve earlier this year.

They're the first ever recorded pair to Fledge Young on the Suffolk Coast. So we have a positive news story to end with, but lots of negative, but there's some positive stuff out there. So I haven't lost hope entirely. And there is, I'm just gonna put this in here. I'm not gonna mention what the story is.

You're gonna have to go and look for it, but I have shared it on both my Twitter accounts. The reason I'm not gonna put it tell you what. , like the whole details of it, it's because it's not actually UK Wildlife. But it's actually a success story involving frogs in Switzerland and the building of ponds.

Now I have shared this on my Forgotten My Four Little Creatures Twitter account. I've also shared it on my other account as well. So it's there. Go and look at it because it's a beautiful. Positive story about how just restoring and building the ponds and not reintroducing, but allowing nature to come back naturally has worked.

Yes. One of those shocking turner events that turns out if you dig lots of ponds and leave some habitat for amphibians, they go whoopie and make lots more of re Exactly. So yeah, go check it out. It's. It. It's a wonderful success story from Switzerland, which is my kind of partially second home right now.

We do have some podcast news, some really good news actually. We passed 200,000 downloads, what? Over three years, so that is amazing. Thank you so



much, everyone. Oh, fun fact. We've actually had one more episode than I've been counting because I made a boo boo when we did the anniversary episode last year, and I count.

The two part one and part two is the same number, which I don't normally do and nobody's pointing that out yet. So could have got away with it. ? No. If you did spot it, let us know. Nobody. You've just told everyone Neil. I know, but it was my booboo. So I don't mind. We need to cover some thank yous. Some of you lovely listeners have been donating to us through our buy me a coffee account.

So thank you to Green Hombre. Someone else donated Free Pound as well. Big thank you to Roman and Tweed Ecology who both donated 15 pound each. So thanks so much for that guys. Much appreciated and a big thank you to Louise who has become a podcast supporter and I'll probably mention again later, but there are some cool perks coming for podcast supporters if all goes to plan next year.

We've also had some reviews coming recently on Apple Podcast. Jr. Hartley 19 left a review saying amazing podcast as a student who is currently studying wildlife, ecology and conservation at college. This podcast has really upped my street. I have been binging all the previous episodes to and from college.

Love how calming it is and how knowledgeable. Neil and Vicar absolutely love this podcast. I only found out about it this year. Absolutely amazing. Well, thank you, JR. Hartley, that's very kind of you to. Taming also left a review on Apple Podcast saying, love it. I can't believe I spent all the pandemic without this podcast.

I dunno how I missed it. I was desperate to listen to a UK Wildlife podcast. How did I miss it? I have spent many hours fully enjoying catching up. Thanks so much. Well, thanks to you. Thanks for listening. And someone with username, ju Lucy also left a review. Great. Listen, great podcast to listen to if you love nature.

Thank you very much. I've also found a couple of reviews hidden away on Pod Beam, which I didn't realize were there. Brussel Hartwell said, fascinating interview with George. Such an interesting guy and well worth listen, I can't wait to hear the new audio book. Thanks to another great podcast. And that was obviously left on the.

Episode with Dr. George McGavin and someone called Helen has left a couple of views in a couple episodes, asking a bit more about the attack on nature, what the plan is. Obviously that walk was postponed till spring and she's wondering what she can put on her placard. That's a very same question I've been having actually, and she's also commented on another episode, complimented my rants on this government.

So I was quite pleased with that review, . Yeah, and the Spotify wrap. For those that don't know about this time of year, every year Spotify sends you a load of stats. So if you're a listener to Spotify, they tell you what you've been listened to the most. If you have a podcast, they tell you some stats.

So some stats for you just on Spotify. This is, this is not on every platform. People have listened to this podcast in 59 countries. The top two were Britain, Ireland, which probably won't shock anyone at all. We're in the top 10%, most globally shared podcasts. Not the top 10 global ship. That'd be really good one there.

28% of our listeners follow us and we are in the top 5% of the most followed podcasts. So that's pretty good going. I think our reviews score 4.9 out of five. I hope. God, I was gonna say, what is that actually out of? Oh, 20. Oh dear. Yes. And our followers are up by 80% this year. That's pretty good going.

And we've had 46% more listens, which isn't too bad. So when we've put out, you know, hardly in the episodes compared to last year. And we're at the Top 10 podcast of over 1400 of you, and I think we're at the number one podcast for 264 of you. Yeah. Thanks very much for listening to us more than the other podcast.

take that other podcast. Yeah. Hundred 64 people like us best or at least listen to us most. And that's despite you not being on their vic. I know. Maybe I should just, maybe cause mm-hmm. . Yeah, . That was a bit mean, wasn't it? I'm gonna get, I'm gonna get hate now. Say that. This is just so harsh. Neil in my delicate state, I know.

Kicking weather down. That's what you should do to your friends, isn't it? Yeah. Your payback is coming. Why have I got no friends? Payback is coming big time. Neil, when I made. It could be a what? Yeah, I should be safe for a bit for a while. . Oh dear. Right. Do you wanna update people? What's going on, Vic? Yeah.

Okay. So it is good to be back now, like our listeners will know. I did do the special episode we did with Doug Allen in August, and that was the first one. I did follow my surgery at the beginning of June. Sad. Kind of towards the end, or mid-August. Actually, a few days after we did the Doug Allen episode, things started to not quite go well, should we say for me, I ended up coming home from Switzerland early, spent my birthday in hospital with some complications.

I will leave it at that, and unfortunately they haven't eased, so I'm still pretty much sofa bound and still struggling to get to the bottom of what's going on, which is why my talking and breathing is a bit labored, but I am managing to do a little bit of work, so I'm. I'm back needle felting and drawing, and I'm really enjoying that and I'm creating lots of new animals.

And at the moment, that's keeping me busy. And you can see all my, my cute little animals and stuff on my Woolly Wildlife Instagram. And I'm getting back to my drawing as well, which is great. But I've also done something that I've been threatening to for I don't know how many years, and that is set up a new website.

So most people know my website as being vx picks.com. What you probably don't know is that I've had some real issues with this website over the last couple of years, in particular in the stop. Sniggering Neil, I can hear you. It basically, some people cannot view my website because it shows up as having adult content or being a pornographic site.

Now, yes, it has got a few pictures of toads and plexes, but I think that was pushing descriptions, so, so porn. Basically, kind of enough was enough because I've got some exciting events going on next year with different companies and organizations that I've finally done it after owning the domain name for forgotten little creatures.com for about three years, probably more.

It's now live, so my brand new website is forgotten. Little creatures.com. I'm gradually moving everything over to it. It's live, it's got information about the project, it's got some photos. I'm gradually moving the articles over and as of March, 2023, My old VX pick site will fade into the shadows and be no more.

So that website actually isn't gonna exist anymore. Come March and everything is gonna be put in into forgotten little creatures. And I'm gonna be working pretty much mo, most of my efforts will be going on that any bird or mammal. or tree photography I do. Or any landscape photography that I do. If I do any

landscape photography, I'm still gonna share those images, but they'll be purely through my social media.

So that's kind of, you know, where I'm at. I've been working away on that and I've got plans for the project and I've hopefully gonna have some exciting news with re with regards to my needle felting and possibly my drawing in the new year as well. So, but you're gonna have to stay tuned for that one because I'm won't be releasing any detail.

On any of my channels until that's all confirmed and going ahead. But that's kind of where I'm at. I mean, it is nice to be back. I'm not gonna be back for every episode, sadly. I will be around for hopefully more than half. Yeah, that's what we're going for really. Yeah. We're kind of taking each one as it goes at the as.

Just see how I feel when it comes around to recording them at the moment. But for everyone that has sent messages Kind of still been there and supporting both me and Neil through all this because Neil's done an amazing job keeping the podcast going on his own without me, cuz I can't even sit.

It's been a lot easier to be honest. Oh, thanks Neil there is, that's gonna be really nice and go, you just, you know, just say thank you so much to everyone. It does really mean the world to me to have that support because it's, you know, I'm going through a pretty horrific time right now with no real end in sight.

So it's nice to be back on the podcast and kind of have that as. So at least take my mind off it for now. Hard to follow that really . I have tweaked my website and put a few new talks. Anyone wants any talks, but I do Zoom talks now. Me too. Bug me. I do talks. No boo me because both, yeah, book us both. But yes, I've been trying to improve my video editing and filming and stuff.

So I've been adding to my YouTube channel. I've put a thing about the pro blends on there and a couple wildlife trips cuz I can edit them quite quickly cause obviously time's been off the essence recently. So when it gets a bit late enough. Finding that, but the only time I've got time to do stuff, I find I can concentrate on video editing better than researching for podcasts, which is why we haven't had anything.

We did have another, we did have another plan. It sadly didn't come through. It would've been really good if it did, but watch a space, it might come through, but we've, we've got some plans for the new year, haven't we? We have, yeah. We've got some great guests lined up. Got a pondi one. We've got some wildlife

gardening, which if you listen to other podcasts, you might hear some familiar voices.

My infamous dog episode is nearly nearly ready and I've started the cat's one as well cuz I wanna make sure that I alienate all the dog and cat people that listen to this podcast. So, no, no, I will, I will be hitting it scientifically as possible and be as fair as I can. And yes, we have some plans. If you become a member of our Buy me a coffee group, we are gonna do the.

Have a chat with me and Vic thing. We've just been waiting for Vic to be well enough to do it. It's sort of not really happened, but we've got a few things planned, so it might be worth becoming a member soon. It's worth coming a member anyway, cuz you helped support the podcast. I just had to buy a new microphone so you know, please.

Donate so I don't go bankrupt. I did mention on Twitter that I started to work out how much money this a cost compared to how much it earned, and then the numbers went into triple figures and kept going up and I decided to stop at that point, . So yes, someone did ask me, oh, how much do you make from your podcast the other day?

And I was like minus and I, I can't how many hundreds it was now. But yes, it's not, not great, but I, that's why I appreciate every donation we got. I appreciate everyone can contribute. A big thank you to all you that. Like I said earlier, have donated. It's been gratefully received and some really lovely comments with them, which I'll read out in the next episode.

But I think we're just waffling now and there's a lot for me to edit, so I think we might stop there when you say we are waffling. It's me. Most of this. That's all our kind of like, catch up news and everything. I said hopefully I'm gonna be around not for every episode. Neil is definitely doing the dogs and cats on his own because I just can't deal with that right now.

I'm sure you have no problem with that, Neil. Nope. Yeah, I mean, like Neil said, just a big thank you to everyone because it really does help us keep this podcast going. Just yeah, a retweet a share on Facebook and don't. To send us your questions as well. We've not had any viewer questions for a while, so, so yeah.

You got any questions, just ping 'em over and we'll, you know, we'll get those answered on future episodes. And also if you want to shout out for anyone, same thing, just drop us a message and we'll get that sorted for you. Yeah, and

you've got any requests on topics, do send them in. We've had a, a couple good requests, so on the list now, our parakeets and ant lions, so thanks to the, I forgot to write down who sent me those things, but when we do the episode, I'll try and make sure I mention your.

I've already started research on both of those topics. There's a sneak preview. What's coming up? Should we finish it there? I think we should. All right. Thanks for listening, guys. All right. Dig everyone. Bye.