

The knowledge

If you had a crack at the brain teaser in activity No.1, then here are the answers...



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United Utilities has **180** reservoirs across the North West, the biggest is Haweswater in the Lake District which holds 84,839,000 litres of water – that's the equivalent of **350 million** cups of tea.

The water in a reservoir never really gets above **11°C** even on the hottest of days. Jumping into a reservoir can cause cold water shock which can kill even the fittest of people within **60** seconds.

Reservoirs contain machinery that can be **hidden** and **dangerous**.

The number of lifeguards on duty at reservoirs is **0** as swimming is strictly prohibited, meaning it could be too late by the time help arrives.

Over **700** people drown in the UK and Ireland every year and many more suffer injuries, some life-changing, through non-fatal drowning experiences.

You are more likely to die from drowning than by being hit by a **car** or in a fire.



Thanks for reading,
and remember the motto –
Keep safe. Keep out.

FURTHER READING

[unitedutilities.com/
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reservoir-safety](https://unitedutilities.com/about-us/recreation-sites/reservoir-safety)



Water for the North West